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March 10, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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

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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

I like the Second reading from Ephesians this week:

"Brothers and Sisters:
You were once darkness,
But now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of the light,
For light produces every kind of goodness
And righteousness and truth.
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
Therefore, it says,
"Awake O sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

In our world these days, there is a darkness of hatred, violence, war and just our inhumanity to one another. People can be killed for the most senseless things. We live in a culture that often says directly or indirectly that we must take care of ourselves, and although we may feel bad for those who are vulnerable, there is little we can do. It is that attitude that makes many apathetic to the needs around us. It is when good people become complacent with darkness that darkness can take over. Dr. Martin Luther King is quoted as saying, "the only necessary thing for the triumph of evil is for good (men) to do nothing." As Paul says, we are children of the light. We are called to bring light to our world in the way we live our lives. We are called to go the extra mile for someone who needs us, to be patient with the people who upset us, to keep trying to forgive those who hurt us and continue to find new ways to give our life away to those who need some light in their lives. If we water down our call to just being nice people, we will not be able to light up the darkness. We are called to be ambassadors for the Light of Christ. This is a call to be heroic, courageous and brave. Let's fill our world with light this next week by our attitude of kindness, our hearts that are generous and our minds that look for solutions to the divisions among us.

Prayer Shawl Giveaway



St Joseph and St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to provide Prayer Shawls to those who are in need of prayers, are sick, or just need the warmth and comfort knowing that someone is praying for them.

We will be in the Great Hall at St. Joseph Parish this weekend on Saturday, March 9 after the 4:00 pm Mass and Sunday, March 10 after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.

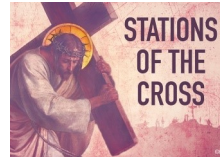
Baptismal Preparation Class

The next baptismal preparation session is on **Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm** in Room 209. To register for this session, contact Deacon Mark Farrell at: 920-422-2892.

Lenten Penance Service

A Lenten penance service will be held on Monday, March 18th at 6:00 pm in Church.

Multimedia Stations of the Cross



"A unique multimedia presentation of the Stations of the Cross will be offered at **5:30 pm on Thursday, March 21st**, at St. Joseph Parish.

This presentation combines contemplative reflections for each station along with the projection of photographs of the hand carved Stations of the Cross from Mater Christi Chapel at the former De Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Well received last year, this presentation is deeply moving."

Please join us for this presentation! Soup will be provided in Holly Hall following the stations.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

February 25—Marge Hofius—\$25
February 26—Michelle Dreier—\$25
February 27—Renee Deimer—\$25
February 28—Patrick O'Brien—\$25
February 29—Jennifer DeBruin—\$25
March 1—Clarice Belling—\$25
March 2—Mary Elmer—\$25

Easter Egg Hunt



Join us for a "hopping" good time on Sunday, March 24, from 11 am – noon in Holly Hall! Fun activities will include an Easter egg hunt for kids ages 0-12, a carrot toss, face painting, and a family photo booth for parishioners of all ages! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill: **Janice Hartjes, Dave Hendricks, Lori Krueger**

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:

JoAnn Syring

MARCH 10, 2024 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Women's Day - THANK YOU

- To the 75 women who attended our Women's Day on March 2 - for your wonderful spirit, camaraderie and encouragement.
- To our committee members who helped plan, strategize, advise, bake, set up, serve and clean up: Eileen Donohou, Kathleen McDonald, Vivian Wieseckel, Michelle Griesbach, Ginny Rochon, Kelly Helein and Carol Jensen.
- To Larry Mauthe for shepherding our wonderful festival of breakfast treats and to his faithful partner, Barb.
- To all who supported us behind the scenes - the men who set up the rooms and especially Dana Schmidt who helped with all those registration questions!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!



Financial News

(2/24/24 - 2/25/24)

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$11,160.45
Auto Withdrawal	\$490.00
Children's Collection.....	\$51.00
IRA's/Donations	\$3,275.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of March 10

Sunday: Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Book Club

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, March 12, in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn is a 1943 semi-autobiographical novel written by Betty Smith.

For April 9, our book selection is **Infinite Country** by Patricia Engel. Looking further ahead, the book selected for May 14 is **Hidden Genius** by Marie Benedict.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to attend anytime.

ALL RISE!

7:00 pm March 21, 22, 23
1:00 pm March 23, 24

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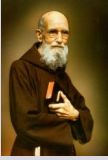
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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



*Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us*

Tuesday, March 12

12:05 pm Dec. Joan Wieloch
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, March 13

12:05 pm Dec. Joyce Baldwin

Friday, March 15

12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm Dec. Janet Feavel

Sunday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

8:00 am Dec. Carl Thiel
10:00 am Dec. Ralph Schmidt
6:30 pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 12

1:00 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209

Wednesday, March 13

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, March 14

5:30 pm Stations & Soup Supper at St. Mary's
6:30 pm Choir in Church
7:00 pm Baptismal Prep. Session, Room 209

Friday, March 15

10:00 am Bible Study, Rooms 210-212

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Sunday, March 17

11:05 am Faith Sharing, Room 209
1:00 pm OFS Gathering, Holly Hall

***Blood pressure screenings after 4 pm Mass on Saturday and after the 8 & 10 am Masses on Sunday**

Habitat for Humanity - Lenten Almsgiving



Each year for our Lenten collection, we collect for Habitat for Humanity 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. The banner in church reflects the generosity of those who have contributed. If you can help with this, put your donation in an envelope marked "Habitat" and put it in the box in the back of church marked Donations for Habitat or drop off in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Janssen Forum—Guest Speaker, Br. Ray

Join us for Janssen Forum on Thursday, March 21 as our guest speaker, Br. Ray Stadmeyer O.F.M. Cap., shares how the Holy Spirit has touched him in his life. The program begins at 11:15 am with Mass held in the Mount Tabor Center Chapel, followed by a light lunch. The guest speaker begins at 12:10 and concludes by 1:00 pm. The program cost is \$10. Register online at: www.spiritusministries.org/janssenforum or by calling Annette Hovie at: 920-722-8918 x0.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

We're into week six of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A target is assessed to each parish based on its annual contributions. Our target for this year is **\$88,667**. So far, 220 parishioners have contributed **\$47,282.40**, which is 53% of our target. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

World's Poor Collection

This weekend we take up our World's Poor Collection benefiting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Peter's Pence, and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the globe. Take this opportunity to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Envelopes are in the back of church.

Grant Distribution

For the past nine 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 Grant 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.

Church Chuckles

- What did pirates call Noah's boat?
"The arrrrrrk."
- What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school?
"I was told I'm supposed to walk by Faith!"