

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

- 1 Examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins.
- 2 Begin your Confession by saying,  
"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last Confession. These are my sins..."
- 3 The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray after Confession (called **penance**), as a response to God's mercy.
- 4 The priest will then ask you to pray the **Act of Contrition** out loud, demonstrating your sorrow for your sins.
- 5 The priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the **Prayer of Absolution**. You respond "**Amen.**"
- 6 The priest will likely say, "God has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." You can respond, "**Thanks be to God.**"

### SOME TIPS:

- When confessing your sins, **be specific**, but avoid unnecessary details and background information.
- If you're not sure if something is a sin, **just ask** the priest.
- **Don't forget to do your penance.**  
If it's saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

### ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

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ON for You.

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Tuesday, March 9th - 6-8 PM



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 6

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

### Sunday, March 7

#### - Third Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, March 8

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, March 10

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Don Gruss +

### Thursday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Frances Braun +

### Friday, March 12

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. David Paul Butler +

### Sunday, March 14

#### - Fourth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 7, 2021

Entering into the Third Sunday of Lent (*March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>*), we would now normally begin the Lenten Scrutinies. The yearly scrutinies are moments of intense prayer by our parish family for those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This would also change our Gospel readings for the coming weekends, taking extended readings from Year A, though we are in Year B of the three-year lectionary cycle. This year, however, we do not have any **catechumens** in our RCIA program, or those adults preparing for baptism. As such, we will continue to follow the lectionary readings for Year B.

Though we do not have any **catechumens** this year, we do have several **Candidates for Full Communion** who have participated in RCIA and other catechetical instruction. These individuals, having been baptized with the Trinitarian formula in other denominations, are now seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Though they will not undergo the formal Lenten Scrutinies, let us continue, as a parish family, to keep these individuals in our prayers throughout the remainder of this Lenten Season as they prepare to join us at the altar.

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Our **Lenten Parish Mission** will be held from **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**, offered both in-person in the Church and via live-stream. This mission will enter us into **Holy Week** and lead us into the **Sacred Paschal Triduum** with a special focus on the Sacrament of Confession. We will also be utilizing several different approaches for these three days: Viewing the **FORMED.org** three-part, 90-minute series, **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**; Participating in discussion on the Sacrament of Confession; Joining together in Mass with a homily focused on the Sacrament of Confession.

On Monday (*March 29<sup>th</sup>*), we will view parts one (*Where are You?*) and two (*An Encounter with Mercy*) of the **Forgiven** series and have the opportunity for discussion following. On Tuesday (*March 30<sup>th</sup>*), we will view part three (*Embrace in Mercy: The Rite Explained*), the final part of the **Forgiven** series. Afterwards, we will host a live-viewing of the **Chrism Mass** for those who wish to view it in the Church, live-streamed from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. On Wednesday (*March 31<sup>st</sup>*), we will have our evening 7:00 p.m. Mass with an extended homily focused on the Sacrament of Confession.

The **Forgiven** series is a wonderful exploration into the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, **Forgiven** communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## UPCOMING PROJECT - FLOWER/GARDEN BEDS

With approval from our Parish Council, we are planning to build several raised beds for flowers and gardening space behind the Church (to the side of our pole barn) as the weather warms. These beds will allow us to grow fresh flowers for use in the Church and can also be used by parishioners as a form of community garden. If you would be interested in helping to construct the raised beds, provide supplies, or assist with the gardening and upkeep of the beds, please contact the Parish Office (824-1380).

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 8 - Third Week of Lent - St. John of God, Religious** - 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30

**Tues., Mar. 9 - St. Francis of Rome, Religious** - Dn 3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35

**Wed., Mar. 10 - Dt 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19**

**Thurs., Mar. 11 - Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23**

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

**Sat., Mar. 13 - Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14**

**Sun., Mar. 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21**



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.





St. Joseph Women's Group will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. The winners of the Raffle will be drawn at the meeting, so if you have not yet turned yours in, there is still time to do so!



Don't forget to pick up your tickets after all Masses this weekend or in the Parish office, for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Featuring Dan's Fish Fry - Drive-Thru only - Friday, March 12th - 4-7:00 p.m.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- 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.
- Tues., Mar. 9 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 9 - The Light is ON for You! Confession 6-8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall - Raffle drawing will be held; need not be present to win. Winners will be notified.
- Wed., Mar. 10 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- 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.
- Tues., Mar. 16 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Mar. 17 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Confessions 5-5:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 20 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break

The Light is ON for You.  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday, March 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### DISCUSSION FORUM

#### Modern Moral Issues

Fr. David will hold a Discussion Forum - Modern Moral Issues, Sunday March 14, 8:30-9:30 in the Parish Social Hall and on Wednesday, March 17 following 7:00 p.m. Mass, approximately 7:45 p.m., also in the Parish Social Hall.





**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
March 29, 30 and 31  
7:00 p.m. in the Church  
Please see Fr. David's  
article for specific details!

# Lenten Mission

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report February 27/28

February Online Giving-  
\$5,180.00

Adult Envelopes- \$2,357.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$158.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$349.66

Religious Ed. Fund- \$0

Bulletin Ad- \$150.00

Votive Candles- \$158.46

**Total- \$3,143.12**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We were \$2,863.82 *ahead of* our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$135.00

St. Vincent de Paul Fund Online  
Giving for February- \$170.00

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

**osvonlinegiving.com/4741**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - February

Utilities- \$246.92

Housing- \$250.00

Charitable Donations within the Community- \$1,500.00

**Total Charitable Donations- \$1,996.92**

*Thank you* for helping us help others!

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

### ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

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

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-St. Mother Teresa


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## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore.

O guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel filled with confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

O Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

### **Let us pray.**

O Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for us a pure, humble, and charitable mind and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be our guide, father and model through life, that we may merit to die as you did, in the arms of Jesus and Mary.



## WHAT IS A NOVENA?

The word “novena” is derived from the Latin word for nine, or “novem.” Typically, a novena refers to nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, often through a Saint’s intercession. Novenas are a beautiful way to grow purposeful, consistent, and persistent in our daily prayer to the Lord.

Scripturally, the nine days of prayer are often seen as referring to the nine days from the Ascension to Pentecost.

## PRAYING THE ST. JOSEPH NOVENA?

To join in the St. Joseph Novena, repeat the **Novena to St. Joseph** Prayer each day for nine days, followed by the prayer for each specific day (March 10th - Day One).

### DAY ONE

O great St. Joseph, with feelings of unlimited confidence, we beg you to bless this novena that we begin in your honor.

"You are never invoked in vain" says the seraphic St. Theresa of Jesus. Be you then to me what you have been to that spouse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and graciously hear me as you did her. Amen.

### DAY TWO

O blessed Saint Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin, we pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father, His divine son, bathed in blood on the Cross for sinners, and through the thrice holy name of Jesus obtain for us of the eternal Father the favor for which we ask your intercession.

Amid the splendors of eternity, forget not the sorrows of those who pray, those who weep; stay the almighty arm which smites us, that by your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, the Heart of Jesus may be moved to pity and to pardon. Amen

### DAY THREE

Blessed St. Joseph, enkindle in our hearts a spark of your charity. May God be always the first and only object of our affections. Keep our souls always in sanctifying grace and, if we should be so unhappy as to lose it, give us the strength to recover it by a sincere repentance. Help us to such a love of our

God as will always keep us united to Him.

O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Amen.

### DAY FOUR

Saint Joseph, pride of Heaven, unfailing hope for our lives, and support of those on earth, graciously accept our prayer of praise. You were appointed spouse of the chaste Virgin by the Creator of the world. He willed that you be called "father" of the Word and serve as agent of our salvation. May the triune God who bestowed upon you heavenly honors, be praised forever. And may He grant us through your merits the joy of a blessed life and a favorable answer to our petition.

Amen.

### DAY FIVE

O holy St. Joseph, what a lesson your life is for us, ever so eager to display before the eyes of men the graces that we owe entirely to the liberality of God. In addition to the special favor for which we plead in this novena, grant that we may attribute to God the glory of all things, that we may love the humble and hidden life, that we may not desire any other position than the one given us by Providence and that we may always be a docile instrument in the hands of God.

Amen.

### DAY SIX

O glorious Saint Joseph, appointed by the Eternal Father as the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ, the comfort and support of His Holy Mother, and the instrument in His great design for the redemption of mankind; you who had the happiness of living with Jesus and Mary, and of dying in their arms, be moved with confidence we place in you, and procure for us from the Almighty, the particular favor which we humbly ask through your intercession.

Amen.

### DAY SEVEN

O faithful and prudent Saint Joseph, watch over our weakness and our inexperience; obtain for us that prudence which reminds us of our end, which directs our paths and which protects us from every danger.

Pray for us, then, O great Saint, and by your love for Jesus and Mary, and by their love for you, obtain for us the favor we ask in this novena.

Amen.

### DAY EIGHT

O blessed Joseph, to whom it was given not only to see and to hear that God whom many kings longed to see and saw not; to hear and heard not; but also to carry Him in your arms, to embrace Him, to clothe Him, and to guard and defend Him, come to our assistance and intercede with Him to look favorably on our present petition.

Amen.

### DAY NINE

O good Saint Joseph, help us to be like you, gentle to those whose weakness leans on us; help us to give to those who seek our aid, succor that they may journey unafraid.

Give us your faith, that we may see the right shining above the victories of might.

Give us your hope that we may stand secure, untouched by doubting, steadfast to endure.

Give us your love that as the years increase an understanding heart may bring us peace.

Give us your purity that the hour of death finds us untouched by evil's breath.

Give us your love of labor that we shirk no lot in life that calls us for honest work.

Give us your love of poverty so that we live contented, let wealth come or go.

Give us your courage that we may be strong; give us your meekness to confess our sins.

Give us your patience that we may possess the kingdom of our souls without distress.

Help us, dear Saint, to live that when life ends we pass with you to Jesus and His friends.

O Glorious Saint Joseph, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Amen.