

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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WHAT IS LENT?

It commemorates the **40 days** before the **Pas-**
sion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, based
on: the **40 years** in which the israeli wandered
the desert and the **40 days** in which Jesus was
tempted by Satan.

***“Remember
you are dust
and to dust
you shall
return.”***

▼ LENT FEAST DAYS

PALM SUNDAY ▶ Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem

HOLY THURSDAY ▶ Last Supper and Passover

GOOD FRIDAY ▶ Jesus' death on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY ▶ Jesus has resurrected!

PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

WHEN DOES LENT BEGIN?



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**,
where we remember our mortality
and need for repentance.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17th

Mass Times
7 AM, Noon, 7 PM

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

Fr. David's direct email: frdavidvioli@gmail.com / Sacramental Emergency Number: 260-296-0511

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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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, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns + (Anniversary of their 65 years together)
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +
- 12:05 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 1

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 2

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, February 3

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
- 7:00 p.m. Father of Matt Scheidler

Thursday, February 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mildred Huss

Friday, February 5

- 8:30 a.m. Robert Whitacre

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving of Friends
- 12:05 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 1 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- Heb 11:32-40/ Mk 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord -

- Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wed., Feb. 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

St. Ansgar, Bishop - Heb 12:4-7,11-15/ Mk 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Heb 12:18-19,21-24/ Mk 6:7-13

Fri., Feb. 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr -

- Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29

Sat., Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions,

Martyrs - Heb 13:15-17,20-21/ Mk 6:30-34

Sun., Feb. 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- Jb 7:1-4,6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 31, 2021

This weekend (January 30th/31st), the Church enters into the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. With this weekend, we are now just under three weeks away from **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of **Lent**. Our bulletin cover over the next few weeks will be focusing on **Lent** as we prepare for these coming forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As these penitential days can often seem to pass by so quickly, we do not want to approach them unprepared. Now is the time to determine how we will make this the best **Lent** ever!

Before **Lent**, however, we will have a brief resurgence of **Christmas**. On Tuesday (February 2nd), the Church will celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, or **Candlemas**. Forty days after Christmas Day, Jesus is presented at the Temple by the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph in accordance with the prescripts of the law (*Leviticus 12:1-4*). As St. Simeon recognizes the Christ Child as a light to the world (*Luke 2:32*), this feast day has perpetually been associated with the blessing of candles.

At our 8:00 a.m. daily Mass this Tuesday (Feb. 2nd), we will bless the candles that are used in the church throughout the liturgical year. You are invited to bring any candles that you would like blessed for use in your homes to this Mass as well. With the coming celebration of **Candlemas**, our Christmas decorations will come down this weekend to mark the last possible end of the Christmas season. Though the Christmas season may have ended, the joy of the Incarnation remains alive in our hearts.

Following the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** and the blessing of candles, the Church celebrates the **Feast of St. Blaise** (Feb. 3rd). St. Blaise, the 4th Century Bishop of Sebaste (*modern-day Armenia*) and Martyr, is the patron saint of those suffering from all illnesses of the throat. Believed to be a physician before becoming a priest and bishop, St. Blaise was imprisoned for the Faith. Even in the face of torture and martyrdom, St. Blaise refused to renounce the Faith. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession, including the healing of a young boy choking on a fish bone.

On and near the **Feast of St. Blaise**, a special blessing is offered that asks St. Blaise to intercede before our Lord, asking Him to protect us from all illnesses of the throat and all other illnesses. This blessing will be offered at all Masses next weekend (Feb. 6th/7th). Following the guidance of our Diocese, this blessing will be offered over the entire congregation at the end of each Mass. After each Mass, those who would desire to and feel comfortable doing so are welcome to come forward and receive an individual blessing (*as done in past years*). Similar to our practice for the distribution of Holy Communion, please follow our social distancing guidelines if approaching for an individual blessing.

As we approach **Ash Wednesday**, please note that there will be a change regarding how we distribute ashes this year. Following directions from the Vatican, ashes will be sprinkled upon the heads of the faithful instead of being imposed directly upon the forehead. The sprinkling of ashes upon the head is the common way that ashes are imposed throughout the world to begin Lent. The imposition of ashes with the thumb on the forehead is an American tradition, which, due to the pandemic, we've been asked to forgo by the Vatican to avoid unnecessary physical contact.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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 and Nora LaVine.

First Friday Adoration
February 5 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Low Mass (Latin)
Sacred Heart of Jesus - 6:00 p.m.

Sign up sheet is in the narthex.



THANK YOU!

For your donations to Karing for Kids for our Christmas Blessing Tree Program. Because of the donations of people like you we were able to provide Christmas to

400 children from 125 families in 2020. Our 2020 project had to look different because of all the COVID pandemic restrictions but we made it work and families were blessed. We appreciate your support!

Tim & Rhonda O'Reilly

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Jan. 30 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 30 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 2 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 2 - Virtual Knights of Columbus meeting via Zoom - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary / meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Miller, Grand Knight, will send an email with the link prior to the meeting.
- Wed., Feb. 3 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 3 - Parish Council Meeting - Via Zoom 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 5 - Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low (Latin) Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 6 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 6 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 7 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 7 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 9 - No morning Mass**
- Tues., Feb. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., Feb. 3 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 11 - No morning Mass**
- 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. (each Friday of Lent.)



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First Prize- \$250 / Second Prize \$100
Third Prize- \$50 (4 names will be drawn for \$50 each)

thank you 

Members of St. Joseph Church...

We want to thank you so much for the many wonderful grocery items collected for the Food Bank! We truly appreciate your Love and Concern for the many local families in need and especially at Christmas!

Sincerely The Wells County Food Bank Staff

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

January 23/24

Adult Envelopes- \$3,736.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$216.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$434.67
Religious Ed. Fund- \$10.00
Paper Gator- \$42.34
Bulletin Ads- \$450.00
Total- \$4,889.01

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,043.73 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$123.00

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting via Zoom Tuesday, February 2nd. The call will be started at 6:40 p.m. for recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Watch your Inbox for a link from Jeff Miller a day or so ahead of the meeting.



 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

From February 17th through March 28th 2021, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Planned Parenthood of Fort Wayne at 2930 Lake Avenue** and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

Our local 40 Days For Life website is <https://www.40daysforlife.com/fortwayne>

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k - is it kind?

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