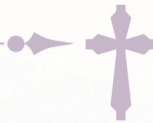




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March 17, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Lent

LIFE



“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”

JOHN 11:25

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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

Our gospel story of Lazarus this week gives us a preview of what we will experience in 2 weeks as we celebrate the feast of Easter! As we hear Jesus call Lazarus from death to new life, we can't help but think of the empty tomb at Easter. It's good to have this story a few weeks before Easter to remind us what we are looking for: new Life! We have reminders of resurrection all around us these days. As the temperature warms up and we smell the freshness of the air, we are reminded that our winters won't last forever. As we see the crocuses bursting forth from the winter ground, we are reminded of the new life of Spring. As we wake to a sunrise peeking over the horizon, we are reminded that a new day brings new possibilities for all of us. As we witness our children and grandchildren being born, we are reminded that the cycle of life continues. As we mend a relationship with someone we have hurt, we realize that forgiveness is always possible. Everywhere around us continues to call us to the excitement of new life. We can get comfortable in the tombs and the ruts of our lives, but that is never the end of the story. We can easily become burdened by the struggles of life without looking for resurrection. On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, maybe we can ask ourselves some questions. How is Christ calling me to new life in this difficult circumstance? How can I remind people in my life to appreciate the new life around us? How can my good attitude spark joy and excitement to those in my family and all those around me? We all have a lot of power to change the equations in our lives. We can either succumb to the tough moments and let them have the last word or we can put on our big boy/big girl pants and bring hope to our lives. We are grateful to Lazarus this week as he reminds us that as dismal as the tomb is, new life is possible in Christ. Let's live this week with much hope, courage, and excitement, always searching for the new life in each situation of our lives.

Have a Wonderful Week!

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 by calling Annette Hovie at: 920-722-8918 x0 or online at: www.spiritusministries.org/janssen_forum.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28—Holy Thursday (6:30 PM)
March 29—Good Friday (1:00 PM)
March 30—Easter Vigil (8:00 PM)
March 31—Easter Sunday (8 & 10 AM)
(No 6:30 PM Mass)

Lenten Penance Service

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

Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners are invited to our next Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall**. The Council will be reviewing suggestions from parish committees of items to be included in the next parish budget.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



We're into week seven 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, 240 parishioners have contributed **\$51,442.40**, which is 58% of our target. Additional donation cards and envelopes are in the back of church if you need one. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

March 3—Shirley Ellenbecker—\$25
March 4—Jeanne Flanagan—\$25
March 5—Jean Zanzig—\$25
March 6—Justin Kuepper—\$25
March 7—Andrea Mirabelli—\$25
March 8—Jean Thiel—\$25
March 9—Jenny & Kyle Haas—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
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:
John Sipple, Gerald Vondrachek

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024 / FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Confirmation Blessing

Our Confirmation candidates joined us for the 10:00 AM Mass on March 10th to receive a blessing from the community as they continue their preparation towards the Sacrament. Please keep these young people in your prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide them on their journey.



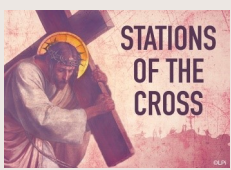
A "Pilgrimage" Invitation from Larry Mauthe

Pillars Adult Shelter (formerly the Warming Shelter) is in desperate need of volunteers and groups who can assist them in feeding our brothers and sisters an evening meal. Here at St. Joe's we have always been leaders in outreach, so here's our chance to continue that pilgrimage!

On **Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 pm** in the **GREAT HALL** we are asking anyone interested in planning this event & menu, cooking the Easter Sunday meal here at St. Joe's, interested in delivering and serving the meal and or praying for our success to join us for this SINGLE meeting.

Pillars Adult Shelter is currently at capacity, feeding and giving shelter to 55 adults. Did you know that over 40% of these folks have jobs but cannot afford housing? Personally I know what homelessness feels like...it was a large part of my life as a child. I vividly remember the hopelessness, the constant hunger, and the shame I felt each and every time I got the 'you're invisible, I don't see you, you don't matter' look from almost everyone passing by. I made a promise to myself that when I could I would do whatever possible so no one else ever had to see that look again. That's part of the reason I joined St. Joe's, and it's part of what I'd like to ask you to join me on the 19th... which by the way is the Feast Day of St. Joseph!

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.

Financial News

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

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$17,357.04
Auto Withdrawal	\$665.00
Children's Collection.....	\$9.00
IRA's/Donations	\$950.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of March 17

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

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

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 SMS 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

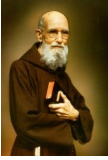
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Church Chuckles

- How do you know that atoms are Catholic? They have mass.
- Why is it that Jesus cannot wear necklaces? Because He is the one who breaks every chain.
- What size was the lumber that was made to build the ark? 2x2.
- What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven? "Oh man-na!"

MARCH 17, 2024

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, March 19

12:05 pm Dec. Husbands of Widows of Prayer

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, March 20

12:05 pm Dec. Tom Harp

Friday, March 22

12:05 pm Dec. Maria Esther Rivera Calderson

Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm Dec. Charles T. Brodnicki

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

8:00 am Dec. Larry Mathers

10:00 am Members of St. Joseph Parish

6:30 pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 18

6:00 pm Lenten Penance Service in Church

Tuesday, March 19

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, LL 10-12

1:00 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209

6:30 pm Pillars Easter Dinner Mtg., Great Hall

Wednesday, March 20

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting, Great Hall

6:30 pm Book Club, St. Joseph Room

Thursday, March 21

5:30 pm Multimedia Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at St. Joe's

6:30 pm Choir in Church

Friday, March 22

10:00 am Bible Study, Rooms 210-212

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Sunday, March 24

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, Holly Hall

11:05 am Faith Sharing, Room 209

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!

ST JOSEPH PARISH

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!

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.

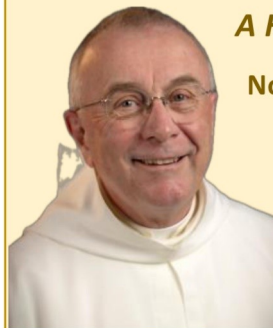
Grant Distribution

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.

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2023-2024 Series

HOLY WEEK – MONDAY, MAR 25, 7 PM



A Holy Week Meditation

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FR. TIM SHILLCOX,

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