

ST JOSEPHS PRAYER



THE CHURCH & PURGATORY

“Judas Maccabeus acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead... Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.”

2 Maccabees 12:44-46

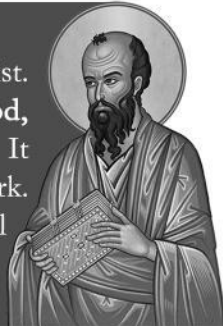


MATTHEW 5:25-26 - THE TEMPORARY PRISON & REPAYING ONE'S DUES

“Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into **prison**. Amen, I say to you, **you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.**”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15 - IMPURITIES BURNED AWAY BY FIRE

“No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw**, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, **that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.**”



ST. CYPRIAN, BISHOP OF CARTHAGE - EPISTLE 51:20 (AD 253)

“It is one thing, when cast into prison, not to go out thence until one has paid the uttermost farthing... [To be] tortured by long suffering for sins [after death], to be cleansed and long purged by fire.”

ST. GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA - SERMON ON THE DEAD (AD 382)

“After his departure out of the body, man gains knowledge of the difference between virtue and vice and finds that he is not able to partake of divinity until he has been purged of the filthy contagion in his soul by the purifying fire.”



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE - HOMILY ON 1 COR. 41:5 (AD 392)

““Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice (Job 1:5), why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO - SERMONS 172:2 - ON 1 THESS. 4:13 (AD 411)

*“By the prayers of the holy Church, and by the salvific sacrifice, and by the alms which are given for their spirits, there is no doubt that the dead are aided, that the Lord might deal more mercifully with them than their sins would deserve. **The whole Church observes this practice which was handed down by the Fathers... It is not at all to be doubted that such prayers are of profit to the dead.**”*



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, February 20

- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Matt & Jordan Morrissey Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Monica Harris Family

Monday, February 21

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 22

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +
8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, February 23

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. George O. Witwer +

Thursday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Sadowski +

Friday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Logan Riley Lautzenheiser +

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 +



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 20, 2022

This weekend (Feb. 19th/20th), the Church celebrates the **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As we continue to draw nearer and nearer to **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the **Lenten season**, our weekend's readings continue to prepare us for this coming penitential season. As we hear in our Gospel, the life of a Christian must be distinct from the lives of others. Though we are **in** the world, we do not live **for** it; We live for something greater.

The Christian-life requires going beyond worldly expectations. As Pope Benedict XVI famously said: "*The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.*" The love God calls each of us to a love that exceeds all worldly expectations. For, it is in this love that we experience God, who Himself is love (1 John 4:8). Our earthly journey here and now is meant to prepare us for the heavenly kingdom.

The Church throughout the ages has called us to this Christian life that is aimed toward heaven. Though we are called and exhorted as such, though, we may often fall short of this life. Instead of aiming for the heavens, we turn inward. We place at the center of our hearts earthly things that will fade, pass away, and never satisfy. This is one of the reasons for the upcoming **season of Lent**, which calls us to a repentance that is earnest and lasting; To turn from our inwardness and closed-off selfishness and to instead open our hearts to the Lord, who alone is capable of satisfying the desire of our hearts.

To assist in your Lenten preparations, please see the insert in this bulletin. These are but a few offerings that will be available this coming **Lent**. We strive to provide a variety of opportunities with the hopes that they can, in some way, assist you in these coming forty days. I also encourage you to make use of our parish subscription to **Formed.org**, which offers a wide-variety of resources and programs for **Lent** (*and every liturgical season*).

Did You Know? THE CHURCH AND PURGATORY

Included in this bulletin is an insert from the June 26, 1921, edition of our diocesan printing of *Our Sunday Visitor*, known as *The Harmonizer* at that time in our diocese. This publication, begun by then-Fr. John F. Noll (*who would become the fifth bishop of our diocese*) in nearby Huntington, sought to provide information about the Catholic Faith on a national-level. This was done in response to various anti-Catholic publications of his day that were providing and promoting great mis-information about the Church.

The desire to proclaim the Gospel and provide greater knowledge about the Faith is not new. Whether it be our own local *Did You Know?* campaign or the past work of Fr. Noll with *Our Sunday Visitor*, the Church has, throughout the centuries, sought to explain Her teachings and proclaim the fullness of truth as guided by the Holy Spirit (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 2625). We see this even in the beginnings of the Church, from the preaching of the Apostles (Acts 3:11-26) to St. Justin Martyr writing the Emperor Antonius Pius in AD 155 about the Faith so as "*to afford to all an opportunity of inspecting our life and teachings.*"

As Fr. Noll indicates in the insert, there has been, over the past few centuries, much confusion regarding the Church's teaching on Purgatory. This truth of the Faith acknowledges a basic human reality: That we sin and fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23). The Catechism describes purgatory in this way: "*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven*" (CCC 1030). The Church believes that purgatory is not eternal, but rather is a state of purification one experiences if needed before entering eternal life with God in heaven.

As the Scripture teaches us, nothing unclean can enter heaven (Rev. 21:27). Scripture also describes a place where a man goes and suffers loss, yet is still saved, but only through fire (1 Cor. 3:13-15). Purgatory is this place outside of time that cleanses us of whatever impurity that we may remain with us when we die, allowing us to enter into Heaven and be with God without the stain of sin.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 21 - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - President's Day -
Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle - 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Jas 4:13-17/ Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24 - Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 25 - Jas 5:9-12/ Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26 - Jas 5:13-20/ Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, February 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 27:4-7/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45



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.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Are you searching for peace and forgiveness in your life? On Tuesday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m., parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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, our doors will be open, and our light will be on for you to return to the mercy and forgiveness of the Father. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/light.

Attention Lectors and Servers!

I am in the process of working on the Minister's Schedule for March. It would be helpful, if you are going to be gone during Spring Break weekends of March 19/20 and March 26/27, to please send me an email letting me know the dates and times to alleviate any conflicts ahead of time. You may email me at stjosephchurch@adamswells.com. Thanks so much! Michelle

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., February 19 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 20 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., February 22 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., February 22 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., February 23 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., February 24 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- 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 - 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.

WEEKEND OF February 26/27, 2022



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Monica Harris



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Chris/Laurie Reifsteck & Todd/Anjie Hartman Families



5:00 Alex &/or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Kari Bedwell
7:30 Beth Geisel, Angel/Zoe Soto
10:00 Raphael/Theo Souza, Grant Reifsteck

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report February 12/13 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$4,046.00

Child Envelopes- \$2.00

Loose- \$107.25

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,111.15

Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00

Donation-Playground- \$500.00

Total- \$5,791.40

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$694.95 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$540.00

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

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK!

Each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 4th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy meatless soups prepared by fellow Parishioners

Sign up sheet to bring soup, bread or other may be found in the narthex. No sign up or RSVP to enjoy soup and fellowship. Bring the whole family!



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. for this beautiful devotion as we "walk" in Jesus' shoes praying and meditating on each of the events (stations) that Jesus experienced his last days on this earth.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Doug Huss, brother of Dave (Margie) Huss, who passed away Friday, February 11, 2022.



May God welcome Doug 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.

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Why Do Catholics Believe In Purgatory?



A GAIN the question should be reversed, and Protestants asked why they do NOT believe in Purgatory, since the Jews before Christ and since have believed in Purgatory, and the whole Christian world so believed until four hundred years ago. In fact, three-fourths of all Christians today believe in a middle state in the other world to which Catholics give the name "Purgatory.

Impressions the most erroneous have given rise to prejudice the most deep-seated against this tenet of Catholic faith. Brush these impressions aside and Protestants will find themselves believing in Purgatory, because no point of Christian faith is more reasonable nor more scriptural.

Here the reader will probably object that the Bible does not even mention the word Purgatory. We grant this; but the doctrine has not to do with the word, but with the place which we call by that word. Neither does the Bible mention the word "Trinity," "Incarnation," "Sunday," "Bible," etc. Places and things exist first, and a name expressive of their significance is given to them. The Bible speaks of a place in the other world where the "last farthing" must be paid (Matt. V, 26); it speaks of people who "shall be saved, yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 14, 15); it speaks of a sin which shall not be forgiven "in the world to come" (Matt. XII, 32).

Now, the place referred to by these texts cannot be Heaven nor can it be Hell. Into Heaven nothing defiled can enter (Revel. XXI, 27); and no sin can be forgiven in Hell; the last farthing must be paid in another place before the soul may enter into heaven. The middle state of purgation is implied by every one of the one hundred passages of scripture which say, in substance, that a man will be rewarded or punished "according to his works." In this world people cannot be divided into two groups; there must be three, comprising respectively (1) the very good; (2) the very bad; (3) those who belong to neither of the other two extremes. If the very good deserve Heaven immediately, and the very bad, Hell, what about that large group of people who are not good enough for immediate Heaven, yet too good for eternal Hell?

If the Protestant answer that faith and trust in Christ will remove all sin from the soul of the dying Christian, we rejoin by asking how about the many who die suddenly, or who, after committing small sins, fail to turn their thoughts to Christ?

Human justice is a reflection of divine justice, but human justice demands that small offenses be punished by a light punishment, and serious crimes by a most severe punishment. Hence we have not only a penitentiary, where the criminal is punished for many years and even for life, but a jail, where the less serious law-breaker is punished for ten, thirty or sixty days. Purgatory in the other world takes the place of our jail here below.

Catholics do not hold that every one goes to Purgatory or even that the souls of all Catholics go thither; they do not hold that the priest, or even the Church, knows which particular souls are consigned to Purgatory, nor for how long a time; therefore they cannot bargain with the priest, as their enemies content, for the release of a soul by the payment of money for prayers or Masses. Catholics do hold that prayers, good works, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass may be offered by way of suffrage towards the payment of a "last farthing" of a departed soul. Prayer for the dead is as old as the human race, and is the most natural thing in the world; this is why it comes spontaneously even from the hearts of those, who profess not to believe in Purgatory. Whenever you whisper a prayer for a loved departed one, your action belies your profession, and your heart recognizes the existence of Purgatory.



PREPARING FOR LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00 AM + Noon + 7:00 PM

FRIDAY SOUP SUPPER

Every Friday during Lent*

5:30-6:30 PM in Parish Social Hall

**April 8th Time TBD due to Confirmation Mass with Bishop Rhoades*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent - 7:00 PM*

**April 8th Time TBD due to Confirmation Mass with Bishop Rhoades*

THE CHOSEN (SEASON 1)

Every Saturday during Lent

6:30 PM - Parish Gym

Please bring your own chair

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Tuesday, March 8th - 6:00-8:00 PM

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