



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

ORIGINAL SIN

Our first reading for this 1st Sunday of Lent takes us to the moment of the original sin. It is appropriate that we enter into reflection on original sin towards the beginning of the season of Lent. Easter and the sacrifice of the Savior loses meaning if we do not understand original sin. Here are some excerpts from the Catechism teaching us about original sin. The passages below help to connect the sin of Adam and Even to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I invite you to meditate on them as we continue through the season of Lent.

Freedom put to the test—God created man in his image and established him in his friendship. A spiritual creature, man can live this friendship only in free submission to God. the prohibition against eating "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" spells this out: "for in the day that you eat of it, you shall die." The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" symbolically evokes the insurmountable limits that man, being a creature, must freely recognize and respect with trust. Man is dependent on his Creator, and subject to the laws of creation and to the moral norms that govern the use of freedom.

Man's first sin—Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. This is what man's first sin consisted of. All subsequent sin would be disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his goodness.

A hard battle—The doctrine of original sin, closely connected with that of redemption by Christ, provides

lucid discernment of man's situation and activity in the world. By our first parents' sin, the devil has acquired a certain domination over man, even though man remains free. Original sin entails "captivity under the power of him who thenceforth had the power of death, that is, the devil". Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action and morals.

"YOU DID NOT ABANDON HIM TO THE POWER OF DEATH"—After his fall, man was not abandoned by God. On the contrary, God calls him and in a mysterious way heralds the coming victory over evil and his restoration from his fall. This passage in Genesis is called the Protoevangelium ("first gospel"): the first announcement of the Messiah and Redeemer, of a battle between the serpent and the Woman, and of the final victory of a descendant of hers.

But why did God not prevent the first man from sinning? St. Leo the Great responds, "Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away." and St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "There is nothing to prevent human nature's being raised up to something greater, even after sin; God permits evil in order to draw forth some greater good. Thus St. Paul says, 'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more'; and the Exsultet sings, 'O happy fault,. . . which gained for us so great a Redeemer!'"

Selection taken from paragraphs CCC.396-412

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 7:00pm.

Lenten Prayer Groups

Haven't decided on a Lenten obligation or maybe want something deeper than falling back on the same one year after year? Want to strengthen your prayer life to be in a deeper communion with Christ? Consider joining or starting a small group! Doesn't have to be a bible study and can start with possibly 30 minutes and lengthen as time permits. Providing an opportunity to share in prayer life and what works or might help you or others. If interested in learning more, call or text Torey Butler at 562-8518.

THANK YOU to all who helped or came to eat at Taco Tuesday...it was a GREAT success!! We will be able to help pay for youth to attend faith based events!!

~St. Gregory Youth Group

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross:

6:30pm Wednesday - St. Malachy

7:00pm Friday - St. Gregory

Additional Confessions during Lent:

8:00 - 8:10am Tuesday & Friday - St. Gregory

11:50am - noon Wednesday & Thursday - St. Gregory

6:00pm - 6:30pm Wednesday - St. Malachy

6:30pm - 7:00pm Friday - St. Gregory

6:45am - 6:55am & 11:45am - noon Sunday - St. Gregory

Adoration:

11:00am - noon Wednesday - St. Gregory

6:00am - 5:00pm Friday - St. Gregory

Fish Fry's:

5:00pm - 7:00pm The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Fish Fry's each Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall. Dine-in, carry out or schedule an in-town delivery by calling 562-7017. All proceeds will benefit St. Gregory's School.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 28

8:15am † Raymond Throm

Wednesday, Mar. 112:05pm ~ Special Intentions for
Sister Eulalia Kloecker**Thursday, Mar. 2**

12:05pm † Gene Bernasek

Friday, Mar. 38:15am ~ Living and deceased members of
Al Umscheid Family**Saturday, Mar. 4**8:15am † Helen Watt
5:30pm † Daniel, Elmer and Isla Schwarz**Sunday, Mar. 5**7:00am † John Nietfeld
10:30am † Jessee Capp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 28

8:00 - 8:10am Confessions

Wednesday, Mar. 111:00am - noon Adoration
11:50am - noon Confessions
6:00 - 6:30pm Confessions at St. Malachy
6:30pm Stations at St. Malachy**Thursday, Mar. 2**11:50am - noon Confessions
7:30pm K of C Meeting, Parish Hall**Friday, Mar. 3**6:00am - 5:00pm Adoration
8:00am - 8:10am Confessions
5:00pm - 7:00pm K of C Fish Fry, Parish Hall
6:30pm - 7:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Stations of the Cross**Saturday, Mar. 4**8:45am Coffee & Donuts, Parish Hall
4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions**Sunday, Mar. 5**6:45am - 6:55am Confessions
11:45am - noon Confessions
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for February 19th \$11,672.81
(*\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week*)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 2/01/23)\$574,203.83
Donations (since 2/01/23)..... (\$7,670.00)
Total Parish Liability.....\$566,533.83
Total Contributions to Date\$7,686,202.88
(*\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment*)

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Circle Books - Please remember to pick up your copy of the 2023 Altar Society Book in the back of the church. If any changes need to be made, please contact Brenda at bstaggenborg@stgregorychurch.org or 562-3302.**Dues** - This is a reminder to please use the envelope in your packet to pay the Annual Dues of \$10 if you haven't done so already.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS

Come and enjoy coffee and donuts following the 8:15am Mass on Saturday, March 4th in the Parish Hall. This is not a fundraiser for the Altar Society, but rather a way to spend time visiting and enjoy fellowship with parishioners. Everyone is welcome!

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Some parishioners have asked about helping the relief efforts for Turkey and Syria earthquake victims. While we will not be doing a formal collection at the parish, below are 2 links recommended by the USCCB for donations:

Catholic Relief Services support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes
Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org/>

AREA NEWS

Sunday, March 5th - Frankfort Community Care Home Benefit Soup Luncheon, Activity Room at the Care Home. Serving chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef soups, drinks and desserts from **11am-1:30pm**. Free will donation.**Sunday, March 5th - Good Shepherd Lutheran School PTL Soup Dinner.** Serving chicken noodle, chili and vegetable soups, homemade bread, relishes and dessert from **11am-1pm**. Carryout is available.**Sunday, March 19th - St. Michael's Soup Luncheon, Axtell.** Come and enjoy homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, bread and pie served from **11am-2pm**. There will be games, bake sale, bingo and children's games. Auction begins at 2pm. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 years \$5, Preschool \$3.

WOMEN'S ROSARY

Annunciation Parish in Frankfort will be hosting a rosary for women every third Thursday morning of each month at 8:30am, at the Cigna Center following the 8:00am Mass, beginning March 16th. This initiative to hold a public women's rosary originated in Columbia and has taken off worldwide with participants from over 25 countries. The organizers said that they believe in the power of prayer to change the world, and especially in the power of the rosary, which Our Lady has strongly requested for the spiritual battle against evil in the world and in our countries. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend as we join our prayers with other women throughout the world. If you have questions, you may call Moogie Roeder at 292-4152 or Carol Caffrey at 396-4447.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**\$145,000 Raised at SOUL 2023**

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the overwhelming success of the *SOUL: Supporting Our Legacy* event this past weekend!! We are overwhelmed with the unbelievable generosity of our school and parish communities and all of the hard work the committee put into the event. To raise \$145,000 for our school is unbelievable! The tremendous support of all those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to our school is why we are able to continue the 142 year legacy of Catholic Education in our community. Thank you!

St. Gregory School Employment Opportunity: St. Gregory is currently seeking a Music Teacher. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at archkckcs.org/apply. Questions may be directed to Karen Farrell at 785-562-2831 or through email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Pat Clark, Rich Rochelle, Harry Moser, Tammy Jurek, Rick Wilson, Mary Gausepohl, Don Cudney, Jack Koehne, Ian McCarter, Elizabeth Ray, Tim Warren, Jan Smith, Tish Outhet, Josephine Wiggins, Carla Maloney, The Mortero Family, Justin Scheele, Megan Fletcher, Bruce Leonard, Chase Downard, Hunter Sand and Justin Stallings.

Long Term Health Issues: Ruth Musil, Dennis Habig, Tom Brown, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Dorothy Peschel, Arnold Reith, Aaron Hendrickson, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, Allie Montgomery, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

Preschool Preview: St. Gregory Preschool Preview will be on Tuesday, March 21st and Thursday March 23rd from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. We offer both a 3 yr. and 4 yr. preschool program. Notes will be mailed in the coming weeks to prospective preschool families. If you or someone you know is interested in our preschool program and you do not receive this information, please contact the school office.

School Enrollment: *Preschool through 6th grade enrollment is Tuesday, March 28th & Thursday, March 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.* At enrollment, there will be an overview of the past and upcoming school year, information will be provided about school fees and fee assistance, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions, and enrollment packets will be provided for the 2023-24 school year. Returning families must attend one of the school enrollment nights. If you are unable to attend please contact Mrs. Farrell to schedule a meeting with her in order to hear important information about our school.

CELEBRATE**BIRTHDAYS**

Feb. 27	John McGarry
Feb. 28	Carson Vering, Eric Wright
Mar. 1	Lauren Wetter, Haley Bruna, Allie Argo
Mar. 2	Jozie Lord
Mar. 3	Ron Grauer, Joe Pils, Owen Minge, Kyle Behrens
Mar. 4	Galen Holthaus, Becky Schoenberger, Bryceton Hula
Mar. 5	Brogan Strunk, Alex Arntt
ANNIVERSARIES	
Feb. 29	Joe and Kathy Kroeger
Mar. 2	Paul and Mary T. Zimmerling
Mar. 3	Jim and Mary Nordhus (<i>61st Anniversary</i>)
Mar. 5	Greg and Tami Vering

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Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

K of C Hall Reservations: Joe Peschel at 562-3161

Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Quentin

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.

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