

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, March 19 - Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM\*

*\*Join us for Ice Cream in the Social Hall following 7 PM Mass\**

## PARISH MISSION - LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME

Monday, March 30 - Wednesday, April 1

Monday: Mrs. Lea Oberhausen - Prayer Service and Conference at 7 PM

Tuesday: Rev. David Meinzen - Prayer Service and Conference at 7 PM

Wednesday: Rev. Ben Muhlenkamp - Mass and Conference at 7 PM

## Soup Supper

Fridays at 5:30-6:30 PM

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Tuesdays ~ 8:30-9 AM; Wednesdays ~ 6-6:45 PM; Saturdays ~ 4-4:45 PM

Parish Penance Service ~ Thursday, April 2 ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday ~ 8 AM ♦ Wednesday ~ 7 PM

### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Aloysius - Tuesday, March 17 at 7 PM | St. Mary's, Decatur - Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

St. Mary / Sts. Peter & Paul, Huntington - Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, March 15

#### - Third Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Meredith McCarter +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

### Monday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, March 17

8:00 a.m. No Mass

### Wednesday, March 18

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Jim Cole +

### Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Adam Bauman +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Friday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Diane Humphrey Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Sunday, March 22

#### - Fourth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Terry Flowers & Angela (Flowers) Morris +

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 16 - Lenten Weekday - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Lk 4:24-30**

**Tues., Mar. 17 - Lenten Weekday - St. Patrick, Bishop - Dn 3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35**

**Wed., Mar. 18 - Lenten Weekday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Dt 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19**

**Thurs., Mar. 19 - Lenten Weekday - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/ Rom 4:13,16-18,22/ Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a**

**Fri., Mar. 20 - Lenten Weekday - Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34**

**Sat., Mar. 21 - Lenten Weekday - Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14**

**Sun., Mar. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38**

## ST. JOSEPH'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

As was announced last weekend, Bishop Rhoades has directed all parishes in our Diocese to adopt several precautionary measures at Masses for the remainder of the flu season and in response to the Coronavirus. These directives include: *Refraining from holding hands during the Our Father, omitting the optional Sign of Peace after the Our Father, and suspending distribution of the Most Precious Blood from the chalice.*

If and when additional directives are shared by the Diocese, we will also adopt those measures, helping to ensure the health and wellbeing of our parish family. Bishop Rhoades also encourages that anyone who is sick or has symptoms of being sick to remain home so as not to spread illness.

I would also encourage each of us to pray in a special way through the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and our parish. May we ask St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf to Our Lord Jesus Christ for protection from the Coronavirus, healing for those who have already been infected and mercy and eternal rest for those who have died.

In addition to our own precautions, we have also been informed from our area nursing homes that they are suspending outside activities for the foreseeable future. These activities include our monthly Masses at River Terrace and Christian Care, as well as our weekly Communion Calls and visits to all of the nursing homes.

If you have a loved one in a nursing home within Wells County that would like to see a priest or who has fallen ill and needs to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office (824-1380) to let us know. This will allow us to contact the nursing home and make the necessary arrangements to visit as soon as possible.

### Third Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2020

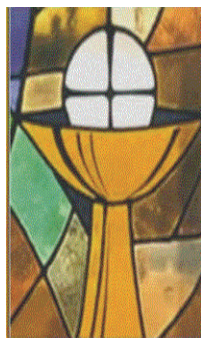
This weekend, the Church celebrates the 3rd Sunday of Lent. This Sunday marks the first of the three Scrutinies, which are ancient practices, dating back to the 2nd Century, that serve as a time of intense preparation for Catechumens preparing for Baptism and Candidates preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Our Gospels throughout the next three weekends will focus on the call to conversion and the universal call to holiness for our Catechumens, our Candidates, and ourselves.

We are called to use these forty days of Lent to renew ourselves and our relationship with the Lord. By renewing all and every part of our lives in Christ, we prepare ourselves to celebrate, both individually and as a family, the joy of Easter Sunday. As a parish, we attempt to offer many different chances for renewal through the Sacraments, times for prayer, and fraternity together. Recognizing that our Lenten journey is one that is often very different depending on where we are in life, it is my prayer that our parish can offer a wide variety of opportunities for growth in the spiritual life to aid all of our parishioners in their personal Lenten journey.

This week, we continue our parish Novena to St. Joseph (*additional copies of which are available in the narthex*). This novena leads us to the celebration of the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin**. To celebrate this great feast of our patron, **we will offer two Masses on Thursday, March 19th: 8 AM and 7 PM**. Following the 7 PM Mass, our Social Committee will be hosting an **ice cream sundae bar** in celebration of St. Joseph (*coming from the Italian tradition of the St. Joseph Table*). Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele and Jim Mueller.



Training for  
New  
Extraordinary  
Ministers of  
Holy  
Communion  
Monday  
March 16 & 23  
6:30 in Church  
Please call the  
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**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
Friday, April 3, 2020  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

**Menu**  
All You Can Eat Fish Adult Meal ... \$10  
Child's Meal (Ages 6-12) ... \$6  
Children 5 and under ... \$0  
Included with Adult/Child Meal  
- Cheesy Hash Browns Potatoes  
- Green Beans  
- Dressed Roll/Butter  
- Homemade Dessert  
- Drink (Water, Lemonade, Coffee)  
Dine in or Carry Out. (All You Can Eat Fish, Dip is Only)

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 5**

**Palm Sunday**  
Procession of Palms  
9:45 a.m.  
Begin outside of the Parish  
Office to the Church  
(weather permitting)

If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness, Mass is televised on WFFT, FOX CH. 55 at 10:30am Sunday morning and from Heart of the Nation online at [www.heartofthenation.org/online-mass/sunday-mass](http://www.heartofthenation.org/online-mass/sunday-mass)

#### **PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sun., Mar. 15 - Young Adult Gathering - 5-6:00 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 16 & Mon., Mar. 23 - Training of new Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion with Monica Harris - 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 16 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 17 - St. Aloysius Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 18 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 19 - Thurs., Mar. 26 - Michelle will be out of the office.
- Thurs., Mar. 19 - RCIA - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day - Mass at 7:00 p.m.- Ice Cream Celebration following Mass in the Social Hall.
- Fri., Mar. 20 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 20 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 22 - No Religious Education Classes - Spring Break
- Mon., Mar. 23 - Training of new Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion with Monica Harris - 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 25 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 26 - RCIA - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 27 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 27 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 29 - No Religious Education Classes - Spring Break
- Mon., Mar. 30, Tues., Mar. 31 and Wed. April 1 - St. Joseph Parish Mission "Living the Faith at Home" - Prayer Services 7:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., April 2 - RCIA - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., April 2 - St. Joseph Lenten Penance Service - 6:30 p.m.

#### **WEEKEND OF March 21/22, 2020**

##### **CANTORS:**

5:00 Jay Crisp  
7:30 Mike Morrissey  
10:00 Larry Leitz

##### **LECTORS:**

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker  
7:30 Geoff Frank  
10:00 Marita Crawfis

##### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 1 Volunteer  
7:30 1 Volunteer  
10:00 1 Volunteer

##### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**

5:00 Volunteers  
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family  
10:00 Mike/Rebecca Anderson Family

##### **SERVERS:**

5:00 McKenna McNabb, Alex/Sam Mechling  
7:30 Justin Mayer, Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer  
10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Kody Coyne, Charlie Andrews

##### **Online Giving - February 2020**

Adult Collection- \$1,795.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$135.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$490.00  
**Total Online Giving- \$2,420.00**

##### **Collection for Weekends of March 7/8, 2020**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,203.00  
Child Envelopes- \$26.01  
Loose- \$284.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$5.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$230.00  
ALPHA donation- \$44.00  
Votive Candles- \$153.63  
**Total- \$3,945.64**

*Thank you for your gifts  
to St. Joseph's!*

##### **The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.**

We were \$3,866.94 ahead of our monthly budget for February. We are \$972.32 behind our monthly budget for March.

##### **Other Collections within our Parish-**

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00  
St. Joseph Women's Grp. Dues- \$10.00

32nd ABA Over Goal  
(payment #10)- \$585.76

##### **Online Giving- February-**

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$80.00  
**Diocesan Special Collections-**  
Black/Indian Mission- \$40.00

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##### **REDEEMER RADIO SPRING SHARATHON - March 18-20**

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##### **~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION ~ 7:00 P.M.**

**TOPIC: LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME**

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, AND TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

**~ 7:00 P.M. PRAYER SERVICES ~**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 ~ 7:00 P.M. MASS**

**~ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE ~**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2 ~ 6:30 P.M.**

*"Humility, obedience, meekness, and love are the virtues that shine through the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. O my Jesus, help me imitate you!"*

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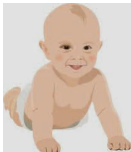
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