

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT



### PRAYER

It helps us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. joining Him in his sacrifice in the Cross.



### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Both are practiced on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.  
Abstinence is practiced **every friday during Lent**.



### ALMSGIVING

Giving what we have helps us to understand Christ's generosity in the Cross.

#### FASTING



ONE MEAL  
A DAY

#### ABSTINENCE



NO MEAT  
(ONLY FISH)

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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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, 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

### Monday, February 8

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, February 9

No Morning Mass

### Wednesday, February 10

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

### Thursday, February 11

No Morning Mass

### Friday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

### Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. David Paul Butler +

### Sunday, February 14

#### - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Steve & Sherry Makowski -  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 8 - Fifth Week in Ordinary Time -**

**St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin - Gn 1:1-19/ Mk 6:53-56**

**Tues., Feb. 9 - Gn 1:20-2:4a/ Mk 7:1-13**

**Wed., Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin - Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/ Mk 7:14-23**

**Thurs., Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes - Gn 2:18-25/ Mk 7:24-30**

**Fri., Feb. 12 - Gn 3:1-8/ Mk 7:31-37**

**Sat., Feb. 13 - Gn 3:9-24/ Mk 8:1-10**

**Sun., Feb. 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-- St. Valentine's Day - Lv 13:1-2,44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45**

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

As the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time** this weekend (February 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>), we draw even closer to the beginning of our Lenten season. Prior to Pope St. Paul VI's primary revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, the three weekends leading up to **Ash Wednesday** were known as **Shrovetide**. During this time, the Faithful would begin their preparations for the coming Lenten season through serious discernment.

This discernment would serve to determine how to best approach **Lent** through our Lenten observances. In these observances, which are based in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we strive to move closer to the Lord. In the words of Venerable Fulton Sheen: "*Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure.*" Instead, the purpose of life is union with God. And, throughout **Lent**, we are reminded that if we wish to share in the triumph of Jesus' Resurrection, we must first follow Him in the Way of the Cross.

Historically, this time of discernment also included a time of celebration. These celebrations, such as *Carnival* and *Mardi Gras*, often served two purposes, one practical and one spiritual. Practically, these celebrations served as a time to "clean" the pantry of those items that would be forgone during **Lent** and would otherwise spoil or be wasted. (*This, of course, is less of an issue with modern refrigeration and preservation techniques.*) Spiritually, they served as a reminder of what **Lent** points us toward, the celebration of **Easter** and the joy of the Resurrection. All the penitential practices of this life are always meant to give way to the joy of eternity.

Entering into this **Lent**, we will offer three Masses for **Ash Wednesday** (February 17<sup>th</sup>) at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM. As previously mentioned, when you approach to receive ashes, the ashes will be sprinkled over your head (*differing from our customary practice of having ashes imposed upon the forehead by the priest's thumb*). This change, requested by the Vatican, will help to limit unnecessary contact during the ongoing pandemic.

Starting on **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will offer **Stations of the Cross every Lenten Friday at 7 PM** in the Church. For those who cannot yet join us in person, **Stations will also be live-streamed** at the same time via our Facebook page. Following our diocesan guidelines for gatherings and after consulting with our Parish Council, we will **not** be offering our customary Lenten Soup Supper prior to Stations at this time.

In addition to **Stations of the Cross**, our weekly Confession times will continue: **Tuesdays at 8:30-9:00 AM; Wednesdays at 6:00-6:45 PM; Saturdays at 4:00-4:45 PM; Anytime by Appointment.** In addition to these weekly times, we will be adding even more times throughout Lent to ensure that the Sacrament is as available as possible. (*Confessions continue to be heard in the back children's room to allow for social distancing.*)

Finally, we are working to schedule a **Lenten Parish Mission**, which will follow the same format as our past Advent Mission. More information to come. May we make this the best **Lent** ever!

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*I will be away this week for a diocesan meeting followed by a few days of retreat. There will be **no daily Mass this Tuesday (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>) or Thursday (Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>)**. Thanks to help from Fr. Stephen Felicichia, **Confessions (6 PM) and daily Mass (7 PM) will continue as scheduled for Wednesday (Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>) and I will be back for our daily Mass on Friday (Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>)**.*



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.



ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP  
RAFFLE- MARCH 9, 2021  
CASH PRIZES TOTALING \$550.00  
First Prize- \$250 / Second Prize \$100

Third Prize- \$50 (4 names will be drawn for \$50 each)

From February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> 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>



### ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. All women of St. Joseph's are welcome! Please come for fellowship and friendship.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- 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. / 8:40 a.m. Holy Rosary Grade 4
- **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. 10 - 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.)
- Sat., Feb. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 20 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 21 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 23 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Feb. 24 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 26 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 27 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 27 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 28 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 28 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

### ST. JOSEPH BOLIVIAN MISSION PROGRAM

The Bolivian Mission Program was established here at St. Joseph's in 1985! For 36 years we have consistently sponsored 55 students with scholarships to attend Santa Maria Mazzarello School in Bolivia. Because the parents are not always able to pay for their children to attend school, these scholarships help with the cost of tuition, school supplies and more. Some students have furthered their education by becoming professionals enabling them to help their parents financially and also give back to the poor communities they grew up in. At the end of the school year, the children will send letters here to St. Joseph's along with a picture of themselves to show gratitude for the opportunity to attend school because of the generous gift given to them. After someone has translated the letters, we send them to their respective sponsor. Sadly some of our sponsors have moved or passed away leaving several openings needing to be filled. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or children, please call the parish office 824-1380 or Sue Singer at 824-8009. Their school year begins in February and concludes in October. Scholarships are \$90 (\$10/month for 9 months) per child, plus an optional Christmas donation. You may pay by the month, for the year or anywhere in between. Please make your check payable to **St. Joseph Church** with **Bolivian Mission** on the memo line of your check.

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report January 30/31

Adult Envelopes- \$3,955.00  
Child Envelopes- \$0  
Loose- \$138.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,399.91  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$250.00  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$450.00  
Bulletin Ads- \$600.00  
Votive Candles- \$165.48

**Total- \$6,958.39**

### Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$5,885.72 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$560.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Fund,  
Online Giving- \$190.00

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

January Online Giving-  
\$5,450.00

**osvonlinegiving.com/4741**



**February 17**

**Masses:**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Noon**

**7:00 p.m.**



**Stations of the Cross**

**Friday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
and each Friday of Lent**



**Drive-Thru  
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Friday, March 12  
4-7:00 p.m.**



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n - is it necessary?  
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