

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

703 MASTER STREET, CORBIN, KY 40701



FEBRUARY 22, 2026 THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am-9:45am
Sunday Mass 10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:15 am
Thursday & Friday 6:30 pm
1st Saturday 8:15 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 9:00 am- 6:00 pm

HOLY DAY

Vigil 6:30 pm/Day 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Sundays 9:30 am - 9:45 am
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Allow 6 weeks
Marriage: Allow 6 months
Anointing of the Sick:
Contact the parish office

- WELCOME TO OUR PARISH -

If you are new to the area, please call or stop by the parish office to register. Please join us for coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

Candice Wilson- Chair
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Robert Westphal

Building and Ground

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Fr. Prasad Antony MSSCC
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Allison Jones
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PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours : Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish Family of Sacred Heart, are a vibrant Catholic community called by God, guided by the Holy Spirit, to continue the mission of Jesus, celebrate the Holy Eucharist and Sacraments and remain faithful to the Magisterium. As good stewards, we work to promote life, show love through prayer and service and be the light of Christ in our world.

Pastors Page Reflection
Fr. Antony
1st Sunday of Lent



Reflection on Gospel of Matthew 4:1–11
“Victory in the Desert”

Right after His baptism, right after the Father proclaims, “This is my beloved Son,” Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert. There, in silence and hunger, He faces temptation. This is striking. The desert experience does not come because Jesus failed. It comes after grace. It comes after affirmation. It comes when He is closest to the Father. The same often happens in our spiritual lives. After a retreat, a powerful prayer experience, a good confession, or a meaningful Mass, we sometimes find ourselves struggling more than before. Temptation is not a sign that God has abandoned us. Sometimes it is a sign that we are growing.

The first temptation is about bread. Jesus is hungry. The devil suggests He turn stones into bread. On the surface, it seems reasonable. Why should He suffer? Yet Jesus responds, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” The deeper issue is trust. Will He rely on His own power to satisfy His needs, or will He depend on the Father? We too are tempted to put material needs, comfort, and immediate satisfaction above spiritual priorities. We forget that our deepest hunger is not physical but spiritual — a hunger for God.

The second temptation takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple. “Throw yourself down,” the devil says, “and let God rescue you.” It is a temptation to pride, to force God to act, to demand proof. Jesus refuses: “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” Faith is not about manipulating God or demanding signs. Faith is quiet trust, especially when we do not understand.

The final temptation offers all the kingdoms of the world — glory without sacrifice, power without the Cross. Jesus firmly rejects it: “The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.” He chooses obedience over ambition and fidelity over fame. He chooses the Cross. In each temptation, Jesus answers with Scripture. He does not argue. He does not panic. He stands on the Word of God. This teaches us something essential: if we want to face temptation, we must know and live the Word of God. The Bible is not just a book for reading; it is a weapon for spiritual battle.

This Gospel reminds us that temptation itself is not sin. Jesus was tempted, yet He did not sin. When we experience weakness or struggle, we should not lose hope. The desert is not a sign of failure. It can become a place of purification, strengthening, and deeper trust. Every one of us has a desert — a hidden struggle, a recurring weakness, a private battle. But we do not stand there alone. The same Spirit who led Jesus into the desert is with us. And just as angels ministered to Him, God’s grace sustains us. The desert is never the end of the story. After the desert comes mission. After temptation comes strength. After the Cross comes Resurrection. May we stand with Christ in our deserts, trust the Father in our trials, and worship God alone in all things.

Jesus Loves you!

Offertory

Weekly Budget	\$3847
Collection 2/1/26	\$2,514
Budgeted YTD 2/20/2026	\$130,798
Online Giving 02/20/26	\$4,235.11
Collected YTD 2/20/2026	\$160,917.44
YTD +/-	+ \$30,119.44

Thanks to your contributions to the Annual Appeal, we were able to meet the 65% participation goal! The Appeal is still ongoing if you would like to donate.



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OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL: **65%**

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE: **65%**

OUR PARISH FINANCIAL GOAL: **\$21,320**

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE: **\$23,804.91 – Paid**
\$24,976 – Pledged



Fish Fry
3/6– 4-7 PM

If you can, please sign-up to bring a dessert, homemade desserts are always the first to go!

"Lift Up Life"

Join us for a 4-Week Lenten Retreat Program on Monday's @ 6:30 in the Kitchen Hall.

Everyone in the Parish is encouraged to attend.

The sessions will be lead by Deacon Kurt and will begin next week on 2/23.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent @ 5:45 before Mass.

We will not pray the Rosary on Friday's during Lent.

Group Assisting this week:
2/27 - Finance Council

Whittell

We expect to feed around 50 people-
Burger Buns
Baked Beans
Chips
Desserts

Please drop off items at the barn between 3:30-3:45

Youth Group
All Middle and High School students are welcome- Wednesdays @ 6:30pm in the gym.

OCIA
2/25/26

The Bible & The Sacraments

Holy Matrimony: The Bride and the Bridegroom

Liturgy: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Food/Outreach Room

Item of the Week:

Ramen/ Instant Noodles

Next Giveaway
3/17 10-11

Contact office to sign up

Saturday 2/21- St. Peter Damian Isaiah 58:9b-14- Luke 5:27-32	4:00 PM- Gretchen and Mary Lehmann
Sunday 2/22 Chair of Saint Peter Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7- Matthew 4:1-11	10:00 AM- Fr. Antony and The Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday 2/23- St. Polycarp Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18- Matthew 25:31-46	No Mass
Tuesday 2/24- Blessed Josefa Naval Girbes Isaiah 55:10-11- Matthew 6:7-15	8:15 AM- The Roby Family
Wednesday 2/25- St. Caesarius of Nazianzen Jo- nah 3:1-10- Luke 11:29-32	8:15 AM- Brian Fox
Thursday 2/26 St. Porphyry Esther 12,14-16,23-2- Matthew 7:7-12	6:30 PM- +Ron Timperio
Friday 2/27- St. Gabriel Ezekiel 18:21-28- Matthew 5:20-26	6:30 PM- Karen Cima
Saturday 2/28- St. Romanus & St. Lupicinus Deuteronomy 26: 16-19- Matthew 5:43-48	4:00 PM- The Cima Family
Sunday 3/1 St. David of Wales Genesis 12:1-4a- Matthew 17:1-9	10:00 AM- Armondo Cima and The Parishioners of Sacred Heart

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a relative or loved one, please contact the office. Mass Intentions are \$5 each and we do have Mass Intention cards available for living and deceased recipients and their families.

Ministry Schedule

February 2026	Saturday February 28	Sunday March 1
Lector	Eileen Bloom	Candace Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Alt Jane Fox	Mike Andres Eric Hart
Altar Servers	Mary Simons Volunteer Sophie Cima Xander Buenaventura	



Parishioners of Sacred Heart- Bill Wittmer, Gino Cima, Pat Girard, John Major, Danny Flathers, Susan Hinkle, Maureen Perkins, Carolyn Dowd, Dorthy Thaler, Ann Alt.

Non Parishioners : Joseph Creech, Bob Corey, Mike Reeves, Whitney Baker, Amanda Jackson , Mary Marlette, Sharon Tropea, Kim Stewart, Nolan Patterson, Michele Spadie, Joshua Crawford, Evelyn Crawford, Barbara Phenes, Michael Parrett, Deb Ward, Greg Botner, George Kline (Randy Kline's Dad), Keith Freudenberger, Kevin Naylor, Candace Fox, Joyce Phillips, April Fox, Michael Donahue, Susan Donahue, Carcille Burchett

*All U.S. Military personnel currently deployed and their dependent families.- Jeffery Ledford-Dustin Walters- Active Duty and Currently Deployed

Please keep our catechumens and OCIA candidates in your prayers as they prepare to come into communion with the Catholic Church.

Rite of Sending– 2/22 during 10 AM Mass

Rite of Election– 2/22 -Christ the King Cathedral @ 4PM– Please arrive early, parking is limited.

Scrutinies– 3/8-15-22/26– 10 AM Mass

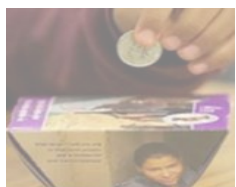
Mini-Retreat– 4/4– 10 AM Kitchen Hall

Easter Vigil– 4/4 @ 10 PM

Easter Sunday– 4/5 @ 10 AM



The annual Rice Bowl campaign is active now, bowls are located in the vestibule. Please take a rice bowl and fill it with your spare change to change the lives of those in need around the world.



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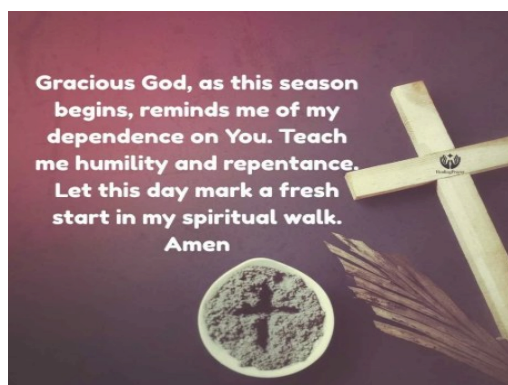
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Birthdays

Mary Lehmann	Dee Dole
Starla Roby	Candace Wilson
Amanda Creech	Patricia Vanourney
Kevin Meece	Phillip Friend
Billy Kilburn	



Reflection

Prayer: Father, may my eating and fasting be pleasing to You at all times.

Promise: Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Isaiah 58:8

Praise: Daniel fasts one day a week for God's blessing on the woman he loves, his wife.

Daily readings and reflections are available in the One Bread, One Body books located in the lobby!

**AA Women's Services representative
Bridget Craig spoke with us after
mass about the center, their goals
and ways we and the community
can assist.**



Ladies Mardi Gras Party



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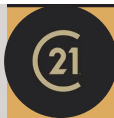
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