

LENT

PRAYER ♦ FASTING ♦ ALMSGIVING

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

Ash Wednesday (March 6) ~ 7 AM, Noon, 7 PM

Soup Supper

Fridays - 5:30-6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Tuesdays ~ 8:30-9 AM; Wednesdays ~ 6-6:45 PM; Saturdays ~ 4-4:45 PM

Parish Penance Service ~ Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday ~ 8 AM

Wednesday ~ 7 PM

HOLY WEEK

Holy Tuesday (April 16) ~ Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM

at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Good Friday (April 19) ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

• Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

• Confessions from 7:45-8:15 PM

• Tenebrae Service at 8:30 PM

Holy Saturday (April 20) ~ Easter Vigil at 9 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Easter Sunday (April 21) ~ Mass of Easter Day at 7:30 AM & 10 AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Venus Zadylak +

Sunday, March 3

- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Robert & Rose Marie Bates +

Monday, March 4

8:00 a.m. James Lilley +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 a.m./8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Joyce Felger +

Noon Joey Watson +

7:00 p.m. Leo Volk + & Vernon Geisel +

Thursday, March 7 - All Day Adoration

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

Friday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of George and Diane Witwer Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Leonard Smythe +

Sunday, March 10

- First Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Lisa Pfeifer Ewald +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 4 - Eighth Week in Ordinary Time -
St. Casimir - Sir 17:20-24/ Mk 10:17-27

Tues., Mar. 5 - Sir 35:1-12/ Mk 10:28-31

Wed., Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs., Mar. 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
- Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Fri., Mar. 8 - St. John of God, Religious - Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Sat., Mar. 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious - Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Sun., Mar. 10 - First Sunday of Lent - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Dt 26:4-10/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, MARCH 3, 2019- C

Though our readings today come from the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, their call for self-reflection and conversion are perfectly placed in our liturgical year. These penitential themes will help us in transitioning from Ordinary Time to the most sacred Lenten season this Wednesday (March 6) when we mark the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM.** (Note: Incense will be used at the 7 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday.) Please see the front of the bulletin for a detailed schedule of our various parish devotions and offerings throughout Lent.

As we enter into the Lenten season, please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be kept as days of prayer and fasting. On these two days, we not only abstain from meat, but limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. Throughout the remainder of Lent, we also abstain from meat on all Fridays. These biblical practices of fasting (Matthew 9:14-15) and abstinence (Daniel 10:2-3) both serve to strengthen our self-discipline and stand as constant reminders that we live not for the comforts of this world but for the glory of God in the world to come.

The practice of fasting during Lent goes together with both prayer and almsgiving in preparing us for the Paschal Mystery. These three practices have historically served as the pillars of spiritual growth throughout the Lenten season. Fasting, as mentioned above, serves as our weapon against the flesh as it allows us to develop a mastery over our bodily desires and allow the love of God to be that which we truly desire at all times (Romans 8:13). In addition to the observed days of fasting and abstinence, I would encourage each of us to practice some form of daily fasting throughout these forty days. This could be abstaining from a favored food or beverage, dedicating time each day to "fast" from electronics, or committing ourselves to redouble our efforts to remove some form of temptation or sin that we suffer from in our lives.

Prayer serves as our weapon against the devil as it keeps us in a continual conversation with the Lord. The entirety of the Lenten season, leading us into the most Sacred Triduum, is dedicated to prayer. We see this dedication exemplified within our liturgies themselves as they are marked by austerity and simplicity throughout Lent: Fewer flowers, if any, will adorn the church, the Gloria is not sung at Mass, the Alleluia before the Gospel is omitted, the altar cross from our original Church will be placed upon the altar, and, starting on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide*), our statues and images will be veiled. The austerity and simplicity during these forty days calls us to focus more intentionally and deeply on our relationship with the Lord. To strengthen this focus, we can make use of the many prayerful opportunities offered by the parish. These opportunities for spiritual growth can take on a communal form, such as attending Stations of the Cross every Friday or an additional weekday Mass each week, and/or a private form, such as setting apart time on a daily basis for silence with and contemplation of the Sacred Scriptures or praying a Rosary every day.

Finally, almsgiving serves as our weapon against the world as it reminds us that we do not live for ourselves or this world (Romans 14:7-8). In freely giving of our time, talent, and treasure to those in need, we die towards our own self-centeredness and enter into a deeper relationship with both our neighbor and God (Hebrews 13:16). Through almsgiving, we find ourselves freely returning to God those things that He Himself has given us as we strive for the heavenly Jerusalem. Almsgiving can be practiced through a monetary donation to a charity (separate from our weekly tithe), such as to our St. Vincent de Paul Fund or our Lenten Canned Food Collection, and/or in service to others through the giving of our time and talent, such as visiting nursing home residents or those who are homebound and/or volunteering at a local charity. In our prayer, we should ask that the Lord to help us discern how we can best serve others through that which He has given us and, when such an opportunity presents itself, to have the courage to respond.

These forty days of Lent always pass much too quickly. If approached with openness of heart and in response to Jesus' call to conversion, these days can change our lives. Let us discern how we can best approach these days to be the most fruitful of days; Days filled with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May we all have a very blessed and very challenging Lent.

*In Christ,
Fr. David*



Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer and Sue Schreiber.

Ash Wednesday



March 6
Masses:
7:00 a.m.
Noon
7:00 p.m.



ALL DAY ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, March 7, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex
and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT - Beginning March 8th.

Come and enjoy soup and fellowship anytime
from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and stay for Stations of the
Cross led by Fr. David at 7:00 p.m.



Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon & Lent Radio Challenge
Redeemer Radio's Spring Sharathon is March 13-15 on 106.3FM.
Our local Catholic radio station is primarily funded during this bi-
annual pledge drive. Please consider making a pledge to help support
this ministry of evangelization. Call or Text your pledge in during
Sharathon at 260-436-1450 or donate online
www.RedeemerRadio.com. When thinking about what you should
do for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving this Lent, consider The LENT
RADIO CHALLENGE. Reset all your radios to Redeemer Radio
through all of Lent, we will also sent you daily e-boasts, providing
you with local, faithful inspiration as we journey with Jesus into the
desert. Join the Challenge at www.LentRadio.com

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Mar. 4 - **Alpha** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Mar. 5 - Knights of Columbus meeting with recitation
of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church and meeting to follow at
7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon /
and 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar 7 - All day Adoration 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany
of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 8 - Lenten Soup Supper - Serving from 5:30-6:30
p.m. Come any time!! (Lenten Soup Supper each Friday dur-
ing Lent except April 5 - K of C Fish Fry and April 19 - Good
Friday).
- Fri., Mar 8 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. and each Friday of
Lent.
- Sun., & Wed., Mar. 10 between Masses & Mar. 13 at 7:30
p.m. - Discussion Forum with Fr. David on Types of Prayer.
- Mon., Mar. 11 - **Alpha** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social
hall.
- Tues., Mar. 12 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting- 7:00
p.m. in the conference room.
- Wed., Mar. 13 - Adoration 5:00-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 15 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime be-
tween 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 18 - **Alpha** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social
hall.
- Tues., March 19 - Mass at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Solemnity
of St. Joseph.

WEEKEND OF MARCH 9/10, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Christine Zadylak, Janette Minch, Volunteer
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Diana Cole, Tammi Helm,
Monica Harris

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family
10:00 Mike/Becky Anderson Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Catherine Crawfis, Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Alex Mechling

Collection for Weekend of February 23/24, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$2,988.00
Child Envelopes- \$14.00
Loose- \$123.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$5.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$20.00
Alpha donation- \$82.00
Spiritual CDs- \$5.00
Votive Candles- \$72.15
Total- \$3,309.15

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$1,052.13 behind our
monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$45.00
Bolivian Mission Sponsors- \$390.00
31st ABA payment #12- \$92.15

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

7TH/8TH GRADE BAKE SALE FOR BOLIVIAN MISSION

Thank you so very much for your generosity to our Annual 7th/8th
Grade Bake Sale to help sponsor students through our Bolivian Mis-
sion Program; \$502.25 was raised, which will help 5 children with
school costs. Again, **THANK YOU!**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - FEBRUARY 2019

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$30.62
Rent/Housing - \$339.00
Donation to Local Organizations - \$400.00
Thank you for your support in helping our
brothers and sisters who needed assistance in
our community. God Bless You!



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MARCH 10 & 13 - DISCUSSION FORUM

Join Fr. David March 10 between
Masses and March 13 at 7:30 p.m. for
a discussion forum on *Types of Prayer*.

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the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the
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past, present and future,



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God Bless You!**

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THINK!

T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
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