

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH - 6:00 PM

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH - 2024 SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (March 24 TH)	Palm Sunday Procession - 10:00 a.m. Mass <i>Procession begins outside of the Parish Office</i>
HOLY MONDAY (March 25 th)	Mass - 8:00 a.m. <i>The Passion of the Christ</i> - 7:00 p.m. <i>Hosted in the Parish Gym</i>
HOLY TUESDAY (March 26 th)	Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m. Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. <i>Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne</i>
SPY WEDNESDAY (March 27 th)	Adoration / Confession - 6:00-6:45 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY (March 28 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 (March 29 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 (March 30 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 (March 31 st)	Mass during the Day - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday, March 16

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. Larry & Nancy Leitz
30th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Mario Riveros +

Monday, March 18

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

Saturday, March 23

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, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Oscar Heyne +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., March 18 - Lenten Weekday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Ps 23:1-6 / Jn 8:1-11

Tues., March 19 - Lenten Weekday - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wed., March 20 - Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Ps Dn 3:52-56 / Jn 8:31-42

Thurs., March 21 - Lenten Weekday - Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Fri., March 22 - Lenten Weekday - Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-7 / Jn 10:31-42

Sat., March 23 - Lenten Weekday - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo - Ez 37:21-28 / Ps Jer 31:10-13 / Jn 11:45-56

Sun., March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 17, 2024

This weekend (March 16th/17th), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, commonly referred to as **Passiontide**. As is our parish custom, we have veiled our statuary and crucifixes in purple cloth starting this weekend. These coverings will remain present, save for the crucifix in the sanctuary, until the beginning of the **Easter Vigil**.

Why is this done? In veiling our devotional items, we are visibly reminded that we are in a special time. It's one of the many changes we see come about during the **Lenten season**. Upon entering the Church itself, we immediately see that something is different. These last two weeks of **Lent** are meant to prepare us for the coming **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. This practice offers us a blunt visual reminder that we are to be preparing our hearts for the Lord.

One of the ways that we can prepare our hearts is by focusing on the words and readings of the Mass in these coming days. Next weekend, we will hear the Passion narrative read as the Gospel and are called to focus our minds on these sacred words. In veiling our statuary, we restrict a portion of our senses so that we might heighten the others and focus on what we are hearing.

As we hear these words more intently, they are meant to produce in our hearts an intensified sense of anticipation for **Easter**. How much more exciting will it be, then, when we enter the Church at **Easter** and see the statuary and crucifixes unveiled. Just as wrapping paper covers a gift that we want to unwrap, so these veils cover beautiful images that we want to see.

Just like wrapping paper on a present, these veils are not meant to be there forever. They are only temporary, waiting to be removed and show forth the great gifts that have been given. In this way, our statuary and crucifixes will soon be uncovered – in their beauty and glory – at **Easter** so that we can bask in the true gift to which they all point: The light of the Risen Lord!

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

This coming **Wednesday, March 20th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**, I will be joined by four other priests for our **Lenten Parish Penance Service**. This opportunity with additional confessors, offered in addition to our weekly confession times, is but another way we can prepare our hearts for the coming joy of **Easter**.

I encourage you, if you haven't yet had an opportunity to make use of this truly wondrous Sacrament this **Lenten season**, join us for our penance service on Wednesday. In this great Sacrament of Confession, we hear the voice of the Savior Himself as our sins are forgiven and we receive the great gift of God's mercy. Even if it has been a long time, come and experience His mercy anew.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Next weekend, we will have the blessing of palms at all Masses as a part of our **Palm Sunday liturgies**. At the 10 AM Sunday Mass, we will begin our celebration with a procession from outside the Church. This procession helps to lead us into Holy Week as we join with the crowds welcoming Christ into Jerusalem. In the same way, we continue this journey all the way to the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**, to the joy of **Easter Sunday**, and beyond!

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

This week, the Church celebrates both the feast days of St. Patrick (Sunday) and St. Joseph (Tuesday). As St. Joseph is our parish patron, we continue our annual celebration of the St. Joseph Table at Masses throughout this weekend. For this reason, our new St. Joseph statue is the only statue that will remain unveiled this weekend, though he will be veiled after the feast day on Tuesday.

As part of our St. Joseph Table, you are invited to take with you a sweet from the table after Mass. A special "Thank You" to those who helped arrange for this yearly treat. There is a *free will donation basket* on the table which will be donated to support activities and events for our Youth Group.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 16** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 17** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 17** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 19** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 20** - *Lenten Penance Service* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 20** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 22** - Soup Supper- 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
- **Fr., Mar. 22** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 23** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 24** - No Religious Education Classes

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Holy Mon., Mar. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Holy Mon., Mar. 25** - *The Passion of the Christ Movie* - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Gym.
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 26** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- **Holy Tues., Mar. 26** - *Chrism Mass* with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.
- **Spy Wed., Mar. 27** - Adoration / Confession - 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Holy Thurs., Mar. 28** - *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) - 8:00 a.m. / Confession - 4:30-6:30 p.m. / **Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.** / Prayer in the Parish Conference Room after Mass until Midnight / *Compline* (Night Prayer) - 11:45 p.m.
- **Good Friday, Mar. 29** - *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, Mar. 30** - *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, Mar. 31** - Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of March 23 & 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Martia Crawfis/Adult Choir



5:00 Stacey Coulardot, Michelle Paxton
7:30 Barb Ault and Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Bruce Holland and George Witwer



10:00 Diana Cole, **Volunteer, Volunteer** (see signup sheet)



5:00 3 **Volunteers** (see sign up sheet)
7:30 3 **Volunteers** (see sign up sheet)
10:00 Charlie Andrews, 2 **Volunteers** (seen sign up sheet)

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of Mar. 9/10**
Adult Envelopes- \$3,865.00
Loose- \$316.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$812.13
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
Votive Candles- \$63.41
Easter Offering- \$100.00
Easter Flowers- \$275.00
Total- \$5,556.54

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$1,822.15 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$210.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL



Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck
Following 10:00 Mass (approximately 11:30)
Pizza & Drinks will be provided;
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Sign up sheet in the narthex

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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Pogue, sister of Mary Lou Van Camp, who passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Let us also pray for the repose of the soul of James "Jim" Hill, father of Jennifer (Ben) Wagner, grandfather of Abby, Adrienne and Ainsley Wagner.

May God welcome them home,
fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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



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Thursday's: 3pm-8pm
Friday's: 3pm-8pm
Saturday's: Noon-8pm

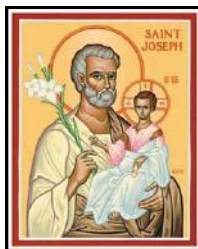
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