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March 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

We are already at the Third Sunday of Lent! Didn't we just get ashes? We will be at the halfway mark to Easter next week! So how are you doing with your Lenten promises? Have you prayed more? Have you been good about those chocolates you gave up? Have you been kinder and more generous with other people? If we've slipped on our promises, we still have time! For the next three weeks we will participate in scrutinies with Emiliano Victoria at the 10am Mass. Emiliano is our "elect" member who will be receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. During this sacred time before entering the church, Emiliano will scrutinize his life and look at those areas where he needs to grow in his faith and in his love for Christ. Each Sunday, he will be prayed over and challenged to look at areas of blindness, areas where he lacks compassion, and areas where he is broken and needs God's tender mercy. It's wonderful that Emiliano goes through these scrutinies, but we are all called to scrutinize our lives, as well. Although we have all gone through the waters of baptism, we have all slipped and have lost our way at times. During this season as we walk with Emiliano, we all walk with Christ, too. We sit with Christ at the well and have a conversation with him just like the Samaritan woman. We ask for clearer sight and a new vision of ourselves and our world like the blind man. We pray that we do not get stuck in tombs of fear and complacency, but we hear the voice of Christ calling us to new life as he did for his friend, Lazarus. Yes, we gather around our brother, Emiliano, during these next weeks rooting him on in the faith but it would be a great loss if we didn't look at our relationship with Christ, too. The Lord calls all of us to something different this year. We are called to be better people than we were last year. Let's hear the call this year in a deeper way and become those people God created us to be. It's a tough walk but it leads to greater peace and a deeper joy. Let's keep walking together in these last weeks and allow Christ to work on our hearts. Happy Third Sunday of Lent!!

Lenten Habitat Collection



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.

There is a banner in church that 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



We're into week five 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, 174 parishioners have contributed **\$37,940**, which is 43% of our target. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

Baptismal Preparation Class

Baptismal preparation classes are held every other month on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next session is on **Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm** in Room 209. To register, contact Deacon Mark Farrell at: 920-422-2892.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

Stations of the Cross are held during Lent on Thursdays at 5:30 pm, with soup to follow. The dates for March: **St Joe's: March 7 & 21**
St Mary's: March 14

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.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

February 18—Ilya (Yossi) Tabakh—\$25
February 19—Tierney May-Werth—\$25
February 20—Fr. Jim Leary—\$25
February 21—Douglas Verhagen—\$25
February 22—Pat Riedl—\$25
February 23—Caroline Lampereur—\$25
February 24—Tom Binder—\$25

Please Pray For...

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

MARCH 3, 2024 / THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Community News

ThedaCare At Home Seeks Volunteers for their Hospice Program in the Fox Valley & Surrounding Areas

ThedaCare At Home is seeking hospice volunteers in the Fox Valley and the surrounding communities to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team as they visit patients in their homes and at long-term care facilities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual and family needs of those on hospice by providing companionship and respite. *They really are the heart of hospice!*

Training is provided, and helps build on a volunteer's experience and skills to learn about hospice philosophy, comfort care, and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Shana Farrell via phone at: 920-422-7583 or email: shana.farrell@thedacare.org to learn more about this opportunity and upcoming trainings.

Financial News

(2/17/24 - 2/18/24)

Tithing Needed\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing..... \$12,656.10
Auto Withdrawal \$665.00
Children's Collection..... \$27.00
IRA's/Donations \$4,000.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of March 3

Sunday: Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6

Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lk 18:9-14

Next 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

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SPIRITUS Ministries
presents

COR JESU

**Adoration, confession,
and praise and worship**

All young adults are welcome to join for fellowship after benediction.

Every 1st Thursday, 7pm

St. Mary's, Appleton
312 S State St.
Appleton, WI 54911

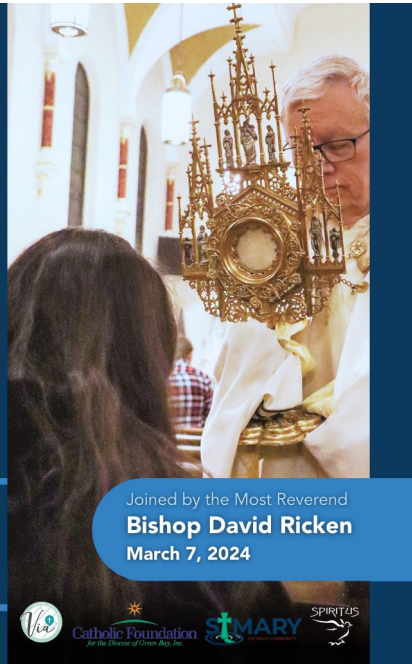


More info:
spiritusministries.org/corjesu

Joined by the Most Reverend
Bishop David Ricken
March 7, 2024







Songs Stories & Fun!

at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

March 8 Marquette Street Campus
13 McDonald Street Campus

All events begin at 9:00 a.m.

Open to children **ages 2-5**
with parents/grandparents.
Younger siblings welcome!



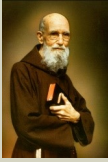
Grant Distribution

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.

MARCH 3, 2024

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



*Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us*

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

12:05 pm Dec. Bruce Carew

Friday, March 8

12:05 pm Dec. Elva & Herb Dorn

Saturday, March 9

4:00 pm Dec. Lincoln Lyon & Son Jeffrey

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am Dec. Jean Kucinski
10:00 am Dec. Doris Weyers
6:30 pm Dec. Barbara Kozlowski

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 4

6:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting, Holly Hall

Tuesday, March 5

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Great Hall
1:00 pm Lenten Presentation, Holly Hall
1:00 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 pm Faith Formation Family Night,
Holly Hall
6:30 pm Book Club, St. Joseph Room

Thursday, March 7

5:30 pm Stations & Soup Supper at St. Joe's
6:30 pm Choir in Church
6:30 pm Parish Family Life Mtg., Room 209

Friday, March 8

10:00 am Bible Study, Rooms 210-212

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

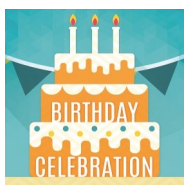
Prayer Shawl Giveaway after 4 pm Mass

Sunday, March 10

11:05 am Faith Sharing, Room 209

Prayer Shawl Giveaway after 8 & 10 am Masses

March Birthdays



We have 235 parishioners celebrating a Birthday in March! Have a Happy and Blessed day!

We wish to acknowledge all those who are 80 and over: Kathy L, Charles M, Peggy S, Sandra T, Beverly L, Darlene W, Ruth H, Phyllis B, Pat B, Patricia D, Brunhilde C, Len H, Pat L, Clarice B, Noreen W, Ron H & Ron P.

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Help for the Homeless Collection



The Family's Hygiene Drive runs through this weekend, March 3. Boxes are in the Great Hall. Most needed items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, soft soap, disposable razors, wet wipes, diapers and pull-ups (sizes 3-6) and unscented deodorant. More information at: TheFamily.net. Thank you for your support!

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.

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's Parish on Saturday, March 9 after the 4:00 pm Mass and Sunday, March 10 after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.



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