

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARING FOR LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

7 AM - Noon - 7 PM*

**Incense will be used at the 7 PM Mass*

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

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC: Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA ~ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/DRE: Michelle Paxton

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22

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. Josephine Jackson +

Sunday, February 23

- 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. Jane Case +

Monday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Nick Wyss +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, February 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Margie Huss +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Parish Family

Noon Pope Francis

7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of Jim
& Irene Dedrick Family

Thursday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Myron Bickley Sr.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates

Friday, February 28

8:00 a.m. John Rickord +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, February 29

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. Richard Jackson +

Sunday, March 1

- First Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Samuel Torres +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

To be Saints is not a privilege for the few

But a vocation for everyone.

Pope Francis

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 24 - Seventh Week in Ordinary

Time - Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29

Tues., Feb. 25 - Jas 4:1-10/ Mk 9:30-37

Wed., Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18/ 2
Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs., Feb. 27 - Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 28 - Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 29 - Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Sun., Mar. 1 - First Sunday of Lent - Gn 2:7-9;
3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 23, 2020

Entering into the **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we have but a few days left to complete our personal preparations for the most sacred **Lenten season**. Our Lord challenges us in our readings this weekend with what it means to be His disciples. **Lent** calls us into forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we might die to ourselves and be better prepared to respond to these challenges of discipleship. As St. Augustine says, "Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God."

As we enter into this season of fasting, our lives are meant to mirror the Church's liturgy. During Lent, the liturgy itself is stripped bare: There are no flowers surrounding the altar, the Priest wears violet vestments to reflect this penitential and mournful season, our candlesticks and altar crucifix turn to wood to draw our minds to the noble simplicity of Lent, unbleached wax candles are used with the candlesticks as the somber tones of unbleached wax harmonize with the mournful tone of this season, and, starting on Ash Wednesday, neither the Gloria nor the Alleluia will pass from our lips again until the Easter Vigil. *Again we keep this solemn fast!*

The front of the bulletin offers a few of our weekly opportunities to make use of throughout the Lenten season: Soup Suppers, Stations of the Cross, daily Mass times, and regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also offer a variety of other opportunities for prayer, charity, and fraternity, including: Showing *The Passion of the Christ*, a Novena to St. Joseph, our Lenten Food Drive, the **Parish Mission (March 30th - April 1st)**, the Palm Sunday Procession, and the Holy Week Liturgies. And, as a reminder, St. Joseph is also open at all hours to serve as a place for prayer.

On **Ash Wednesday** (February 26th), the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** (and distribution of ashes) will be offered at **7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM** (*Note: Incense will be used at the 7 PM Mass*). In the narthex, the parish will make available the Little Black Books, our yearly Lenten devotional, and a parish-created weekly Lenten Guide, offering suggested activities and challenges for each week of Lent. There will also be a box in the narthex throughout Lent to collect non-perishable food donations for the Wells County Food Bank.

As a reminder, both **Ash Wednesday** (Feb. 26th) and **Good Friday** (April 10th) **are to be observed as days of prayer and fasting**. On these two days, we not only abstain from meat, but limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. **Throughout the remainder of Lent, we also abstain from meat on all Fridays**. The biblical practices of fasting (Matthew 9:14-15) and abstinence (Daniel 10:2-3) serve to strengthen our self-discipline and remind us that we live not for the comforts of this world but for life in the heavenly kingdom.

This holy season calls us to tread the way of penance and to mortify our flesh (Romans 8:13) so that we, through the mercy of God, may see our Lord in the glory of His victory over death. How we will live this Lenten season will be different for each of us as we live it out according to our state of life. Yet, in living it out however we are able, we walk with our Lord. May this Lenten season be one that is both challenging and filled with God's abundant grace.

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.



Wedding Banns III

Sadie Herr and Cody Allen

We pray for those preparing for Holy Matrimony

GENTLEMEN!

Men's Basketball, Monday Nights 8-9:00 p.m.

beginning Monday, March 2.

Anyone over 18 is welcome to play!

Contact Jeff Miller with questions.



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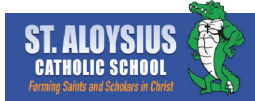
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Remember
you are dust,
and to dust
you shall
return

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses

7:00 a.m.

Noon

7:00 p.m.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat./Sun., Feb. 22/23 - 7th and 8th grade Bake Sale with proceeds to the Bolivian Mission Program for tuition scholarships.
- Wed., Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m. (*Incense will be used at the 7:00 p.m. Mass*)
- Thurs., Feb. 27 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 27 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 28 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 28 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 29 - Herr/Allen Wedding - 2:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 3 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, February 4 - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Mar. 4 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 4 - Parish Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 5 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 6 - Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist / Mass - 5:00 p.m. Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- Fri., Mar. 6 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 6 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 6 - Showing of the movie "The Passion of Christ" - after Stations of the Cross (start time-approximately 7:30 p.m.)
- Sat., Mar. 7 - Alpha - 8:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Sun., Mar. 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring forward!
- Tues., Mar. 10 - St. Joseph Women's Group - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 10 - 9 St. Joseph 9 Day Novena.
- Wed., Mar. 11 - Office Closed; Michelle gone today.
- Wed., Mar. 11 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 12 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 29 and March 1, 2020

CANTORS:

5:00 Marita Crawfis
 7:30 Donna Geisel
 10:00 Nichole Decker

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
 7:30 Sarah McCorkle
 10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Dan/Beth Gordon
 7:30 Dale McCorkle, Margie Huss, Barb Ault
 10:00 Tammi Helm, Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Diana Cole, Rick Singer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteer
 7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
 10:00 Todd/Anjie Hartman Family & Chris/Laurie Reifsteck Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey Huss, Brooklynn Huss, Volunteer
 7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekends of February 15/16, 2020

Adult Envelopes- \$3,325.00
 Child Envelopes- \$16.75
 Loose- \$313.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$473.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$100.00
 Alpha Donations- \$95.00
Total- \$4,322.75

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

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

We are \$3,426.93 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Bolivian Mission-300.00
 St. Vincent de Paul- 971.00

Diocesan Special Collections-

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First Friday Adoration

March 6 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Litany of the Eucharist / Mass at 5:00 p.m.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Mangen, brother of Dave Mangen, who died Sunday, February 16, 2020.

May God welcome Anthony home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

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



**"The ultimate goal of fasting is
 to help each one of us to make
 a complete gift of self to God."**

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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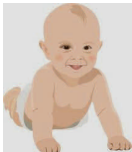
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