

**Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers)**  
**St. Maurice (Bellegarde)**  
**St. Anthony (Storthoaks)**



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**March 23, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

### Mass Schedule

**Mon, Mar 24, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Aime Dumaine by Allen Marge Yates

**Tues, Mar 25, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Aime Dumaine by Gilbert Couture

**Wed, Mar 26, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Gerard by Aurele/Margaret Moreau

**Thurs, Mar 27, 10:00 a.m. (Care Home)**

**Friday, Mar 28, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)**  
**Way of the Cross 7:00p.m**  
+Cecile Comeau by Aurele/Margaret Moreau

**Sat, Mar 29, 7:00 p.m. (Bellegarde)**  
+Aime Dumaine by Garry/Monique Dumaine

**Sun, Mar 30, 9:00 a.m. (Storthoaks)**  
+Aime Dumaine by Garry/Monique Dumaine

**Sun, Mar 30, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)**  
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### Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

#### Sunday, March 30, 10:45 a.m.

##### **Hospitality**

Colin/Jenn Martin&Family

##### **Lectors**

Denis Quennelle /Carol Poirier

##### **Collection**

Linden Poirier  
Matthew Lemieux  
Denis Quennelle  
Todd Garnier

##### **Communion**

Bernard Bauche



##### **Redvers**

##### **Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282

##### **Parish Hall Bookings**

Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868

##### **Caretaker**

Coralie Wolensky



##### **Bellegarde**

##### **Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



##### **Storthoaks**

##### **Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Richard Chicoine: 449-2231

##### **Parish Hall Bookings**

Monique Dumaine: 449-2237

## Almsgiving

Almsgiving is thus the wing of prayer. If you do not provide your prayer with wings, it will never fly. When, however, your soul sprouts wings, it flies immediately to heaven. How long will the love of money and the desire for possessions last? All those things, brother, last no longer than the present life. But you will say to me, “Say these things to yourself!” And indeed I do say these things to myself, and also to you, because this is advice for everybody. When I myself hear these things and amend my ways, then I am benefited by you. Even if it is a slave who says these things, I would still take the advice; and if it is a free man, I listen eagerly, because it is not a person’s station in life but the utility of the advice that makes me accept their words. For if that great Moses, who spoke with God, did not shun the advice of his father-in-law, though he was a barbarian, but to the contrary received his advice, which was confirmed by God (Ex 17:18-24), how much more should we? I am not telling you to give away everything you own, but from your surplus to give to the poor, so that your surplus may become the foundation of your salvation.

Surely you see the multitudes of poor people in the street, how they remain outdoors even though they are sick or naked? Some are younger, some are older, some of them are leaning on one another for support—how great is their misfortune! Give, therefore, to your fellow servants, so that you might have the Master in your debt, for he gladly becomes your debtor and pays back your investment with interest. For whereas usury is a crime practiced by the heathen, with God it is praiseworthy. Will you not give to the poor? Consider who it is that begs of you through the poor man and attend to the dignity of the one who receives. Yes, the poor man receives, but it is God who is the borrower. Understand to what depths the Master descended to accomplish this, so that he might turn you back from cruelty and hatred: *For you saw me hungry, and you did not feed me; thirsty, and you did not give me to drink; a stranger, and you did not welcome me; naked, and you did not clothe me* (Mt 25:35-40). Will you not therefore give to Christ in his hunger? Both you and the poor man together partake of his body from the altar table. You both likewise partake of his holy cup. Christ grants you to commune in his great and fearful mysteries, and yet you do not share your small and paltry things with him? Will you not give him *thine own*?<sup>[2]</sup> For even if you received them from your parents or your grandparents, they belong to God. Why do you bury them in the earth (cf. Mt 25:18)?

Give what you have to the poor and the Master will guard them for you with the greatest security. Do you not see what farmers do? Often, when they lack seed on account of their poverty, they pawn their clothes and receive what they lacked and entrust it to the earth. Even though they have often experienced unseasonable weather and have left their fields without reaping anything, they nonetheless entrust it to the earth in hope. Is the Master therefore not able to do what the earth does? Imitate, then, that widow in the Old Testament, who had a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug and with these things showed hospitality to the prophet (3 Kg 17:7-16 LXX). Or imitate the widow in the Gospel who surpassed all the others when she cast her two pennies, for she surrendered the entirety of her wealth (cf. Mk 12:42).

But you, what do you say? “I am poor and have no money.” Do you not have two pennies? And even if you do not have two pennies, God seeks the abundance of your good will. This is why he says: *Whoever gives a cup of cold water will not lose his reward* (Mt 10:42). Do you see what he is saying? Cold water, not warm, lest you be deprived of your reward on account of the cost of wood for the fire. When a king demands gold from you, no matter how much he wants—threatening to tie you up and hang you—you give him what he wants. Even if you are poor, he pays no attention to the means that different people have, but he seeks only his own gain. But God is not like this, for he asks only in proportion to one’s means.

Why, then, are there poor people? Is God not able to rain down gold upon them? But the poor are with you so that their poverty might serve for you as a propitiation of sins. *A great thing is man, but a merciful man is precious indeed* (Prov 20:6 LXX). See how great almsgiving is? God identifies the merciful man with himself: *Be compassionate, he says, as your heavenly Father is compassionate* (Lk 6:36).

**Note:** AGM Meeting after the mass at Bellegarde on March 29, 2025