



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Tuesday, March 10th ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Confession offered in every parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, March 19 - Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM*

Join us for Ice Cream in the Social Hall following 7 PM Mass

St. Joseph Novena begins March 10th. See Bulletin Insert for the Novena

PARISH MISSION - LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME

Monday, March 30 - Wednesday, April 1 at 7 PM

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 +

Monday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 10

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, March 11

5:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, March 13

8:00 a.m. George Mohler Witwer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, March 14

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. Parish Family

Sunday, March 15

- Third Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Meredith McCarter +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes." ~ St. Clement of Alexandria

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 9 - Lenten Weekday - St. Frances of Rome, Religious - Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38

Tues., Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday - Is 1:10,16-20/ Mt 23:1-12

Wed., Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday - Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28

Thurs., Mar. 12 - Lenten Weekday - Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31

Fri., Mar. 13 - Lenten Weekday - Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Sat., Mar. 14 - Lenten Weekday - Mi 7:14-15,18-20/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sun., Mar. 15 - Third Sunday of Lent - Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

This weekend, the Church enters into the 2nd Sunday of Lent. In our readings, we hear of the Transfiguration. Our Lord ascends Mt. Tabor with Peter, James, and John and, as they approach the mountain top, He becomes dazzling white and is found speaking with Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. As quickly as they ascend, however, the moment ends and they must come down from the mountain top. Our Lord gives His Apostles this brief respite on their way to Jerusalem (and to the Cross) to help steadfast them for what is to come.

Just as our Lord shows this moment to His Apostles, so often does He do the same for us with "mountain top" experiences. These can be tremendous moments, such as the birth of a child or a major promotion, to smaller moments, such as doing well on an assignment or simply having a good day. In all of these moments of great joy, we feel that God is right with us. But, as with any mountain top experience, they end much too quickly and our journey, just like our Lord's journey, continues. We are given these moments of joy to serve as a reminder of the eternal joy that we are striving for in the heavenly kingdom.

One such moment that we can enter into so often is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In making a good confession, we experience the mercy of God and are given grace to steadfast ourselves as we continue on this earthly journey. Things have bound us are loosed, sins are forgiven, and healing is ushering into our lives. In addition to our 3 weekly hours of Confession and our coming Penance Service, we will join with all other parishes in our Diocese this week for the annual **The Light is On for You! Campaign. Every parish in our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Confession this Tuesday, March 10th, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.** No matter how long it has been, I encourage you to make use of the Sacrament this Lenten season. Climb up the mountain with our Lord and experience His glory in this Sacrament.

A Novena and the Solemnity of St. Joseph

This Tuesday, March 10th, will also begin our St. Joseph Novena. These nine days of prayer will lead us into our celebration of St. Joseph's Day. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin both for an explanation of what a novena is as well as the prayers for the St. Joseph Novena. I encourage you to pray for a specific intention and follow along in this Novena prayer at home. Or, if you would prefer to pray together as a community, we will be praying these prayers after our daily Masses throughout the week. **Then, join us for our special evening Mass on St. Joseph's Day on Thursday, March 19th at 7 PM, followed by ice cream in the Social Hall.**

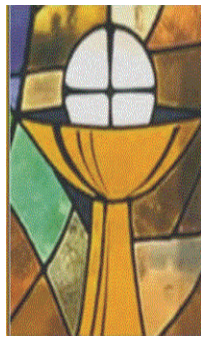
Our Neighbors to the North—St. Aloysius

A few weeks ago, I met with Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, pastor of St. Aloysius in Yoder. As neighboring parishes, Msgr. Bruce and I would like to increase the opportunities for interactions between our two parish families, both spiritually and fraternally. Being so close to one another, it is a wonderful opportunity to see the great breadth of our own local Catholic community. As such, we will be inviting each other's parish to our own parish missions (happening on separate weeks.) Please see the flyer in the narthex for information on St. Al's Lenten Mission (March 16th-18th).

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.



**Training for
New
Extraordinary
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Holy
Communion
Monday
March 16 & 23
6:30 in Church
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Parish office to
sign up -
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How long has it been since you
felt all the pieces were in place?
Be made whole again...

Confession available
at every Catholic Parish
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
6:00-8:00 P.M.

The Light Is On For You!

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N. Main Street
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**LENTEN
FISH FRY**

Friday, April 3, 2020
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Menu

All You Can Eat Fish Adult Meal... \$10
Child's Meal (Ages 6-12)... \$6
Children 5 and under... \$0

Included with Adult/Child Meal -
- Cheesy Hash Brown Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Dinner Roll/Butter
- Homemade Dessert
- Drink (Water, Lemonade, Coffee)
Dine In or Carry Out (All You Can Eat Fish, Dine In Only)

**EASTER E66 HUNT
AND
PARISH GAME NIGHT!
Saturday, April 18
6:00 p.m.
(following 5:00 Mass)**

**Food, Fellowship,
Decorate your own
cupcakes, games and
Euchre Tournament.**

More Details To Come!

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Mar. 9 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 10 - The Light is on for YOU! - Confession 6-8:00 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.
- Wed., Mar. 11 - Discussion Forum - Gender Identity and Transgenderism - 7:45-8:45 p.m. All are Welcome!
- 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 & Mon., Mar. 23 - Training of new Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion with Monica Harris - 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 16 - Men's basketball - 8-9:00 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 17 - St. Aloysius Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 18 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 19 - Thurs., Mar. 26 - Michelle will be out of the office.
- Thurs., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day - Mass at 7:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Celebration following Mass in the Social Hall.
- Fri., Mar. 20 - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 20 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 23 - Training of new Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion with Monica Harris - 6:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF March 14/15, 2020

CANTORS:

5:00 Nichole Decker
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Michelle Paxton
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Linda Huseman, Kathy Marshall
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Margie Huss
10:00 Jacque Johnson, Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff, Luisa Sumabat, Kevin or Jessica Seago, Jeff Miller

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family
10:00 Mike/Rebecca Anderson Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey Huss, Alex/Sam Mechling
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Wyatt Girod, Grant Reifsteck, Charlie Andrews

Collection for Weekends of February 29/March 1, 2020

Adult Envelopes- \$3,285.00
Child Envelopes- \$29.27
Loose- \$253.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,223.69
Total- \$4,915.96

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

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

We are \$1,266.50 ahead of our
monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Bolivian Mission- \$10.00
Mass Stipends- \$40.00

Diocesan Special Collections-
Central/Eastern Europe- \$227.00
Black/Indian Mission- \$296.00

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**St. Vincent De Paul
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"Extend mercy towards others, so
that there can be no one in need
whom you meet without helping.
for what hope is there for us if God
should withdraw His mercy from us?"

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT

February 2020

Rent/Housing - \$424.99
Utilities/Gas - \$251.00

Other - \$150.00 * Total - \$825.99

Thank you for your monetary help in assisting those
in our community who are in need.
May God Bless You Abundantly!

MONTHLY DISCUSSION FORUM

Fr. David will hold our monthly discussion forum 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!

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~
ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION ~ 7:00 P.M.
TOPIC: LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME
MONDAY, MARCH 30, AND TUESDAY, MARCH 31
~ 7:00 P.M. PRAYER SERVICES ~
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 ~ 7:00 P.M. MASS
~ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE ~
THURSDAY, APRIL 2 ~ 6:30 P.M.

**"Let us spend this Lent as if it were
our last, and we will make it well."**

St. Francis de Sales

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