

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6:00 - 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH - THE 2023 SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (April 2 nd)	Palm Sunday Procession - 10:00 a.m. <i>Procession begins outside of the Parish Offices</i> Shroud of Turin Presentation - 11:30 a.m. <i>Presenter: Martha May; Hosted in the Parish Social Hall</i>
HOLY MONDAY (April 3 rd)	Mass - 8:00 a.m. The Passion of the Christ - 7:00 p.m. <i>Hosted in the Parish Gym</i>
HOLY TUESDAY (April 4 th)	Mass - 8:00 a.m. <i>Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.</i> Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. <i>Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne</i>
SPY WEDNESDAY (April 5 th)	Adoration / Confession - 6:00-6:45 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY (April 6 th)	Lauds (Morning Prayer) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. <i>Prayer in the Parish Conference Room after Mass until Midnight</i> Compline (Night Prayer) - 11:45 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY (April 7 th)	Lauds (Morning Prayer) - 8:30 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 p.m. Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - 8:00 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY (April 8 th)	Lauds (Morning Prayer) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY (April 9 th)	Mass during the Day - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. George Mangan +

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, March 27

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 28

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, March 29

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Eugene "Gene" Keys +

Thursday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

Friday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Tom Thompson +

Saturday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Allen Mangan +

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Bruce and Diane Holland Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday - Dn

13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday - Nm

21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday - Dn

2:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday - Gn

17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday - Jer

20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday - Ez

37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Pas-

sion of the Lord - Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil

2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 26, 2023

This weekend (March 25th/26th), the Church celebrates the Fifth **Sunday of Lent**. This weekend was formerly known as **Passion Sunday**, marked with the reading of the Passion narrative, and the next two weeks as **Passiontide**, as we turn our focus totally on the passion and death of Christ. For this reason, both our crucifixes and statues remain veiled from this weekend on until **Easter Sunday**.

The past four weeks seems to have been but a preparation for the intense grief of the Church during these next two. At this point in the Gospel, men are in search of Jesus and are bent on His death. Before our twelve days are over, they will lay hands upon Him. We will be called to follow Him up the hill of Calvary, to see His last breath, and witness the stone placed against the sepulchre. Yet, we are not simply asked to show compassion and shed tears for our Redeemer, but to learn from the lesions that are being taught to us in His Passion and Death.

After our Masses last weekend, I heard from multiple visitors to our parish commenting on the amazing number of young children that were present at Mass. Many parishes do not currently share this same blessing that we are seeing at our parish right here and now. Over the past four months, we've had the great joy of celebrating **five baptisms** for our parish and have at least **four more** scheduled in the weeks to come. This is, of course, something to rejoice about!

The presence of our littlest parishioners at Mass is a beautiful and incarnate reminder that our parish is **growing** and the Faith continues to be spread from generation to generation. As the old adage says: *A parish that isn't crying is dying*. **To all of our parents and grandparents bringing little ones to Mass each weekend: Thank You!** Know of our profound gratitude and support for you and the seriousness with which you are undertaking the passing on of the Faith to our future generations.

As our parish continues to grow, we need to be always thinking of the future that lies ahead. This includes my own discernment as pastor of our parish. Over this past year, given the several additional ministries for our diocese that I've been assigned, I've had to recognize certain limitations in my own ministry here. At the prompting of our Parish Council and following discussions with our Finance Council, we are now in the planning stages to grow our parish staff with the addition of a new, part-time position.

This new position will both serve to promote parish development and act as a direct resource to the pastor. Essentially, it will serve as an engagement director for our parish to promote and assist with various events, both big and small, throughout the year. Currently, a significant amount of both event planning and logistics falls first to either Michelle in the Parish Office or myself. With our desire to focus on continuing growth and outreach, this current approach is not sustainable in the long-term.

This new position will help centralize the planning of our several major parish gatherings (*Parish Picnic, All Saints Day, Christmas Brunch, the Easter Egg Hunt, and Totus Tuus*), organize volunteer activities, and allow for the planning and starting up of smaller events and gatherings (*Bible Studies, Youth Group events, etc...*). This will also help to ensure that our events will not be reliant on the pastor and will be sustainable in the years to come.

In your kindness, please offer a prayer for the development of this position as the Parish Council and myself work with our diocesan Human Resources department to prepare a full description of this position.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

As a general reminder, we will have our **Lenten Parish Penance Service this Wednesday, March 29th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. We will be joined by Fr. Stephen Colchin, Fr. Dave Ruppert, and Fr. Jonathan Agbedo as additional confessors for the evening. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to make use of this Sacrament this **Lenten season**, I encourage you to do so. In the words of Pope Francis: Confession "*heals the heart and leaves us with inner peace*."

~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 to 7:00 PM



Friday, March 31 * 4-7 PM

Adults~ \$12
Children~ \$6
ages (6-12)

*Tickets on Sale after
all Masses!*

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Join us on **Sunday, April 2nd** at 11:30 a.m.
in the Social Hall for a presentation on the
Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus.
Refreshments will be served.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Join us on **Monday, April 3rd** at 7 p.m. in the Parish
Gym for a free showing of *The Passion of the Christ*.



Wedding Banns III

Becca Schlumbohm and Stephen Vanderkolk
We pray for those preparing for Holy Matrimony.

TRAINED MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES

Trained ministers and servers are needed for Holy
Week and Easter Masses. Please sign up on the
sheet in the narthex if you are able to help with
any of the Masses.

We specifically are in need of two trained lector's
for Palm Sunday Mass at 7:30 and one trained
lector for the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 26** - NO Religious Ed. Classes - Spring Break
- **Tues., Mar. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. /
Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. - Parish
Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 29** - Adoration / **Lenten Penance Service** - 6:00-
7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 30** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program)
5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 31** - Knights of Columbus, Council #7555,
Lenten Fish Fry (Drive-Thru Only) - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 31** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 2** - Religious Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 2** - Palm Sunday Procession and Mass - 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of April 1/2, 2023 - Palm Sunday



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Martia Cawfis



5:00 Stacey Coulardot, Michelle Paxton
7:30 2 volunteers please!
10:00 Bruce Holland and 1 volunteers please!



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Isaiah Bedwell
7:30 3 volunteers please!
10:00 3 volunteers please!
Thurifer- Charlie Andrews

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of March 18/19

Adult Envelopes- \$1,602.00

Loose- \$428.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$358.97

Votive Candles- \$80.75

Easter Flowers- \$274.00

M. Sanders Memorial Donation-
\$10.00

Reimb. GIRL's Night Out - \$43.83

Total- \$2,797.55

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,515.73 behind our
budget for the month of March.
St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$1,064.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Frances Bernadette, daughter of Colin
and Lauren Andrews, became a child of God and was sealed as
Christ's own forever through Baptism on March 19, 2023,
by Fr. David Violi.



St. Joseph's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**Join us Sunday, April 16th
following 10:00 Mass for
our Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Pizza and drinks will be provided;
please bring a side dish or
dessert to share!**

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h- is it helpful?
I- is it inspiring?
n- is it necessary?
k- is it kind?



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