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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*"It is not a simple matter of living through forty days.
Lent is the epitome of our whole life."*

St. Augustine of Hippo, Sermon 205 (AD 415)



PRAYER

HELPS US
TO BE
CLOSE TO
CHRIST
AND IN
CONSTANT
DIALOGUE
WITH HIM,
JOINING HIM
IN HIS
SACRIFICE
ON THE
CROSS.



FASTING

PURIFIES
OURSELVES
FROM
THOSE THINGS
THAT ARE
KEEPING
US FROM
DEVOTING
OUR HEARTS
TO THE
LORD.



ALMSGIVING

GIVING
WHAT
WE HAVE
HELPS US TO
UNDERSTAND
THE TRUE
PRICE OF
CHRIST'S
GENEROSITY
IN THE
CROSS.

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Saturday, February 17

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, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +

Monday, February 19

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Joseph & Alma Beckman Family

Thursday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Mothers of Tom & Becky
Jackson

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Jane Case +

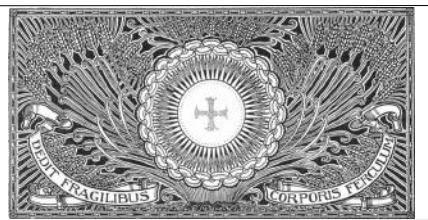
Saturday, February 24

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, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Raymond 'Bud' Helm+



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 19 - Lenten Weekday - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / Mt 25:31-46
Tues., February 20 - Lenten Weekday - Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 / Mt 6:7-15
Wed., February 21 - Lenten Weekday - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32
Thurs., February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle - 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 16:13-19
Fri., February 23 - Lenten Weekday - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-8 / Mt 5:20-26
Sat., February 24 - Lenten Weekday - Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Mt 5:43-48
Sun., February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 116:10, 15-19 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mk 9:2-10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18, 2024

A special "Thank You!" to our G.I.R.L's Night Out for hosting our annual Mardi Gras Party! A wonderful evening helped to support two good causes: Our Parish Youth Group and donating supplies for our local WOW Buses.

This weekend (February 17th/18th), the Church celebrates the **First Sunday in Lent**. In the words of St. Augustine of Hippo: *As we soon celebrate the Passion of our crucified Lord, it is therefore in keeping with our commitment to Him that we should crucify ourselves by restraining the desires of the flesh.* These forty days of Lent are guided by the spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We will continue our parish practice of almsgiving with our annual **Lenten Food Drive**. Please place your donations in the narthex.

ST. JOSEPH STATUE IN THE NARTHEX

As we are just a month away from our patronal feast day, the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, we are blessed to "unveil" a new statue of St. Joseph in our narthex this weekend. This statue was originally stored by our *Knights of Columbus* from a closed hermitage in Decatur. We've since helped relocate many of the sacred items from the hermitage for use in various churches.

Of the items, two have remained for use in our own parish: The portable altar we use for our altar of repose on **Holy Thursday** and this St. Joseph statue. The statue itself was in need of a bit of repair and repainting. This work was recently completed for us by the Fort Wayne-based *William L. Lupkin Designs*. Our own parishioner and master craftsman, Joe Bauer, skillfully crafted the base on which St. Joseph now stands.

We will bless this statue of our patron as a part of our annual **St. Joseph Table**, celebrated the weekend near the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th). As St. Joseph was charged with the care of the Holy Family, so we place our parish family under his prayerful protection. St. Joseph, foster-father of the Lord and protector of the universal Church, pray for us!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON & COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Beginning this weekend, our cantors will sing the entrance and communion antiphons at our weekend Masses. The entrance antiphon will be sung prior to the opening hymn and the communion antiphon after the priest has received Holy Communion. These short, beautiful, and meditative scriptural verses offer us tremendous insight into the themes of our weekly liturgy.

Quite often, many Sundays received nicknames based upon the antiphons that were sung. For example, *Laetare Sunday* is called such as the entrance antiphon begins with the word "*Laetare*," or "*Rejoice!*" May we listen both attentively and prayerfully to our cantors and allow these verses taken from the Sacred Scriptures to help prepare your hearts so that they might be "*burning within us*" (Luke 24:32) as we enter and participate in the sacred mysteries.

RITE OF ELECTION

After our last Mass this Sunday, I will be traveling with our *Catechumens* and *Candidates for Full Communion* to the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** in Fort Wayne. There, these eight men and women who have been preparing over this past year, will join all those preparing to enter the Church and be welcomed and greeted by Bishop Rhoades. Let us continue to pray for these men and women as they prepare to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

ONWARDS TO PILGRIMAGE!

On Monday, I will be leading a number of pilgrims from our parish to Italy. As we begin our pilgrimage, we will start with daily Mass Monday morning at 5:30 AM before leaving for the airport. (*All are welcome to join us!*) With our layovers and the time difference, we should arrive in Rome early Tuesday morning. We will keep our whole parish family in prayer as we visit these holy sites and walk along the path that so many have walked before us.

A special thanks to Fr. Bill Sullivan for being with us while I am away.



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

Lenten EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
Soup Supper
6:00—6:45 PM
 Parish Social Hall

Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM
 Church





Soup & Stations of the Cross



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 17** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 18** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 18** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Feb. 20** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 21** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 23** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 23** - Soup Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- **Fr., Feb. 23** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 24** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 24** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Tues., Feb. 27** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 28** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 1** - Soup Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- **Fr., Mar. 1** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall

Weekend of February 24 & 25, 2024

 CANTORS	5:00	Youth Schola
	7:30	Teresa Smith
	10:00	Marita Crawfis
 LECTORS	5:00	Glenn Ryan
	7:30	Ben Wagner
	10:00	Bruce Holland
 Eucharistic Ministers	5:00	Michelle Paxton, Volunteer
	7:30	Jill Morrissey, Volunteer
	10:00	Kevin Seago, Monica Harris, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer
 Altar Servers	5:00	Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
	7:30	Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner
	10:00	Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of Feb. 10/11
 Adult Envelopes- \$2,157.00
 Loose- \$158.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$833.11
Total- \$3,148.11

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
 We are \$2,215.94 ahead of our budget for the month of February.
 Bolivian Mission- \$190.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Georgia Lyn Harnish, daughter of Brandon and Heather Harnish, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, February 11, 2024 by Fr. David Violi

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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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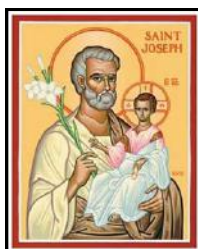


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