



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, March 6 - 8:30 AM to 5 PM

First Friday Masses - 8 AM (English) and 5 PM (Latin)

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

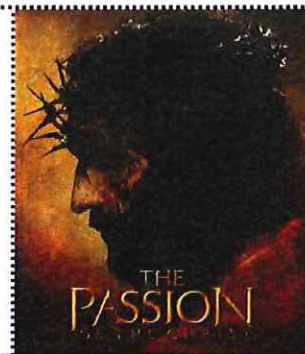
Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday ~ 8 AM ♦ Wednesday ~ 7 PM

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Free Showing

When: Friday, March 6 at 7:30 PM

Where: St. Joseph Parish Gymnasium



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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Doug Lilley +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 3

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Don Van Camp +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, March 4

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Bernard Hickert +

Thursday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
Diane Humphrey Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, March 6 -

8:00 a.m. Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - First Friday Adoration
4:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
5:00 p.m. Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 7

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. Bart Wegenke +

Sunday, March 8

- Second Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Robert & Rose Marie Bates +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 2 - Lenten Weekday - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Tues., Mar. 3 - Lenten Weekday - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin - Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wed., Mar. 4 - Lenten Weekday - St. Casimir - Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thurs., Mar. 5 - Lenten Weekday - Est 43:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Fri., Mar. 6 - Lenten Weekday - Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Sat., Mar. 7 - Lenten Weekday - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs - Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sun., Mar. 8 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Daylight Savings Time begins

First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020

A special "Thank You!" to our Parish Social Committee and all those who helped setup and host our Parish Game Night and Euchre Tournament this past Saturday. What a wonderful parish family we have!

As we enter into the first full week of Lent, we will hear in today's Gospel reading (Matthew 4:1-11) of our Lord spending forty days in the desert. During this time, He is faced with great tribulations and temptations from the devil himself. After these forty days, our Lord returns from the desert and begins His public ministry. This also begins His journey towards Jerusalem and, ultimately, the Cross.

Entering into the sacred season of Lent, we unite our journey with our Lord's forty days in the desert. Utilizing our three spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we embrace self-denial so that our focus may always be on Christ Himself. As St. Catherine of Siena beautifully said in the 14th Century: *If we lose ourselves on the cross, it is there that we will find ourselves entirely.* We have been made for heaven. These forty days are meant to help remind us of that. Everything in this life is meant to help prepare us for life in the world to come. For this reason, we will strive to grow in our discipline over these next forty days.

As a parish, we will have the opportunity to live this season of Lent together in several ways. Every **Friday**, our weekly **Soup Suppers (5:30 to 6:30 PM) and Stations of the Cross (7 PM)**, offer us a chance for both fraternity and prayer. **This Friday (March 6)**, we will be hosting a free showing of *The Passion of the Christ* in the Parish Gym at 7:30 PM. As it is also First Friday, we will also have a period of extended **adoration this Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM**. The front of the bulletin also includes our daily Mass and Confession times throughout the week.

I pray that all of these different opportunities will serve to help you in your Lenten journey. And, of course, the Church is open at all hours as a place of prayer before our Lord Himself in the Blessed Sacrament.

After Ash Wednesday, there was one question I was often asked: *"What's different with the candles?"* Throughout the Lenten season, we will be using unbleached beeswax candles, which have dark caramel color. Unbleached candles serve to remind us that, without the grace of Baptism, we are mere creatures of the Earth without the aid of sanctifying grace. On Easter, as the bleached candles return, it will also remind us that we ourselves, like the candles, have been washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb, and shine with the radiance of faith. (In a similar way, our wooden candlesticks, in place of our gilded ones, offer the same noble reflection.)

Parish Updates

Next weekend, we will hold our **monthly discussion forum** on, both on **Sunday, March 8th, from 8:45-9:45 AM, and Wednesday, March 11th, from 7:45-8:45 PM** (after the 7 PM evening Mass) in the **Parish Social Hall**. Our discussion topic will be on the Church's teaching regarding Gender Identity and Transgenderism. All are welcome and invited to join us in our discussion.

Starting on **Monday, March 2nd**, a local group will be hosting a weekly adult basketball pick-up game in the **Parish Gym from 8 to 9 PM**. Adults (18+) are invited to join in any Monday for some fun and exercise. 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.

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.



"St. Aloysius Catholic Church Fish Fry, Friday, March 13th, 2020, 4:30-7:30 pm in the Activity Center at 14623 Bluffton Road, Yoder. Menu includes: Fried Fish (all you can eat), Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-11 years old, under 5 years old free. Carry-out available."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, March 3 - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.



BOLIVIAN MISSION

A big **THANK YOU!** to everyone who supported the 7/8th Grade Bake Sale last weekend! Because of your generous dona-



tions of \$412.50, we are able to provide scholarships to four children who may not have been able to go to school otherwise. If you would like to know more about this program or would like to sponsor a child, please call the parish office at 260-824-1380. Their school year is February - October; \$10.00 per month or \$90; you may also add a Christmas gift, (optional).

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Mar. 2 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 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!
- Mon., Mar. 9 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 10 - St. Joseph Women's Group - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 10 - 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.
- Fri., Mar. 13 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 13 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 15 - Young Adult Gathering - 5-6:00 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 16 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 17 - St. Aloysius Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF March 7/8, 2020

CANTORS:

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

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Monica Harris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus (3)
7:30 Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey, Barb Ault
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Sandy Smythe, Luisa Sumabat, Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family
10:00 Mike/Rebecca Anderson Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Abby/Adrienne Wagner
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Angel/Zoe Soto

Collection for Weekends of February 22/23, 2020

Adult Envelopes- \$2,648.00
Child Envelopes- \$19.41
Loose- \$234.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$90.00
Parish Bulletin Ad- \$125.00
Flowers- \$20.00
Total- \$3,136.41

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

We are \$1,446.94 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Bolivian Mission-\$412.50 (from 7/8th Grade Bake Sale
St. Vincent de Paul- \$115.00
St. Joseph Women's Group Dues- \$70.00

Diocesan Special Collections- Central/Eastern Europe- \$6.00

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

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First Friday Adoration - March 6

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

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Have mercy on us and on the whole world!

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



Lenten Soup Suppers
Friday evenings during
Lent - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
At 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY DISCUSSION FORUM

Fr. David will hold our monthly discussion forum Sunday, March 8 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and Wednesday, March 11 from 7:45-8:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. The discussion topic will be on the Church's teaching regarding Gender Identity and Transgenderism.

All are Welcome!

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but only when it's borne willingly."**

St. Paul of the Cross

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