

LAETARE

Rejoice Jerusalem!



SUNDAY

Be Joyful!

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

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 ~ Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM



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Friday, April 5

4:30 - 7:30 PM



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY WEEK

Holy Tuesday (April 16) ~ Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM

at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Good Friday (April 19) ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

• Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

• Confessions from 7:45-8:15 PM

• Tenebrae Service at 8:30 PM

Holy Saturday (April 20) ~ Easter Vigil at 9 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Easter Sunday (April 21) ~ Mass of Easter Day at 7:30 AM & 10 AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Trey Hughett + & Ty Long +

Sunday, March 31

- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Joseph Mayer +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Waller Booth +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Corey & Stacey
Coulardot Family
8:30 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, April 3

6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Dan Runyon +

Thursday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

Friday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Welling +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, April 6

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. **Bill Lautzenheiser +**

Sunday, April 7

- Fifth 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 +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 1 - Fourth Week of Lent - Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54

Tues., Apr. 2 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit - Ez 47:1-9,12/ Jn 5:1-16


Wed., Apr. 3 - Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30

Thurs., Apr. 4 - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the church - Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47

Fri., Apr. 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest - Wis 2:1a,12-22/ Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sat., Apr. 6 - Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53

Sun., Apr. 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Is 43:16-21/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

 Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, and Heidi Geisel.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31, 2019- C

Today, the Church celebrates the 4th Sunday of Lent, or *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* is Latin for "Rejoice" and is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for our Mass, which states: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast" (cf. Isaiah 66:10-11). As we approach this midpoint of Lent, today serves as a reminder that, though we walk now in this penitential season, soon our days of fasting will give way to feasting and rejoicing. For this reason, the priest wears rose vestments today, mixing the rich violet of Lent, a penitential color, with the festive gold of Easter, a color of joy. But, as we look forward to the joy that is to come, we must not lose sight of the journey that still remains. This day serves as a chance to review and renew our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As we rejoice in what is to come and steadfast ourselves for the remainder of our Lenten journey this Sunday, we will fully enter into the desert next Sunday. Next Sunday will bring us to the last two weeks of Lent, which is often referred to as Passiontide. During this time, our prayer begins to focus even more deeply on our Lord's Passion and death. We will see this reflected in the church itself as all sacred images (other than our stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross) will be veiled. I would also encourage each family to extend this Passiontide practice of veiling sacred images into the "domestic church," or our homes, to enter more deeply into our liturgical life.

In the veiling sacred images, we fast from the beauty of these devotionals to recognize that something different is happening throughout this time as we heighten our focus on the Passion narrative. And, as the images are veiled, that means that, on Easter Sunday, the veils shall be removed. This serves to both build upon our anticipation for Easter Sunday and act as a reminder that we journey towards the heavenly kingdom. Like our Lenten journey that leads us to the joy of the resurrection, our earthly life too will pass away as we reach the eternal homeland. That which we see indistinctly now, we will see clearly then as the veil is removed from our eyes (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:12). Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Tommy Lane (Mount St. Mary's Seminary)

There is a great search for happiness and fulfillment in life now. The emphasis now is on enjoying life. That search for happiness and fulfillment is symbolized by the prodigal son who went in search of happiness in the parable in today's Gospel (Luke 15). The only problem was that he thought he could find happiness in what the parable calls a life of debauchery (Luke 15:13). We would say now he tried to find happiness by satisfying his every desire whether moral or immoral. This eventually led him to living with the pigs in the piggery. But true happiness is not to be found outside of ourselves, but within ourselves, in our own hearts. I am sure if his father or anybody else had tried to show him before he left home that he would be wasting his life and money, he would not listen. He had to be left to learn the hard way, from his own mistake, since there was no way you could reason with him. He also had to decide himself to come home. If someone went to bring him home he would resent it.

That younger son reminds me of the struggle of society at this time to be successful. We have a booming economy... but in many ways we have a spiritual famine in our country at the moment. Because of that spiritual famine in some ways we have ended up like the younger son living with the pigs in the piggery. We could think of the instances of drug and alcohol abuse, all the fraud and stealing in the workplace, murders and violence, marital infidelity, priestly infidelity, all the rows and tensions between people. Because of these and so many other things we could say we are like the younger son living with the pigs in need of returning to our Father. So let us return, we won't find happiness with the pigs. Happiness is to be found within, not outside of ourselves.

In the parable we are given a most beautiful description of our heavenly Father. He is outside of the house waiting for the younger son to return (Luke 15:20). When the son returns his father runs to him, clasps him in his arms, kisses him, brings him in and throws a party for him. When we return to God he throws a party for us. Not only does he come out of the house once, but he comes out a second time to try to persuade the elder son to come in (Luke 15:28). Our heavenly Father welcomes each of us to his party. The most beautiful line for me in the parable is what the father says to the elder son, "All I have is yours." Our heavenly Father says to us, "All I have is yours." This is a most beautiful promise and invitation. We were not told at the end of the parable whether or not the elder son went in to the party (Luke 15:32). After reading this parable we also have a choice to make, will we stay outside or will we go in to enjoy the Father's party.

Far away hills look green, there are many attractions in life, there are many voices saying to us, "Follow me" or, "Follow your desires and you will find happiness." But the best offer of happiness is from God our Father, "All I have is yours." God our heavenly Father is outside the door waiting for us to come to him. When we return he runs to us, clasps us in his arms and invites us into the party. For the remainder of Lent we might try to make an effort to answer that invitation from our heavenly Father, "all I have is yours." During every Mass we receive the same invitation from Jesus, "This is my Body which will be given up for you...this is the cup of my blood, it will be shed for you." Let us go into the house and enjoy God's party.



SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Come and enjoy soup and fellowship anytime from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and stay for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, April 8, 2019
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



During Lent, our parish will be holding a food drive in support of the local food pantries and resources in Wells County. Please bring in a non-perishable food item each time you come to Church during the Lenten Season and place it in the container in the narthex.



Knights of Columbus - All You Can Eat Fish Fry
Friday, April 5, 2019 - 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Tickets on sale now!



ALL DAY ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, April 4, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

April 7 and April 10 DISCUSSION FORUM

Join Fr. David April 7 between Masses and April 10 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion forum on *End of Life Issues*.



PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., Apr. 2 - Knights of Columbus meeting - Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Wed., Apr. 3 - Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 4 - All Day Adoration 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 5 - Knights of Columbus All You Can Eat Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dessert sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- Sun., Apr. 7, between Masses and Wed., April 10 at 7:30 p.m.- Discussion Forum with Fr. David on End of Life Issues
- Mon., Apr. 8 - Lenten Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 10 - Adoration 5-7:00 p.m. / Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 12 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 16 - April 21 - Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Service and Easter Mass Schedule; please see the front of the bulletin for specific times.
- Sun., Apr. 28 - Last Religious Education Class
- Sun., May 3 - First Communion Mass - 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF APRIL 6/7, 2019

CANTORS:

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

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Monica Harris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Diana Cole, Sandy Smythe, Tammi Helm, Larisa Sudhoff, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Brendan/Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Kody Coyne, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of February March 23/24, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$2,511.00
Child Envelopes- \$20.00
Loose- \$227.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$5.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$20.00
Votive Candles- \$102.37
Bulletin Ads- \$250.00
Alpha Donations- \$154.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Total- \$3,299.37

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

We are \$1,065.36 behind our monthly budget.

Diocesan Special Collections-
Catholic Relief Services- \$15.00

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St. Joseph Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)

April 27 after 5:00 Mass - Ages 12 & under

He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Pizza! Games! Decorate Your Own Cupcake! (all ages!)



From Death To New Life



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary (Batt) Meyer, sister of Ginny (Mike) Fenstermaker, who died Friday, March 22, 2019.

May God welcome Rosemary 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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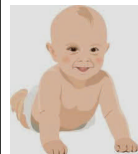
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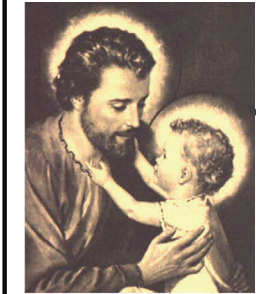
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n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?