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CONFESSION TO A PRIEST

“Jesus said to the disciples again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

John 20:21-23



2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20 - THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

ST. HIPPOLYTUS - APOSTOLIC TRADITION 3, ORDINATION OF BISHOPS (AD 215)

“Grant this your servant, whom you have chosen for the episcopate, the power to feed your holy flock and to serve without blame as your high priest, ministering night and day to propitiate unceasingly before your face and to offer to you the gifts of your holy Church, and by the Spirit of the high priesthood to have the authority to forgive sins.”



ST. CYPRIAN, BISHOP OF CARTHAGE - THE LAPSED 15:1-3 (AD 251)

“Paul likewise bears witness and says: ‘Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord’ (1 Cor. 11:27). But the impenitent spurn and despise all these warnings; before their sins are expiated, before they have made a confession of their crime, before their conscience has been purged in the ceremony and at the hand of the priest... they do violence to the Lord’s body and blood, and with their hands and mouth they sin against the Lord more than when they denied Him.”

ST. BASIL, BISHOP OF CAESAREA - Rules Briefly Treated 288 (AD 374)

“It is necessary to confess our sins to those to whom the dispensation of God’s mysteries is entrusted. Those doing penance of old are found to have done it before the saints. It is written in the Gospel that they confessed their sins to John the Baptist (Matt. 3:6), but in Acts (19:18) they confessed to the apostles.”



ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN - Concerning Repentance (AD 384)

“It seemed impossible that sins should be forgiven through penance; Christ granted this power to the Apostles and from the Apostles it has been transmitted to the office of priests.”

“Don’t be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.”

~ Pope Francis ~

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, March 2nd
7:00 AM - Noon - 7:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Dale & Evelyn Morrissey +

Sunday, February 27

- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +

Monday, February 28

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 1

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Jane Case +
8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family
Noon Parish Family
7:00 p.m. Sue Meyer +

Thursday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Friday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Max Rupley +
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00 Mass

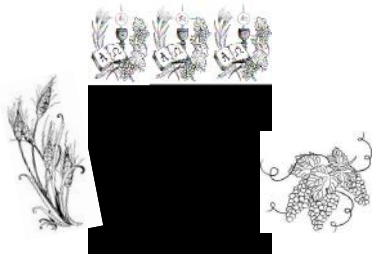
Saturday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. George O. Witwer +

Sunday, March 6

- First 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

Monday, February 28 - Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1 - Shrove Tuesday - 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, March 3 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin - Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 4 - Friday after Ash Wednesday - St. Casimir - World Day of Prayer - Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 5 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday - Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 6 - First Sunday of Lent - Dt 26:4-10/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 27, 2022

This weekend (*Feb. 26th/27th*), the Church celebrates the **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** and is preparing to enter into the holy **Season of Lent**. This season, so rich in mystery, begins this Wednesday, March 2nd, with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday** and, after forty days, will lead us into the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. **Masses for Ash Wednesday will be offered at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM (with incense).**

Please remember, **Ash Wednesday (March 2nd)** is a day of abstinence and fasting. On this day, we abstain from meat (*as we will also do every Friday throughout Lent*) and limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. (*May we also join with Pope Francis and offer this day of fasting for world peace.*) These biblical practices of fasting (*Matthew 9:14-15*) and abstinence (*Daniel 10:2-3*) strengthen our self-discipline and remind us of our true end, which is not here on earth but in heaven.

In addition to our personal Lenten observances that we discern to follow this year, the parish is offering a number of additional opportunities for prayer throughout Lent. This not only includes our regular weekday Mass, Adoration, and Confession schedules, but also a number of special Lenten offerings added to the schedule. Make sure to follow along with the **Parish Calendar** in the bulletin each weekend for a full schedule of these offerings.

Starting this Friday (*March 4th*), we will begin our weekly **Soup Suppers** from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall and **Stations of the Cross** at 7 PM in the Church. On Saturday evening (*March 5th*), we will begin showing *The Chosen series* in the Parish Gym at 6:30 PM. Our diocesan **The Light is On For You** campaign will offer confession in every parish next Tuesday (March 8th) from 6-8 PM. Finally, we are in the final stages of planning our **Lenten Parish Mission** with more information to come soon.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL UPDATES

In addition to our county's declining COVID case-count and moving to "Yellow" this week, we've also received updated liturgical directives from the diocese for Lent. Following these directives, we will have two practices resume on Ash Wednesday: (1) Ashes will be distributed by tracing a cross on the forehead and (2) we will formally resume offering the communal Sign of Peace at all Masses. (*When exchanging the Sign of Peace, please be mindful and respectful of those around you who may wish to continue limiting physical contact with others.*) We will review our approach to our remaining prudential practices in the coming weeks.

DID YOU KNOW? CONFESSION TO A PRIEST

Beginning first from a Scriptural perspective, we know that Jesus Himself forgave sins (*cf. Matt. 9:6; Luke 5:17-26*). He then gave His Church the authority to do likewise (*cf. John 20:21-23*). Finally, we know that the Church exercises this same authority in various ways (*cf. Matt. 18:15-20; Luke 7:47; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; James 5:15-16; 1 Peter 4:8*). In this understanding, we find the Sacrament of Confession.

We go to confession because it is a sacrament given to us by Christ and it has always been a practice of the Church. This sacrament reconciles us first with God and, secondly, with the Church. The priest, serving as a confessor, is not just "another human being," but one who acts *in persona Christi*, or "in the person of Christ." With faith, we believe that when the penitent speaks to the priest, the penitent speaks to Christ, and when the priest speaks, the priest speaks on behalf of Christ. When the priest says the words of absolution ("*I absolve you*"), truly, it is Christ who absolves.

As our sins offend not only God, but the whole Body of Christ, the priest also speaks *in persona ecclesia*, or "in the person of the Church." When we receive absolution from the priest, not only are we forgiven by God, but we are restored to the Body of Christ. We are restored to the new life of grace!



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, and Gene Keys

In Preparation for Ash Wednesday

Please drop off your blessed palms from previous years and place in the basket in the narthex. Ashes from the palms will be used at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Mass times are - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church, meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, March 4th

9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Tuesday, March 8

6-8:00 p.m.

The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., February 26 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., February 26 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - Mardi Gras Celebration Wine/Cheese Tasting - 6:30-10:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 27 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., March 1 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., March 1 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., March 1 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church, meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Mass 7:00 a.m. / Noon / Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., March 3 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 4 - First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Fri., March 4 - Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 4 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., March 5 - First Saturday Confessions following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., March 5 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., March 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., March 6 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., March 8 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.

Weekend of March 5/6, 2022



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



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus/Bruce Holland



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Alex &/or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Kari Bedwell
7:30 Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report February 19/20 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,022.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$100.25

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$620.25

Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00

Donation-Playground- \$900.00

Votive Candles- \$203.81

Greg Mayer Memorials- \$40.00

Total- \$3,911.31

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$510.14 behind our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$513.00

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

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LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd
Mass Times:
7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper
Friday, March 4th
5:30-6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome!

Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 4th
7:00 p.m.

The Chosen (Season 1)
Beginning on
Saturday, March 5th
6:30 p.m.
In the Parish Gym
Please bring your own chair.

Lenten Food Drive
Beginning Wednesday,
March 2nd throughout the
Lenten/Easter Season

Pray, Fast, Give

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March 15-18, 2022



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St. Joseph Parish will be on the Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon on **Tuesday, March 15 from 4-5pm**. Pray, pledge and listen to 106.3FM. Help Redeemer Radio in their mission to share Christ!

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