

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

### 1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

### 2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



### 3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

### 4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



### 5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



### 6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



### 7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

### 8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

### 9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

### 10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

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*Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Victoria Rios +

### Sunday, February 21

#### - First Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Don Van Camp +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, February 22

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, February 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Jane Case +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, February 24

6:00-6:45 p.m. Adoration & Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Dale Helmer +

### Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Diann Huss +

### Friday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

### Saturday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Huseman +

### Sunday, February 28

#### - Second Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Having entered into this holy and penitential season with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**, the Church celebrates the **First Sunday of Lent** this weekend (February 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>). Our Gospel reading (*Mark 1:12-15*) entering into these *forty days* speak of Jesus' own *forty days* in the desert. His *forty days* serve to sum up in His person the forty years which Israel spent in the wilderness, moving from slavery to the Promised Land. In the same way, these *forty days of Lent* provide the form for our own facing of temptation with the spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The whole season of Lent is to serve as an intense moment of the Church's penitential practice. As described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraph #1438) this season is one "*particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).*" It is to serve as a reminder that we are in a spiritual battle. Or, as we hear from Job 7:1, "*Is not life on earth warfare?*"

In this spiritual warfare, we fight against temptation and sin. Through our spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we grow in our disciplines and the spiritual life so that we may not be overcome (*Hebrews 12:1-13*). Though we may falter throughout our Lenten journey, take heart and do not allow yourself to be overwhelmed. When we feel overwhelmed, we turn to the loving arms of our Saviour and find rest (*Matthew 11:28-30*). And, in His rest, we find the strength to pick up our cross and continue along this Lenten journey (*Luke 9:23-27*). For, through faith, we know that God is watching over us, as he did over his Beloved Son in the Desert.

The Lord desires to use this Lenten season to bring us even closer to Him. This is a journey, however, that takes time. It is a journey that moves little by little each and everyday of the Lenten season. And, as so often happens, it's a journey that may seem very different than what we had planned. But, the Lord will work in each moment, if we only let Him. May we be open to the workings of the Spirit this Lenten season.

### CANON LAW AND SCHOOL UPDATES

Several have recently asked how my studies with Canon Law have been going since I haven't given an update since last semester. This past Fall semester, I completed the last of the language requirements needed for the licentiate (*which is the degree I am working towards*), so the remainder of my classes are now fully focused on the law itself. Having started the Spring semester, I am currently taking a class in *Ordained Ministry*, which looks specifically at how the canons relate to deacons, priests, and bishops. I am also beginning to narrow down topics for my dissertation, which will be due in the Summer of 2022.

The School of Canon Law is still trying to determine what our Summer semester will look like, either taking place in person at Catholic University in Washington, DC, or taking place entirely online. Regardless of the format, I will be taking four courses this summer: *Religious Liberty; Teaching Office; Sanctions; and Temporal Goods*. In addition to my studies at Catholic University, I've recently taken advantage of a program offered by our diocese and am now also working towards a Certificate in Church Management from Villanova University. This year-long seminar offers insight into and advice for parish administration.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon., Feb. 22 - First Week of Lent - The

Chair of St. Peter the Apostle - 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

Tues., Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wed., Feb. 24 - Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

Thurs., Feb. 25 - Est C:12,14-16,23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

Fri., Feb. 26 - Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

Sat., Feb. 27 - Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

Sun., Feb. 28 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.





Friday, March 12 \* 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tickets available in the parish office or after Masses  
February 27/28 & March 6/7 Weekends



If you have not yet turned in your raffle tickets, there is still time! Winners will be drawn at the next St. Joseph Women's Group meeting, Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Need not be present to win!

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Feb. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 20 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 21 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 23 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Feb. 24 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 26 - Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 27 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 27 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 28 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 28 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 2 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 2 - Knights of Columbus meeting via Zoom
- Wed., Mar. 3 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 5 - Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low (Latin) Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 5 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 6 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 6 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 7 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 7 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.  
7th & 8th Grade leading the Stations of the Cross - 8:40 a.m. In Church
- Fri., Mar. 12 - K of C Drive Thru Fish Fry - 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 12 - Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 13 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 14 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 14 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

The Light is ON  for You.

*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

This Lent, every Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have Confessions available on **Tuesday, March 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.



All 4th grade through high school students are invited! Altar server "refresher" training Sunday, February 21st and new server training Sunday, February 28th both at 8:30-9:30 a.m. (during Religious Education time)

### **St. Joseph Parish Finance Report February 13/14**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,064.00  
Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
Loose- \$160.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$259.81  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$10.00  
Bulletin Ads- \$350.00

**Total- \$2,846.81**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$294.71 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$25.25

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to St. Joseph's!*

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### **TODAY'S CATHOLIC '40 FACES OF LENT'**

Today's Catholic would love to share your inspirational Lenten story with other Catholics in the upcoming '40 Faces of Lent' article. Let us know how honoring the Lenten season transforms your faith life by submitting a 50-word response to one of the following questions:

- What does Lent mean to you?
- What is one way you observe Lent?
- How has the Lenten season brought you closer to God?

Submit responses along with a high-resolution headshot to [jbarton@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jbarton@diocesefwsb.org). Submission deadline is March 4.

### **From Death To New Life**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mildred Huss, mother of Dave (Margie) Huss and grandmother of Nathan (Missy) Huss, great-grandmother of Elisse, Darren, Corey and Brooklynn, who passed away Sunday, February 14, 2021

May God welcome Mildred home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

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