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February 18, 2024



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

In our Gospel today, Jesus comes from the temptations in the desert and begins to preach to the people of Galilee. His call is: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Repentance is another one of those Lenten words that is hard to take. None of us want to look at our mistakes, our regrets in life, our failures, our sin and, ultimately, our broken parts. It's too hard to go there and so we use all types of strategies to keep us from looking at our dark side. Our strategies may include watching mindless TV, eating too much, drinking too much, watching pornography, keeping busy all the time, constantly on our phones, always being the helper so we don't have to recognize our own needs, and all the ways we cover up the parts of our hurting selves. All the stuff of Lent (fasting and abstinence, more time in prayer, daily Mass, Stations of the cross, devotions of all kinds, soup suppers, etc.) are not ends in themselves but are there to move us closer to facing our need for the unconditional love of God. When people with addictions decide they have to change, it's usually because they have hit rock bottom. They realize that they can no longer live the way they've been living, and they decide to take a new path. They decide to turn away from their addictions and old lifestyle and take steps that will lead them to a new life. We may not hit rock bottom this lent but we are called to be vulnerable and allow God to see our wounds. It may be wounds from childhood that we have carried, or expectations of perfection that have been hurled on us from someone in authority, or grief that we have never dealt with or a trauma that we have covered up or the pains of a chronic disability or aging or the struggles with our children and grandchildren. If we choose just one part of our life to deal with this Lent, Christ will be there to greet us and love us beyond our imaginings. Let's have the courage to be vulnerable this Lent.

As part of my own need for healing, I will have the church open each morning during Lent, Monday through Friday, from 8 am - 9 am for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Come as you are and find a quiet space for yourself. There will be no words...just quiet. I would recommend not bringing a lot of prayers or reading materials but just come...you and Christ quietly sitting together. Let's see what happens.

Welcome...



We welcome into the St. Joseph Community through Baptism...

Xareina Daffnee Sonish


Thomas Lorence Ungeni

Amelia Deborah Nanette Krizenesky

Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners are invited to our monthly Parish Council meeting to be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 20 in the Great Hall. Representatives from the St Francis Xavier Catholic School system will be presenting to the council about the relationship between the system and the parish. This is part of our ongoing discussions about how St. Joe's continues to fulfill the goals of our parish mission plan.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

 The Family's Hygiene Drive runs until March 3. Boxes are in the Great Hall. More info at: TheFamily.net.

Trip to the Solanus Center in Detroit

Join Br. Ray on a trip to the Solanus Center in Detroit, MI on May 7 - 9. Flyers and details are at the back of church or in the Parish Office. For questions, email Penny Paris at: pparis1@att.net. The bus is not handicap accessible. Only a few openings left.

Grant Distribution

For the past 9 years, St. Joe's has offered grants from our savings to qualifying non-profit organizations which advance the mission of our Parish. Applications must be submitted by March 30. The Committee will be looking for requests that meet the requirements defined in the grant guidelines. Information can be found on our website: www.saintjosephparish.org.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

February 4—Mark & Lori Pritzl—\$25

February 5—Darwin & Terri Jo Tesch—\$25

February 6—Susan Joosten—\$25

February 7—Cate Radtke—\$25

February 8—Sheila Horst—\$25

February 9—Ken Hartman—\$25

February 10—T.J. Mullaney—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Tim Barth, Lynn Bayness, Dave Hendricks, JoAnn Syring

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 / FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5th - - Lenten Uplifting Presentation and Discussion

Hope in the Desert



Lent is a time of penance, but we also know the end of the story and have great hope. Come and hear Amy's presentation of keeping our eyes fixed on Christ during our Lenten journey.

March 5th - 1:00 to 3:30 pm in Holly Hall

Let us know you're coming by Friday, March 1st at noon. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Senior Committee. Light snacks will be served.

Amy Deibert, Evangelization and OCIA Director of the Diocese of Green Bay

Xavier Catholic Schools Scholarship Opportunities



For St. Joseph Parishioners considering or attending Xavier Catholic Schools in 2024-25.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System Foundation and St. Joseph Parish offers scholarship opportunities for our parish students. These opportunities are **in addition** to the standard need based grant and tuition assistance (FACTS) program through St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System.

St. Joseph Parish Tuition Scholarship

What? St. Joseph "Tuition Scholarship" Program. Three scholarships of \$2,500 are available to parishioners of St. Joseph who are currently enrolled or considering enrollment in the St. Francis Xavier School System.

Who is eligible? Students/families of Xavier **Elementary, Middle or High School** who are registered parishioners of **St. Joseph Parish**.

St. Mary School/Catholic Central Legacy Scholarship

To carry on the 150 year tradition of generosity and fraternity associated with our school community, this scholarship has been established to help support young families in their decision to send their child(ren) to Xavier Elementary (PK3-4th grade) schools.

What? Three scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to families with \$1,000 being awarded the first year and \$500 in years two and three.

Who is eligible? Active members of **St. Joseph, St. Bernard or St. Mary** Parishes with students registered at **Xavier Elementary Schools**.

Information About Additional Financial Resources

Learn about FACTS tuition assistance grant program, and other financial opportunities on the Xavier website at: XavierCatholicSchools.org under Admissions. All Scholarship applications due by March 1, 2024.

Lenten Habitat Collection

Once again this year our Lenten collection will be for Habitat for Humanity. Each year we collect for Habitat to help build the house that faith builds! Our donation, combined with the donations from other area churches, builds one house a year for a family in need. In 2023, the Faith Build gave AnNee Lor and her six children a beautiful home on Locust Street. We don't know the family yet that we will be building for in 2024, but you can be assured it is a family that will love to call their place "home"!

Your contributions this lent are greatly appreciated. Please watch for the announcements regarding the build sometime this summer!

Financial News

(2/3/24 - 2/4/24)

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$12,138.68
Auto Withdrawal	\$665.00
Children's Collection.....	\$17.00
IRA's/Donations	\$3,000.00

Parish Support Through Collections

(7/01/23—1/31/24)

Budgeted

\$517,941.69

Actual

\$590,701.31

January Outreach Programs

Milk Money.....	\$1,689.05
St. Joseph Food Program	\$1,055.00
LEAVEN.....	\$50.00
Pillars.....	\$60.00

Green contribution envelopes for our Outreach Programs are on the radiator in back of Church.

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of February 18

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11

Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4

Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6

Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)

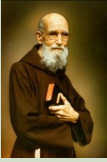
Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



*Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us*

Tuesday, February 20

- 12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish
- 12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, February 21

- 12:05 pm Dec. Gary Rueden

Friday, February 23

- 12:05 pm Dec. Bernadette Stoegbauer

Saturday, February 24

- 4:00 pm Dec. Lloyd Van Grinsven

Sunday, February 25

- 8:00 am Dec. Anthony & Jean Kucinski
- 10:00 am Dec. Delphine Kaiser
- 6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 20

- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Great Hall
- 1:00 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209
- 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting, Great Hall
- 6:30 pm Connect & Reflect with God, Rm. 214

Wednesday, February 21

- 4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes
- 6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes
- 6:30 pm Book Club, St. Joseph Room

Thursday, February 22

- 5:30 pm Stations & Soup Supper at St. Joe's
- 6:30 pm Choir in Church

Friday, February 23

- 10:00 am Bible Study, Rooms 210-212

Saturday, February 24

- 9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Sunday, February 25

- 11:05 am Faith Sharing, Room 209

Social Concerns Ministry

The Social Concerns Ministry at St. Joseph Parish is providing an opportunity to hear Ivy Casarez, Financial Counselor at Financial and Debt Solutions Services, present a session on FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT on **Monday, Feb. 26, 1:00-2:30 pm** and on **Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30-8:00 pm**, both in Holly Hall. Choose the day and time that fits your schedule. Please register by calling the front desk at: 920-734-7195 with name, phone number and which date you will attend. Refreshments will be available.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Lenten Opportunities at St Joseph Parish



Connecting with God Through Creation and Prayer

Tuesday, February 20 - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
St. Joseph Parish, Room 214

Using images of Nature, we will take time to connect with God and reflect on our lives. Sr. Annette Johnson, SSND, will guide us through this special Lenten evening and help us use the wonder and beauty of photography for our prayer time. Free will offering appreciated.

St. Joseph Women's Day

Saturday, March 2, 8:30 AM to Noon

Join us for a day of Enrichment, Spirituality and Fun! Breakfast snacks and refreshments and door prizes. Keynote: "The Spirituality of Decluttering", and your choice of sectionals. St. Joseph parishioners and their family members and friends are invited to join us. Flyer with complete information and registration form are in the back of church.

Registration deadline: Monday, February 26.

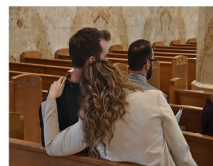
Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

Stations of the Cross will be held this Lent on Thursdays at 5:30 pm, with soup to follow. We will schedule this with St. Mary's Parish.

St Joe's will host on February 22, March 7 & 21

St Mary's will host on February 29 & March 14

Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts
Inspiring Connection



The Lord has blessed us in so many ways! Our parish family continues to reach out and be with people through the joys and challenges of life.

Thanks to the support of the Bishop's Appeal, the Church has found innovative and effective ways to connect with people and share the gifts.

Please give today!
www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



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