

**STEWARDSHIP**

February 26th.....\$2,099

*The month of March collections will be reported in the April bulletin on April 2nd.*

Bobcat Catholics like you provide more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to Christ. Contact our Development Director, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

**MONTHLY REFLECTION**

First, let me be perfectly clear: **Temptation is a part of the landscape of human life.** From the time of our first parents at the dawn of creation, humanity has experienced temptation. We can wish all we want, but the fact remains that we are constantly facing great and small temptations throughout the course of our lives. What's more, we have all experienced times when temptation has led us to sin. Being tempted is one thing; falling into sin is another. For once sin is a part of our lives, our souls are wounded in a way that requires God's grace to cleanse and heal.

This awareness of temptation and sin can easily lead us to a state of despair. We can fall into the trap that says "Well, you messed up. What's the point now? You might as well just give up." Admittedly, the devil would like nothing better than to let us think that there is no hope...that we are lost and with-

out strength to find our way out of the messes of life. **Yet we start our Lent with hope.** Yes, we acknowledge that temptation and sin are real, but we take comfort that *this is why Jesus Christ came – to break the bondage of sin, restore our relationships with God and one another, and lead us into eternal life.* The Lord knew about temptation first hand, yet not only did he triumph over Satan's testing, but he freed us through his death and resurrection.

In our moments of temptation and sin may we run to the Cross of Christ! As we encounter our own trials may we trust that the Lord stands ready to offer us help and strength – both to face what comes before us this day, and to heal us in our moments of need.

*from Fr. Andrew Ricci*

"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis



Take inspiration for your Lenten journey from prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally— not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Follow us on social media for inspiration. @OLWisdomtxst, Instagram: olowtxstate,

**Weekly Activities**

**ROSARY** every Sunday 9:30am in the Chapel

**ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament Mon.– Fri. 8:30am-9:30am and Tuesdays 5:45pm- 9pm in the Chapel

**FREE LUNCH** Tuesdays 11am- 1pm in the Lobby

**BIBLE STUDIES** everyday!

[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE**

March 11th – 18th  
Sunday, March 12th & 19th  
10am, 5pm, & 7:30pm

**NO DAILY MASSES OR SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OFFICE and BUILDING** will be closed March 13th - 17th

**EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES**

Confession times will be extended to 1hour prior to our daily Mass times. We are also changing our third Sunday of the month. Instead of 9am-9:45am, confessions will be 3:30pm-4:30pm.

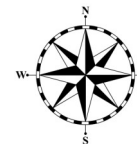
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays during Lent  
1pm– Led by Laity  
6pm– Led by Fr. David  
In the Chapel  
(Spring Break week March 17th there will be no Stations of the Cross)



**WELCOME**

Fr. Jonathan Raia, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Austin, will be here on Thurs. March 9th 4:15pm & Mass at 5:15pm. He will also have a talk and discussion at our Bobcat Catholic Night at 7pm.



**FR. CHARLIE BANKS**

Will be here for Spiritual Direction on Tuesday March 7th and 21st. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 minute appointments.



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Be spiritually prepared for Easter!  
Penance Service here at Our Lady of Wisdom is Thursday, March 23rd.

In addition, there are services at St. Anthony's in Kyle on Wed. March 29th & at St. John's in San Marcos on Fri., April 7th. All Penance Services begin at 7pm.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH**

March 19th– St. Vincent De Paul  
March 26th– Catholic Relief Services

**AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE**

**FEBRUARY**  
10AM, 224; 5PM, 138;  
7:30PM, 110

**ASH WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE**

12:30PM, 255  
4PM, 155  
5:30PM, 325  
7PM, 377