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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*"You can't go back and change the beginning
but you can start where you are
and change the ending."*

C.S. Lewis

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."



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☐ We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, March 9

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. David Black +

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +

Monday, March 11

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 12

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. David Thiem +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 13

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Waller Booth +

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m. David Paul Butler +

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 +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 10, 2024

This weekend (March 9th/10th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, also known as ***Laetare Sunday***. This name comes from the entrance antiphon of our Mass: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast*" (cf. Isaiah 66:10-11). Being at the midpoint of our ***Lenten season***, this weekend serves as a reminder that this penitential season is lived out for a reason.

Lent is, and always has been, a time of preparation for the ***Easter season***. As a clear reminder of this, the Church interrupts her Lenten mournfulness on ***Laetare Sunday*** to provide a brief glimpse of **Easter** glory. The Church's motive for introducing expressions of joy on ***Laetare Sunday*** is to encourage her Children to persevere fervently to the end of this holy Season. These expressions of joy are reflected in our liturgical practices today.

Reminiscent of the springtime of the Resurrection, our barren sanctuary is, at least for today, filled with flowers. The penitential violet of Lent is mixed with the joyful gold of **Easter**, reflected in the rose of our vestments and adornments throughout the sanctuary. And, though we continue to fast from both the Gloria and Alleluia, we will break from our silent recessional this weekend and lift our voices together in joy in singing a recessional hymn.

Our recessional hymn this weekend is the ancient Lenten classic: ***The Glory of These Forty Days***. When I say ancient, I truly mean it as this hymn is itself traced back to the end of the sixth century. There is little dispute that this hymn was itself written by Pope St. Gregory the Great, the 64th successor to St. Peter. Named a Doctor of the Church, Pope St. Gregory is well-known even today for his voluminous writings, including many songs and hymns.

As this recessional hymn rings forth from our lips, I encourage you to focus on its words. The first verse emphasizes that our Lord Himself set the measure for our Lenten practice. The next two verses highlight how this season was prefigured in the Old Testament by Moses, Elijah, and Daniel and prepared for in the New Testament by St. John the Baptist. Finally, the last two verses emphasize how this ***Lenten season*** can unite us closer to the Lord.

PASSIONTIDE - ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - PALM SUNDAY

Next weekend, the Church enters into **Passiontide**. Having had this brief respite of ***Laetare Sunday***, we will now focus our gaze more intently on the upcoming Passion of our Lord. For this reason, **Passiontide** makes use of that old proverb: *Less is more*. Our devotional statuary and crucifix will be veiled starting next weekend. Even these things of beauty to the eyes are hidden away from us for a brief time to increase our longing for **Easter Sunday**.

Though we enter Passiontide next weekend, we will leave one statue briefly unveiled: **Our St. Joseph statue in the narthex**. On Tuesday, March 19th, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is one of only two celebrations that takes precedence over our ***Lenten season***. Following our parish custom, we will have our **St. Joseph Table** next weekend as it is the Sunday nearest to the actual solemnity.

In two weekends, we will celebrate **Palm Sunday**. Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem emphasizes the Church's entry into **Holy Week**. As this will not only be **Holy Week**, but also ***Spring Break*** for our school districts, I encourage you to begin planning for **Holy Week** now, especially if you will be traveling for ***Spring Break***. As this is the most important week in our entire liturgical year, we do not want to let this sacred time slip us by.

PARISH GARDEN BEDS

We had a brief taste of Spring this past week before the cold weather returned. Though still some weeks away, it is a good reminder that we will have four garden beds available for use behind the Church. Two of the six beds will be dedicated for growing fresh flowers to be used in the sanctuary; the other four beds are open for communal use. If you would like to claim a bed or a part of bed for use, please contact the **Parish Office** (260-824-1380).



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., March 11 - Lenten Weekday - Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b / Jn 4:43-54
Tues., March 12 - Lenten Weekday - Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16
Wed., March 13 - Lenten Weekday - Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30
Thurs., March 14 - Lenten Weekday - Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-23 / Jn 5:31-47
Fri., March 15 - Lenten Weekday - Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-21, 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat., March 16 - Lenten Weekday - Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 / Jn 7:40-53
Sun., March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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.

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Conference Room.

If you are in need of a ride, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380. All women of the Parish are Welcome!



WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Through water and the word, Hunter and Colson Lehman, children of Greg and Stacy Lehman, became children of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, March 3, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS * Fish Fry * March 15 * 4-7:00PM

Featuring **Dan's Fish Fry** with Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert.

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REMINDER

No Soup Supper next Weekend
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 9** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 10** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 12** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 12** - GIRL's Night Out Group - Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 13** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 13** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 15** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 15** - *Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry* - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Fr., Mar. 15** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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.

Weekend of March 16 & 17, 2024



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Martia Crawfis/Adult Choir



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Jeff Miller, Jacque Johnson, Diana Cole



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 Jacquelyn Mayer, Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Mar. 2/3

Adult Envelopes - \$2,759.00

Loose - \$304.00

Repair Fund - \$3,046.00

Votive Candles - \$278.76

Easter Offering - \$55.00

Easter Flowers - \$35.00

NDFCU - \$20.65

Total- \$6,498.41

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,382.01 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

Online Giving for February

\$6,685.00. We ended the month

\$7,930.52 ahead of our budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$370.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - February 2024

Housing Assistance - \$300.00

Local Charitable Donations - \$1,900.00

Thank you for helping us help others!



WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Wylder Rausch, son of Doug and Brittany Rausch, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, March 3, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Draper, mother of George (Kari) Draper, who passed away on Friday, March 1, 2024.



Let us also pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Makowski, mother of Steve (Sherry) Makowski, Jeff Makowski and Joel (Patty) Makowski, who passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

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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n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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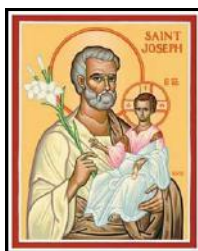


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