



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

Confession is the Sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of a priest.

“Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.”

Pope Francis



THE EFFECTS OF CONFESSION

- Restoration of sanctifying grace.
- The forgiveness of sins.
- Remission of eternal punishment, if necessary, and also of part of the temporal punishment due to our sins.
- Help to avoid sin in the future.
- Restoration of the merits of our good works if they had been lost due to mortal sin.

THE STEPS OF CONFESSION

- Confess your sins to a priest, who listens lovingly on behalf of Jesus Christ and His Church.
- Receive a penance from the priest, often in some form of prayer or good deed to express our desire to make amends for our sin.
- Make an Act of Contrition to express our contrition and ask God's assistance to go and sin no more.
- Receive Absolution from the priest, which reconciles us to God and His Church.

WHY CONFESS TO A PRIEST?

- Jesus told the Apostles and their successors to forgive sins in God's name (John 20:23; 2 Corinthians 5:18).
- God knows that we need to hear His forgiveness announced to us, just as we need to tell one another “I love you.”
- Through the words of the priest, who welcomes you in Christ's name, it is God Himself who forgives you your sins.

LENT PARISH MISSION - MON., APRIL 4TH - WED., APRIL 6TH - 7-8 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 3

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +

Monday, April 4

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 5

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +
8:30 a.m. *Confessions*

Wednesday, April 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confessions*
7:00 p.m. Bill Lautzenheiser +

Thursday, April 7

8:00 a.m. George O. Witwer +

Friday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Anthony Christie +
5:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
7:00 p.m. *Confirmation Mass*

Saturday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Greg Mayer +

Sunday, April 10

- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. George O. Witwer +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 5 - Lenten Weekday - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest - Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 7 - Lenten Weekday - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest - Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday - Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday - Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 3, 2022

This weekend (April 2nd/3rd), the Church enters the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, which also has been referred to as **Passiontide**. This Sunday serves as a period of “quiet” between **Laetare Sunday** and **Palm Sunday**. It is our last opportunity to meditate on the “ordinary” struggle of Lent before we enter into the intensity of **Holy Week** and the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**.

To signal the intensity of what is to come, we veil the crosses and sacred images in the church this weekend. As we turn our focus entirely on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, we now even visually fast from beauty itself. At the same time, the veil over the Cross, in an ironic manner, draws our attention even more greatly towards it and the great price that was paid for our salvation.

Though we are preparing to enter this solemn time, we have a reason to celebrate with great joy at the end of this week. On Friday, April 8th, we welcome Bishop Rhoades to St. Joseph's as he celebrates the ritual Mass of Confirmation for our 7 Confirmandi and those Confirmandi joining us from St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel. (*In the past, we paired with St. Mary's in Decatur for Confirmation. Moving forward, we will now serve as the Confirmation host parish for our own parish, St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel, and St. Aloysius.*)

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Next weekend, **Palm Sunday** enters us into Holy Week. At each weekend Mass, we will have the distribution and blessing of palms. At our 10 AM Sunday Mass, you are invited to join us for our annual **Palm Sunday Procession**. At this Mass, our Choir will help lead us into the Church as we carry palm branches to commemorate Jesus' joyous and messianic entry into Jerusalem. **The Palm Sunday Procession will begin at 10 AM on Sunday, April 10th, in the parking lot outside of the Parish Office.**

PARISH LITURGICAL UPDATES

Thank you to those who offered their thoughts after Masses last weekend regarding our remaining pews that offer physical distancing. Taking into account the responses received, we will be removing the ropes on the Marian-side (*north-side*) of the Church **starting next weekend**. This should help alleviate overcrowding at Masses, especially as we've seen an increase in those joining us on weekends. For those still desiring physical distancing, we will continue to reserve the first several pews on the St. Joseph-side (*south-side*) of the Church at this time.

Of our remaining prudential practices, Bishop Rhoades has informed the priests of the diocese that the suspension of the distribution of the Most Precious Blood, as suggested both by various health agencies and the Vatican, will continue for the foreseeable future. While reception under both species has a significant “sign value”, we do know, as a truth of faith, that we receive Christ fully, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, when we receive Him under either species. (*This is known as the doctrine of concomitance.*)

DID YOU KNOW? CONFESSION FORGIVES SIN

The Sacrament of Confession is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession (John 20:21-23), so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. This sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing at our **Penance Service on Tuesday, April 5th, at 7 PM**. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too!

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys, Jeff Tillman, Marj Pogue and Matt Marshall.

Join Us For Praise & Worship Holy Hour



Wednesday
April 6
6-7:00 p.m.



CHRISM MASS Blessing of Oils

Monday, April 11 - 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, IN



Thanks to all for supporting the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 25th. A few raindrops didn't dampen the Knights' spirit as a record 624 dinners were served! The proceeds will go towards the new playground planned for installation this summer.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., April 2 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 3 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., April 3 - Religious Education Class Resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., April 4 - Lenten Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m.**
- Tues., April 5 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., April 5 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., April 5 - Lenten Parish Mission/Penance Service - 7-8:00 p.m.**
- Wed., April 6 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. to close our Lenten Parish Mission**
- Wed., April 6 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., April 7 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., April 8 - Stations of the Cross - 5:00 p.m. / Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., April 8 - Conformation Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., April 9 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 10 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., April 10 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., April 11 - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, IN - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., April 12 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., April 12 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., April 13 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., April 14 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. / Adoration in the Chapel of Repose - 8:00 p.m. - Midnight. (Conference Room)
- Fri., April 15 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday - 1:00 p.m. Service. (Parish Office Closed Today)
- Sat., April 16 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 17 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Masses 7:30/ 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., April 18 - Easter Monday - Parish Office Closed Today

Weekend of April 9/10, 2022 (Palm Sunday Weekend)



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Debbie Lautzenheiser



5:00 Stacey Coulardot & Michelle Paxton
7:30 Barb Ault & **Lector Needed!**
10:00 George Witwer & Bruce Holland



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Todd/Anjie Hartman Family & Chris/Laurie Reifsteck Family



5:00 **3 Servers Needed!**
7:30 **3 Servers Needed!**
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Ellie Coyne, **2 Servers Needed!**

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report March 27/28 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,306.00
Child Envelopes- \$2.00
Loose- \$175.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$686.65
Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00
Easter Flowers- \$515.00

Total- \$4,709.65

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$708.85 ahead of our budget for the month of March.
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$85.00

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

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"BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT". Amen.

These young men and women will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph's.



Charlie Andrews

son of Colin and Lauren Andrews

Phillip Mayer

son of Matt and Jeannette Mayer

Spencer McCorkle

son of Dale and Sarah McCorkle

Alex Mechling

son of Eric and Tammy Mechling

Adison Moyer

daughter of Anthony and Ashley Hemminger

Addison Roembke

daughter of Greg and Rachel Roembke

Abby Wagner

daughter of Ben and Jenny Wagner

Please remember them in your prayers!

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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- St. John Paul II

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

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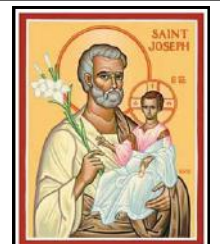


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without leaving
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-St. Mother Teresa

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