

LENT



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LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

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 ~ Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM

CONFESSIOIN "BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL"

Confession will be offered after every weekend Mass

Saturday & Sunday ~ March 30/31

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY WEEK

Holy Tuesday (April 16) ~ Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM

at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Good Friday (April 19) ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

• Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

• Confessions from 7:45-8:15 PM

• Tenebrae Service at 8:30 PM

Holy Saturday (April 20) ~ Easter Vigil at 9 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Easter Sunday (April 21) ~ Mass of Easter Day at 7:30 AM & 10 AM

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC: Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA ~ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/DRE: Michelle Paxton

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Ryder Jackson

Sunday, March 24

- Third Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. All Living & Deceased Priests
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +
8:30 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, March 27

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Dan & Beth Gordan Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Ruth Browne +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Trey Hughett + & Ty Long +

Sunday, March 31

- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Joseph Mayer +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 25 - Third Week of Lent - The Annunciation of the Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

Tues., Mar. 26 - Dn 3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35

Wed., Mar. 27 - Dn 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., Mar. 28 - Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23

Fri., Mar. 29 - Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34

Sat., Mar. 30 - Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14

Sun., Mar. 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Jos 5:9a,10-12/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

A heart felt THANK YOU! To everyone who sent cards, good wishes and especially prayed for me during my recent illness and hospital stay. I truly appreciate it! God Bless You! Michelle

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24, 2019- C

A special "Thank You!" to all those who assisted in our St. Joseph's Day celebrations! May we find in St. Joseph, our patron, a strong protector and powerful intercessor before our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Within the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we begin the first of the three "Scrutinies" of our Elect and Candidates for Full Communion. The Scrutinies come from an ancient practice in the Church of preparing those to be baptized by "uncovering, then healing all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect, [and] to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good" (*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults*, no. 141). This practice was first recorded by St. Hippolytus of Rome in his 2nd Century text, *The Apostolic Tradition*.

Over these next three Sundays, we will invite forward our Elect, Brady, and our Candidates for Full Communion, Diane and Diane, as we invoke our Lord to strengthen them in this time of preparation and to increase their faith and deepen their (and our!) conversion. Together with them, we joyfully await that most solemn of nights as we prepare to rejoice together in the Resurrection of our Lord at the Easter Vigil.

During the Scrutinies, we will deviate from our Year C Readings and make use of the Year A Readings at the Masses in which we call forward our Elect and Candidates for Full Communion. The Year A Readings over the next three weeks (The Samaritan Woman at the Well; The Man Born Blind; The Death of Lazarus) offer a special focus on this call to conversion made to those preparing to enter fully into the Church and are referenced directly in the Scrutinies.

Just as our Elect and our Candidates for Full Communion are called to conversion, so is each and every one of us. Our readings (from Year C) call us to this same conversion and repentance. As God has revealed Himself to Moses through the burning bush, so He continues to reveal Himself to us today. We find Him in the Eucharist, in His Church, and in one another. But, though we meet Him daily, we, like the Israelites that St. Paul speaks of, can still turn away from Him. Our journey with the Lord is one to be renewed each and every day of our lives. In this Lenten season, He wishes to reclaim our hearts and to place Himself at the center of our lives. His patience knows no bounds and He, like the gardener, will do everything in His power to provide us with that which we will need to flourish. No matter how far away we may have gone, the Lord always calls us to return to Himself and to bear fruit. The Lord loves us intensely; May we always love Him back in return.

Next Sunday will mark Laetare Sunday, or "Rejoice" Sunday, as we enter the fourth week of Lent. This halfway point of the Lenten season is a good time to renew our commitment to our Lenten observances and, if we have not yet had a chance to do so, to make use of the Sacrament of Confession. To help ensure that the Sacrament of Confession is made as available as possible, I will be available in the confessional for our "Blue Light Special" after all weekend Masses during Laetare Sunday. Confession is also available every Tuesday from 8:30-9 AM, every Wednesday from 6-6:45 PM, and every Saturday from 4-4:45 PM. Our Parish Penance Service will be Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM. If these various times do not work with your schedule, I will always do what I can to be available for Confession whenever asked.

- Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer and Sue Schreiber.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Come and enjoy soup and fellowship anytime from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and stay for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



April 7 and April 10 DISCUSSION FORUM
Join Fr. David April 7 between Masses and April 10 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion forum on *End of Life Issues*.

During Lent, our parish will be holding a food drive in support of the local food pantries and resources in Wells County. Please bring in a non-perishable food item each time you come to Church during the Lenten Season and place it in the container in the narthex.



ALL DAY ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, April 4, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

Knights of Columbus
All You Can Eat Fish Fry
Friday, April 5, 2019
4:30-7:30 p.m.
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**ST. JOSEPH'S
LENTEN PENCE
SERVICE**
Monday, April 8, 2019
7:30 p.m.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Mar. 28 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Fri., Mar. 29 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 2 - Knights of Columbus meeting - Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Thurs., Apr. 4 - All Day Adoration 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 5 - Knights of Columbus All You Can Eat Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dessert sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- Sun., Apr. 7, between Masses and Wed., April 10 at 7:30 p.m.- Discussion Forum with Fr. David on End of Life Issues
- Mon., Apr. 8 - Lenten Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 10 - Adoration 5-7:00 p.m. / Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 12 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 3 - First Communion Mass - 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF MARCH 30/31, 2019

CANTORS:

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

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Janette Minch, Linda Huseman
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Barb Ault, Volunteer
10:00 Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Kathy Marshall, Larisa Sudhoff, Sandy Smythe

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey/Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Kody Coyne, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of February March 16/17, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$4,488.00
Child Envelopes- \$20.00
Loose- \$118.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$588.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$580.00
Spiritual CDs- \$3.00
Total- \$5,797.00

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

We are \$751.67 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,186.00
Bolivian Mission Sponsor- \$100.00

Diocesan Special Collections-

Eastern Europe- \$250.00
Black & Indian Missions- \$350.00

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



"Let us pray and God will do the rest."

- St. Josephine Bakhita -

FORT WAYNE: The 2019 Family Symposium, Strengthening Families By Loving Your Neighbor, will be held on Saturday, April 13, at the Fort Wayne Stake Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Symposium is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The Symposium will focus on the challenges and needs faced by refugees and immigrants in our communities and specifically help us understand how we can minister to them. Everyone 12 and older is invited. A nominal charge of \$15 per person or \$25 per family of up to six will include a box lunch and refreshments. Preregistered babysitting for children ages 2 years and older is available for \$2 per child. ****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 8 at www.2019familysymposium.eventbrite.com**

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