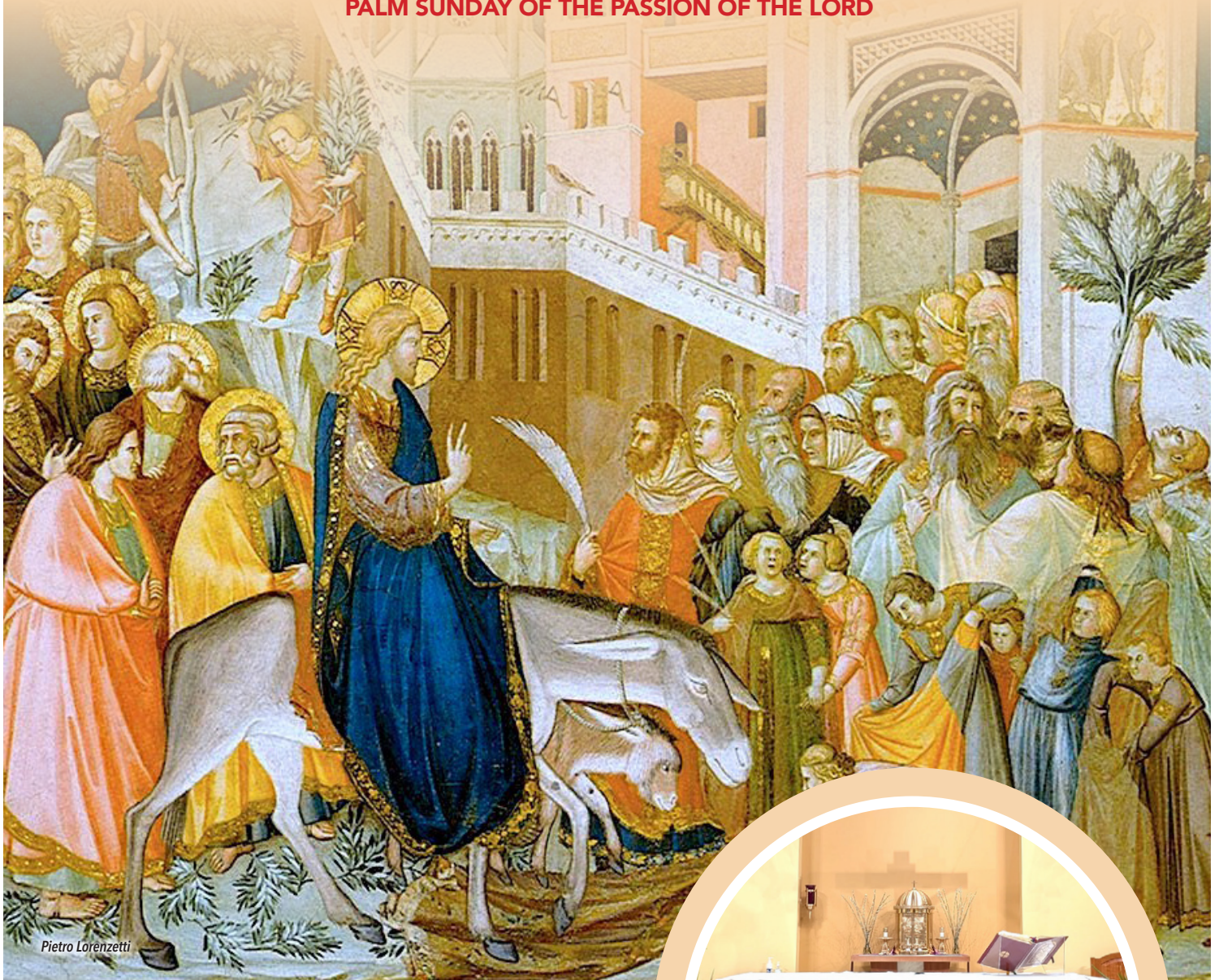


# ST. PETER CLAVER

MARCH 29, 2026

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



## **ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

At St. Peter Claver we are a community of faith made up of parishioners who uphold the Catholic tradition. We believe in a community, which supports families and children, transcending racial, economic, and geographic boundaries for the purpose of worship, religious education, outreach and fellowship. St. Peter Claver promotes a worship environment that is visually and spiritually Afrocentric. The Eucharist is the source of the energy that moves us to community service and evangelization. This is done in concert with other Christian communities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

485 West Fourth Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
Phone: (859) 254-0030  
Web: spclex.org  
Email: stpeterclaver@cdlex.org



**Office Hours**

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**After-hours Emergency**

Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

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**Deacon**

Deacon James Weathers • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Tuesday & Wednesday: 5 p.m.  
**NEW MASS** Thursday: Noon • Holy Days: 5 p.m.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
4th Saturday: (No Mass)  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)

**MASS LIVE STREAM**

<https://tinyurl.com/yhj4ea67>



**Confessions**

Tuesday and Wednesday: 4:30-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15-9:45 a.m.  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays: 3:45-4:15 p.m.  
Other times by appointment

**Mass Intentions**

Mass stipends are \$5 each. Call the parish office.

**Bulletin Information**

Send your information via Email to:  
[jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:**

To be included in the **April 12, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, April 3, 2026.**

*(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)*

**PARISH STAFF**

**BUSINESS MANAGER**

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**YOUNG ADULTS**

NA

**YOUTH CYO EVENTS**

**Elnoel Akwa**

**CHOIR MUSICIANS**

**Michael Elery** (Choir Leader: (859) 619-8502)  
**Charles Little, Xana Plum**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Jerry Cheatham** (Chair)  
Committee Members: **Sarah Turley, David Young, Amy O. Daniel, Christina Weathers**

**FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS**

**James Keene, Ned Benson**

**KNIGHTS & LADIES OF PETER CLAVER**

**David Young** (Grand Knight)  
**Valerie Jenkins** (Grand Lady)

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**PROPERTY**

**Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton**

**FACILITY MANAGER**

**Greg Gerton**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2025)**

**James Keene** (Chair), **Priscilla Johnson, Amy O. Smith, Elmer Ellis, John Gerton, Charlene Young, Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, Djakarta Ellis, Elnoel Akwa, Ima Ebong**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Infant Baptism**

If you're interested in having your infant or child baptized, please contact the office at (859) 254-0030 for parent preparation class information. Classes are held as needed.

**Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick can be received periodically at the Sunday Liturgy and upon request. For emergencies, please call Fr. Damian Anumba at (609) 457-0034. Please notify the parish office for visits or communion calls to the sick and shut-ins.

**Marriage**

Parishioners planning to be married at St. Peter Claver should contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

**RCIA/OCIA**

Wednesday: 6-7:15 p.m.  
This is a process open to adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Faith.  
If interested, contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Beth Ross • [rossbt2@gmail.com](mailto:rossbt2@gmail.com)  
Maria Fischer-Boothe • [mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com](mailto:mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com)

**Address Change**

If you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months, please give this information to the parish office (859) 254-0030. It's important to keep our data current.

**Liturg Ministers Attire**

MALES: Suit or shirt & tie  
FEMALES: Pant suit, suit, skirt & blouse or dress. Please, no miniskirt, low back, or spaghetti strap dresses.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

First Sunday of each month, we recognize individuals and couples with birthdays or anniversaries for the month.

**Eating & Drinking Policy**

Your worship space is sacred and important to all of us. Eating and drinking is not permissible inside of church sanctuary.

**No Smoking Policy**

All churches in the diocese have a No Smoking policy. Please smoke only in the designated areas outside.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the parish office or through the website. Active membership is determined by the following:

- 1) Completed registration form.
- 2) Faithful attendance at Mass on Sunday and Holy days.
- 3) Support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.

**CCD SACRAMENTAL PREP**

Please contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Nita Clarke at (859) 317-3719 or [nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto:nitaclarke06@gmail.com)

**ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund, St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life, and Christmas Outreach Donation)**

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# HISTORICAL NOTES | Celebrating Women's History Month

## Harriet Tubman — American Abolitionist and Social Activist

Harriet Tubman (born Araminta Ross, March 1822–March 10, 1913) was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad. During the American Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the Union Army. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the movement for women's suffrage.

Born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland, Tubman was beaten and whipped by enslavers as a child. Early in life, she suffered a traumatic head wound when an irate overseer threw a heavy metal weight, intending to hit another slave, but hit her instead. The injury caused dizziness, pain, and spells of hypersomnia, which occurred throughout her life. After her injury, Tubman began experiencing strange visions and vivid dreams, which she ascribed to premonitions from God. These experiences, combined with her Methodist upbringing, led her to become devoutly religious.

In 1849 Tubman escaped to Philadelphia, only to return to Maryland to rescue her family soon after. Slowly, one group at a time, she brought relatives with her out of the state, guiding dozens of other enslaved people to freedom. Tubman (or

"Moses", as she was called) traveled by night and in extreme secrecy, and she later said she "never lost a passenger". After the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was passed, she helped guide escapees farther north into British North America (Canada) and helped newly freed people find work. Tubman met John Brown in 1858 and helped him plan and recruit supporters for his 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry.

When the Civil War began, Tubman worked for the Union Army, first as a cook and nurse and then as an armed scout and spy. For her guidance of the raid at Combahee Ferry, which liberated more than 700 enslaved people, she is widely credited as the first woman to lead an armed military operation in the United States. After the war, she retired to the family home on property she had purchased in 1859 in Auburn, New York, where she cared for her aging parents. She was active in the women's suffrage movement until illness overtook her and she was admitted to a home for elderly African Americans, which she had helped establish years earlier.



Harriet Tubman



Routes of the Underground Railroad

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:** March 29–April 4, 2026 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

African Attire.....	<b>First Sunday of each month</b>	Youth Group/Choir.....	<b>Seasonal</b>
Bible Study.....	<b>Thursday, 5:45–7 p.m.</b>	Knights of Peter Claver.....	<b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>
Liturgy Committee.....	<b>Quarterly</b>	Ladies of Peter Claver.....	<b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>
Parish Council.....	<b>Fourth Thursday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	RCIA/OCIA.....	<b>Every Sunday, 8:30–9:40 a.m.</b>
Adult Choir & Men’s Choir.....	<b>Thursday, 7 p.m.</b>	CCD/CYO.....	<b>First &amp; Third Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.</b>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 6–10, 2026, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.:** *Hunger Doesn’t Take a Spring Break* (FREE lunch and activities for kids during Spring Break) at various locations in District 1), (see ad on page 8 for more information and the location near you).

**HOLY THURSDAY: April 2 • GOOD FRIDAY: April 3, 2026**

<b>Thursday, April 2:</b> Holy Thursday (5 p.m. Mass) (with washing of feet)	<b>Friday, April 3:</b> Good Friday (5 p.m. Mass)
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Mary Jo Quim, Priscilla Johnson</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Vache Beckham, Beth Ross</i>
Ushers: <i>Priscilla Johnson, Cheryl Bogarty</i>	Ushers: <i>Kris Miller, James Keene</i>
Server: <i>Thérèse Boothe</i>	Server: <i>Arabella Floyd</i>
Lector: <i>Colby Blair</i>	Lector: <i>Ned Benson</i>

**NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:** April 4–5, 2026 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

<b>Saturday, April 4:</b> Easter Vigil (OCIA); at dusk (Easter fire)	<b>Sunday, April 5:</b> Easter Sunday (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers, Didier</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Beth Ross, Alyce Graves</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Felecia Leach, Pat LaPrelle</i>
Ushers: <i>Priscilla Johnson, Alyce Graves, Cheryl Bogarty, Chuck Bond</i>	Ushers: <i>Ingrad Bisseh, Charlene Young, David Young, Elmer Ellis, D Jakarta Ellis, Amy Smith</i>
Server: <i>Thérèse Boothe</i>	Servers: <i>VJ Michael, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i>
Lector: <i>Ernie Vasiloff, Laura Elery</i>	Lectors: <i>Rick Wells, Mary Duff</i>
1st Reading: <i>Christy Rickert</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>Hilary Jones</i> ;	Gift Bearers: <i>Maria Boothe &amp; Family</i>
3rd Reading: <i>Theresa Jones-Hawkins</i> ; 4th Reading: <i>Kevin Carr</i>	Response: <i>NA</i>
Epistle: <i>Greg Gerton</i>	

**SECOND COLLECTION**



*for the Holy Land*  
**Friday, April 3, 2026**

Second and special collections are taken up for specific purposes within the diocese, the nation, and the Church worldwide. These collections are separate from the regular offertory, which directly supports parish operations. These collections bring awareness to issues beyond our local community. As Catholics we are called to respond with solidarity to contribute to the common good of all.

**NEW MASS**

**St. Peter Claver added a new weekday Mass on Thursday at noon.**



**FASTING & ABSTINENCE**



- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, **Fridays** during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

The 40 days and 40 nights prior to Easter are known as Lent. The temptation of Jesus Christ is detailed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. (Matthew 4:1–11). According to these texts, after being baptized by Saint John the Baptist, Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the Judean Desert. During this time, Satan appeared to Jesus and tried to tempt him by every temptation imaginable. After Jesus having refused each temptation, the Devil then departed and Jesus returned to Galilee to begin his ministry. *The Holy Season of Lent commemorates Jesus’ temptation in the desert.*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads to remind us that “from dust we came; to dust we shall return”.

Lent is the season of penance, prayer, almsgiving and self-denial. Just like the Holy Season of Advent, Catholics are obliged to received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist during the Holy Season of Lent.

Catholics are encouraged to **fast** throughout the entire duration of **Lent**, except on Sundays. On Fridays **during Lent**, Catholics must **abstain** from meat. Catholics must **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is the reduction of intake of food.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called “Laetare” or “joyful” in Latin. Just like during the Holy Season of Advent, the Priest and Deacon wear Rose vestments. The sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday which will be March 29 and begins Holy Week which includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil (Easter Triduum). OCIA catechumens and candidates are initiated the evening of Easter Vigil which begins at sundown.

**2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 29.....	<b>Palm Sunday</b> ; 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)
Tuesday, March 31.....	<b>Chrism Mass</b> ; 10 a.m. (Cathedral of Christ the King)
Wednesday, April 1.....	<b>First Eucharist Retreat / Reconciliation</b>
Thursday, April 2.....	<b>Holy Thursday</b> ; 5 p.m. Mass (with washing of feet)
Friday, April 3.....	<b>Good Friday</b> ; 5 p.m. Mass
Friday, April 3.....	<b>NO First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the month of April</b>
Friday, April 3.....	<b>Congolese Retreat</b> ; 9 a.m.; Stations of the Cross 2 p.m.; Mass 3–4 p.m.
Saturday, April 4.....	<b>Rite of Preparation (OCIA)</b> ; 10 a.m. <b>Easter Vigil (OCIA)</b> ; at dusk (Easter fire)
Sunday, April 5.....	<b>Easter Sunday</b> ; 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)
Wednesday, April 15.....	<b>Confirmation Reconciliation &amp; Practice</b> ; 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19.....	<b>Confirmation</b>
Wed., April 22.....	<b>First Eucharist Practice</b>
Sunday, April 26.....	<b>First Eucharist</b>

**Mpango Wa Misa Na Ibada Ya Kipindi Cha Kwarezma Mwaka ‘A’**

- Misa ya muungano wa parokia itasomwa na padri Damian
- Saa inne asubui (10 a.m.)
- Saa kumi na moja jiono (5 p.m.)
- Njia ya msalaba itakuwa kila siku ya tano mtandaoni kwa kila shirika.
- Siku ya tano takatifu (Good Friday)
- mafungo ya roho kwa watu wote itanza 9 a.m.
- Njia ya msalaba itanza 2 p.m.
- Kuabudu msalaba itanza 3 p.m.
- Makesha ya Paska itanza 6 p.m. na itakuwa misa ya muungano wa parokia.
- Misa ya Paska mchana itanza 1 p.m.

# OUR CHURCH *Community*

*First Eucharist  
Service Project  
on March 18.*

Photos by  
Sandra Sexton



*OCIA and Confirmation Retreat on March 7.*  
Photos by Beth Ross

*Pilgrim Trail from Holy Spirit  
Parish Newman Center.*  
Photo by Fr. Damian Anumba



## MEETINGS

### GOLDEN MINISTRY

Meetings are on Thursday • St. Peter Claver, Church Hall

**1st Thursday:** Community Service off site.

**2nd Thursday:** 10:30 a.m. – Noon

**3rd and 4th Thursday:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**If there's a 5th Thursday:** 10:30 a.m. or a planned outside activity.

**Contact person:** Patricia Laprelle

Patricia.laprelle1@icloud.com; (859) 321-8124 call or text

### HEALTH MINISTRY

**Blood Pressure checks** on the First Sunday of every month; **April 5, 2026** (Beth), after the 10 a.m. Mass.

**Contact persons:**

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## FEBRUARY 1-28, 2026 FINANCE REPORT

### February 1/2026

Total In-house: \$5,823

Total Online: \$230

### February 8/2026

Total In-house: \$4,132

Total Online: \$1,555

### February 15/2026

Total In-house: \$5,687

Total Online: \$1,350

### February 22/2026

Total In-house: \$3,477

Total Online: \$2,530

### February 28/2026

Total In-house: \$0

Total Online: \$1,225.13

### Additional Deposit

Total In-house: \$0

Total Online: \$0

### MONTH TOTALS:

In-house: \$19,119

Online: \$6,890.13

Projected February Income: \$24,340 / **Total: \$26,009.13**

Net Income: \$1,669.13

### ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund, St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life, and Christmas Outreach Donation)

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## Need extra money for books?

### 8th ANNUAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Our 2026 Book Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student from St. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

**DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2026**

For more information, please contact Grand Lady Valerie Jenkins at (954) 292-3110 or Grand Knight David Young at (859) 361-5372



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or call/text Lee at (859) 229-1038

or Mike at (859) 619-8440.

**No one should suffer through divorce alone.**

*Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation?*

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# SECOND COLLECTION



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CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

**For more information, please visit:**  
[www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

### Rice Bowl Lenten Program

From Ash Wednesday (February 18) through Easter (April 5)

#### Change Lives this Lent

When you give to CRS Rice Bowl, you help families around the world overcome hunger and poverty. Thank you for spreading hope and changing lives this Lent.

#### End World Hunger with CRS Rice Bowl

By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? **Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community** to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally.



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 DISTRICT 1

**HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A  
 SPRING BREAK  
 APRIL 6-10, 2026  
 11:30AM-1PM  
 FREE LUNCH & ACTIVITIES  
 LOCATIONS**

- 📍 GREEN ACRES PARK
- 📍 MLK PARK (WINBURN)
- 📍 TATES CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
- 📍 COOLAVIN SHELTER
- 📍 CHARLES YOUNG CENTER (12-2:30)
- 📍 DOUGLASS PARK
- 📍 DUNBAR CENTER

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 \$125 (cash or check);  
 \$130 (debit or credit card).

Leaves are approximately 4" wide x 1.56" high. Each leaf will be personalized up to 2 lines, 20 characters per line (including punctuation and blank spaces).

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If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (859) 254-0030.