

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## 1st Sunday of Lent

### How to make the most of Lent

Suggestions from ChurchPOP.com

# 1

#### GO TO CONFESSION!

We all sin, which means we all need to repent. Grace is waiting for you in the confessional!



# 2

#### RESOLVE TO LIVE A MORE HOLY LIFE

Make a careful examination of conscience every day and put in place specific plans for how you will overcome sinful habits.

# 3

#### PRAY... A LOT

Commit to praying more this Lent. If you need help, get a devotional or spend some time reading Scripture.



# 4

#### MAKE SOME SACRIFICES

Making even small sacrifices for God show him that we love him. They can also help make you grow in holiness!



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[ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 26, 2023

*A special "Thank You!" to our G.I.R.L's Night Out for hosting our second annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser. With 100+ people in attendance, it was a wonderful evening of fraternity in support of some great causes.*

This weekend (February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **First Sunday of Lent**. This season serves as our time of preparation for **Easter** and, as we hear in the Gospel today, is itself rooted in our Lord's own forty days of fasting in the desert. Through His personal example, our Lord re-emphasizes that the practice of fasting, so frequently ordered in the Old Law, is to be also practiced by the Children of the New Law, the Church.

This season is itself one that is rich in mysteries. The forty days of this season not only call to mind our Lord's time in the desert, but also harken back to the forty days of the flood (Genesis 7:12), the forty years that Israel sojourned in the desert before being permitted to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33), and the forty days during which the Prophet Ezekiel lay on his right side as a sign of the destruction that would befall Jerusalem (Ezekiel 4:6).

In addition, we recall how both Moses (Exodus 24:18) and Elijah (1 Kings 19:8) fasted for forty days before approaching God on Mounts Sinai and Horeb, respectively. With these mysterious before us, we can begin to understand why it was that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation, and wishing to subject himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU - TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

This Lent, each Catholic church in our diocese will have confessions available on **Tuesday, March 14th, from 6-8 PM** as a part of **The Light Is On For You** Campaign. This yearly campaign emphasizes the beauty and availability of the Sacrament of Confession throughout our diocese. If you have been away from this Sacrament for some time, I encourage you to never be afraid to return to it and encounter the Lord's loving mercy and forgiveness in our lives.

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH

In addition to **The Light Is On For You** Campaign, we will also have our **Lenten Penance Service** on **Wednesday, March 29th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. We will have myself and at least three other priests available to hear Confessions throughout the hour. During this time, we will also have Adoration going on in the Church followed by our normal Wednesday evening Mass at 7:00 PM.

Throughout Lent, we also have our regular Confession schedule. This includes Confessions offered every **Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 AM, Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 PM, and Saturday from both 8:30-9:00 AM and 4:00-4:45 PM**. In addition, Confession is also offered every **First Friday of the month from 5:00-5:45 PM** and can always be provided at any other time **by appointment**.

### LENTEN TRIVIA - THE HISTORY OF THE PRETZEL

The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. It originated as an ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. Throughout the Roman Empire, the Faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: No milk, butter, cheese, eggs, cream or meat. (*Many Eastern Catholic Churches still follow some form of this stricter Lenten fast.*) Instead, they would make small breads of water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer.

The bread was shaped in the form of crossed arms, following the local custom of crossing one's arms over the breast while praying. Therefore, the breads were called "*bracellae*" (meaning "little arms") in the common Latin of the day. From this Latin word, the Germanic people would later coin the term "pretzel." Thus the pretzel is the most appropriate food symbol in Lent.

Even to this day, the pretzel still shows the form of arms crossed in prayer, reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. It consists only of water and flour, thus proclaiming Lent as a time of fasting. In many places throughout Europe, it remains customary to serve pretzels only in Lent, thus keeping this ancient symbolism alive. The earliest picture and description of a pretzel may be found in an original fifth century codex preserved in the Vatican Library.

~Fr. David

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Dale Helmer +

### Sunday, February 26

#### First Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +

### Monday, February 27

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, February 28

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

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, March 1

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

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

7:00 p.m. Mildred Huss +

### Thursday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Al & Mary Porrata- 50th Wedding Anniversary

### Friday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Bessie & George Harvey +

6:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Saturday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, March 5

#### Second Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Al & Mary Porrata Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. David Black +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, February 27 - St. Gregory of**

**Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church - Lv**

19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 28 - Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-**

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**Wednesday, March 1 - Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-**

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**Thursday, March 2 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/**

**Mt 7:7-12**

**Friday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Vir-**

**gin - World Day of Prayer - Ez 18:21-28/ Mt**

**5:20-26**

**Saturday, March 4 - St. Casimir - Dt 26:16-**

**19/ Mt 5:43-48**

**Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent -**

**Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9**



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.

# Wednesday, March 1st

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### Holy Hour

#### 6:00-7:00 PM



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**, March 3, 2023  
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

*Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.*

### SOUP'S ON!

Lenten Soup Supper - Friday, March 3 from 5:30-6:30 PM  
in the Parish Social Hall. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus Saturday, March 4th for the recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary beginning at 4:35 p.m. Everyone in the Parish is invited to participate. Please join us in praying for these unborn children, and for assistance and care for their mothers.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 26** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 2** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 3** - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Sign up sheet, to bring soup, is in the narthex.
- **Fri., Mar. 3** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 4** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 5** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 7** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 7** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 7** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in the Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

### Weekend of March 4/5 2023



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Dan Geimer



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Volunteers  
**10:00** Volunteers



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle, James Mayer  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

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

Adult Envelopes- \$2,902.00  
Loose- \$183.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$574.97  
Votive Candles- \$43.00

**Total- \$3,702.97**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$2,357.42 behind our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$599.00

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

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Join us on Sunday, April 2nd, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a presentation on the Shroud of Turin (the burial cloth of Jesus) by Martha May In the Parish Social Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m.



**Confessions - Tuesday,  
March 14th from 6-8:00 PM**



### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie "Marj" Sanders, who passed away Sunday, February 19, 2023 and was laid to rest on February 23, 2023.



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

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



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- is it helpful?  
- is it inspiring?  
- is it necessary?  
- is it kind?




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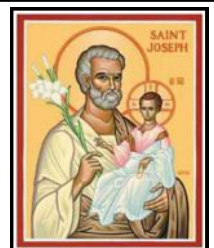


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