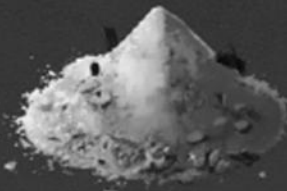




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1 WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY	2 ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	3  ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST
4  ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.	5  AS OUR HEADS ARE BEING ASHED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"	6 THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF PREVIOUS YEARS

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Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton

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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Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Steve & Sherry Makowski -
40th Wedding Anniversary
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 15

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 16

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Greg &
Louise Mayer Family

8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Logan Riley Lautzenheiser +
Noon Parish Family

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

7:00 p.m. Helen Hayes +

Thursday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Bessie & George Harvey +

Friday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the George &
Dianne Witwer Family

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

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

- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

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

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 15 - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

- President's Day - Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13

Tues., Feb. 16 - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10/ Mk 8:14-21

Wed., Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18/ 2
Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs., Feb. 18 - Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 19 - Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 20 - Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Sun., Feb. 21 - First Sunday of Lent - Gn 9:8-
15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Entering into the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (February 13th/14th), we are making our final preparations for the beginning of **Lent**. Even as the snow continues to fall, **Lent** is meant to serve as the hopeful beginning of a spiritual springtime that leads to God's manifold grace blossoming forth on **Easter Sunday**. Over these *forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*, may we discern both what graces from this past year that we seek to make long-lasting in our lives and which practices we need to restore or add to our lives to receive the new gifts Christ wishes to share with us this year.

As we once again enter into this season of *fasting*, our lives are once again meant to mirror the *fasting* of the Church's liturgy. Throughout **Lent**, the liturgy itself is stripped bare and we *fast* from the simple beauty we often take for granted: There are no longer flowers surrounding the altar; The colorful vestments of the priest exclusively turn to violet, reflecting the penitential nature of the season; Our candlesticks and altar crucifix turn to wood to draw our minds to the noble simplicity of the season; Unbleached wax candles are used with these wooden candlesticks as the somber tones of unbleached wax harmonize with the mournful tone of the season; And, finally, neither the *Gloria* nor the *Alleluia* will pass from our lips again until we rejoice together at the **Easter Vigil**.

To begin our Lenten journey, **Mass on Ash Wednesday will be offered at 7:00 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m.** As previously mentioned, there will be a change regarding how ashes are distributed at Mass. Following the guidance of the Vatican, ashes will be sprinkled upon the top of the head instead of being marked on the forehead. This practice, traditionally done in Europe, prevents unnecessary physical contact as a precaution during the ongoing pandemic.

The sprinkling of ashes over each individual also more clearly calls to mind the biblical practice of putting on sackcloth and ashes, such as seen in Nehemiah: "*On the twenty-fourth day of this month, the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their heads covered with dust.*" (Nehemiah 9:1) However the ashes might be received, the interior repentance expressed by this exterior act is at the heart of the action.*

Throughout the Lenten Season, you are invited to join us **every Friday evening for the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.**, starting this Friday, February 19th. Join us either in-person or via live-stream on our parish Facebook page. In addition to this devotion, consider joining us for **daily Mass** throughout the week. **Daily Masses are offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., and Friday at 8:30 a.m.** Throughout Lent, we will be adding an extra hour of Confession every Friday prior to Stations. **Confessions are heard every Tuesday at 8:30-9:00 a.m., Wednesday at 6:00-6:45 p.m., Friday at 6:00-6:45 p.m., Saturday at 4:00-4:45 p.m., and by appointment.**

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*A common question asked on **Ash Wednesday**: "*May non-Catholics come forward to receive ashes?*" The answer: "*Yes.*" Ashes are not a Sacrament, but are a sacramental (like the *Sign of the Cross*). Receiving ashes does not signify a *communion of faith* beyond a need for repentance and a remembrance of our own mortality. All people of good will, acknowledging their need for repentance, are welcome and invited to come forward and "receive" ashes on **Ash Wednesday**.



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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH BOLIVIAN MISSION PROGRAM

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or children, please call the parish office 824-1380 or Sue Singer at 824-8009. Their school year begins in February and concludes in October. Scholarships are \$90 (\$10/month for 9 months) per child, plus an optional Christmas donation. You may pay by the month, for the year or anywhere in between. Please make your check payable to **St. Joseph Church** with **Bolivian Mission** on the memo line of your check.

DISCUSSION FORUM - EXTRATERRESTIALS

Fr. David will lead a Discussion Forum - Extraterrestrials, Wednesday, February 17 after Mass. The Discussion Forum will also be live-streamed via our Facebook page.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Feb. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
 - Sat., Feb. 13 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
 - Sun., Feb. 14 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
 - Sun., Feb. 14 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
 - Tues., Feb. 16 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
 - Wed., Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
 - Fri., Feb. 19 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
 - 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.
 - Wed., Feb. 24 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
 - Fri., Feb. 26 - 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.
 - Fri., Mar 5 - Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low (Latin) Mass 6:00 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



Sadly, the 2021 Rekindle the Fire Conference has been cancelled. Please don't fret the men of Rekindle will be premiering a FREE, 30 minute video every 3rd Sunday of the month. We will introduce a video every month leading up to the 2022 conference in Ft. Wayne. Please join us on rekindlethefire.net or the RTF Facebook Page. Our first video will be at 7pm on February 21st, with a personalized talk from Tim Staples of Catholic Answers and a reflection from St. Monica's, Fr. Jacob Meyer. If you have any questions please email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com or message us through Facebook.



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 6/7

Adult Envelopes- \$2,589.00
Child Envelopes- \$3.00
Loose- \$191.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$2,115.70
Religious Ed. Fund- \$2,270.00
Bulletin Ads- \$450.00
Votive Candles- \$50.00
CDs- \$12.00
Total- \$7,680.70

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$2,564.30 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$55.25

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

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**Ash Wednesday
February 17
Masses- 7:00 a.m.,
Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross
Friday, February 19
7:00 p.m.**

Confession Times- Tuesdays: 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Fridays: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
And by Appointment as needed.

Lent

"LENTEN PRACTICES of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the PURPOSE of life is not PLEASURE.

The PURPOSE OF LIFE is to attain to perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love - WHICH IS THE DEFINITION OF GOD. In pursuing that goal we FIND HAPPINESS." - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

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