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ASH WEDNESDAY

— THE BEGINNING OF LENT —



WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches, blessed on the **Palm Sunday** from the previous liturgical year, are burned to create the ashes which will be imposed upon the forehead.

WHY USE ASHES?

Since the Old Testament, ashes have served as a symbol of **repentance**. Imposing them upon the forehead serves as a reminder and an invitation to repentance and to follow God more closely.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the 40 day period from Ash Wednesday to the Sacred Paschal Triduum. It is marked by prayer, fasting, & almsgiving.

PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 7 AM, NOON, 7 PM

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Saturday, February 10

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 11

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 12

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 13

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Frances Andrews
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Parish Family
Noon Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. Frances Andrews

Thursday, February 15

8:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling+

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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 12 - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - Jas 1:1-11 / Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 / Mk 8:11-13

Tues., February 13 - Jas 1:12-18 / Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 / Mk 8:14-21

Wed., February 14 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18 / Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., February 15 - Dt 30:15-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 9:22-25

Fri., February 16 - Is 58:1-9 / Ps 51:3-6, 18-19 / Mt 9:14-15

Sat., February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order - Is 58:9-14 / Ps 86:1-6 / Lk 5:27-32

Sun., February 18 - First Sunday of Lent - Gn 9:8-15 / Ps 25:4-9 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 11, 2024

This weekend (February 10th/11th), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This will be our last weekend in **Ordinary Time** for over three months as we prepare to enter the **Lenten season**. It will only be after the forty days of **Lent**, the fifty days of **Easter**, and **Pentecost** that we once again return to **Ordinary Time**. We will then spend the rest of the liturgical year in **Ordinary Time**, unpacking the mysteries we've just gone through.

The **Lenten season** will begin this Wednesday (February 14th) as we enter into the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. We will offer three Mass times for **Ash Wednesday: 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM**. This annual entrance into **Lent** serves as a time of recollection and penance, preparing for the greatest of all celebrations: **Easter Sunday**. By walking with the Lord through His own forty days in the desert, so we prepare ourselves to walk with Him to heaven.

An important part of our **Lenten** observance is found in the practices of fasting and abstinence from meat, both on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. When fasting, a person eats one full meal and two smaller meals that, together, do not equal a full meal. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. (*All Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.*)

In addition to fasting from food, we also find forms of "fasting" reflected in our liturgy. Starting on **Ash Wednesday**, we fast from both praying the *Gloria* and singing the *Alleluia*. These two liturgical elements joyously praising God will not pass our lips again until the **Easter Vigil** when we rejoice together in the resurrection. Their absences from our Mass are meant to highlight the truly penitential nature of these forty days.

Similarly, we will continue the practice begun last year of concluding our Masses during Lent with a silent recessional following the St. Michael Prayer. This practice, encouraged by our national bishops' conference, offers us the opportunity for periods of deeper reflection and prayer. As explained by the conference: Silence "*allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated.*"

We also undergo a visual fast during Lent, as many of the adornments in the Church are simplified or removed. The sanctuary becomes a bit more bare with less floral decorations present. The gilded crucifix, golden candlesticks, and bleached candles are taken away and replaced with a wooden crucifix, wooden candlesticks, and unbleached candles. Eventually, even our devotional statuary is itself veiled as our eyes focus on the Lord alone.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY—EUCCHARISTIC SMALL GROUPS

Following our sign-ups over this past month, we have had four groups volunteer to help lead small groups throughout Lent. These groups will show the **Jesus and the Eucharist** series prepared this year by our national bishops' conference as a part of the **National Eucharistic Revival**. This series will run throughout the seven weeks of **Lent** as a way to help us each prepare for the coming **Easter season**.

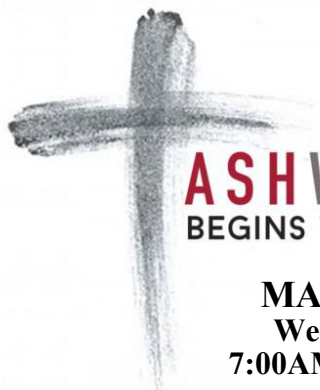
Each weekly session is two hours and utilizes a beautiful combination of informative videos, small group discussion, and time for personal reflection. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex detailing when each group will meet and sign-up for which group you plan to attend. A special "*Thank You!*" to our group hosts for helping to lead this initiative for our parish family.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

As you may have noticed over the past few weekends, we have been having an issue with our sound system. There are two wireless microphones which the presider can use, both of which have been going in and out. Earlier this week, we placed a service call with local **Stylus Technologies** who had installed our system a number of years ago. Thankfully, they were able to quickly identify and remedy the problem. Both microphones should now work with no issues.



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday, Feb. 14th
7:00AM / NOON / 7:00PM

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."



After Hours Sacramental Emergency Line: 260-296-0511

Modified Parish Office Hours

February 12th to February 15th

Monday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 10** - St. Joseph Women's Group 3rd Annual *Mardi Gras Fundraiser* - 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Tues., Feb. 13** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 14** - *Ash Wednesday* - Mass 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 16** - Soup Dinner (if you would like to make soup, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex) - 6:00 p.m.
- **Fr., Feb. 16** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 17** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **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.

Weekend of February 17 & 18, 2024



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Bruce Holland



5:00 N/A
7:30 N/A
10:00 Jeff Miller, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer



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

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Feb. 3/4

Adult Envelopes- \$6,616.00

Loose- \$254.74

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$1,910.00

Solemnity of Mary- \$500.00

Votive Candles- \$20.00

Total- \$9,300.74

*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>

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,184.34 ahead of our
budget for the month of February.

Online Giving for January -
\$6,380.00. We ended the month,
\$9,016.17 ahead of our budget

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$500.00

Online Giving for January

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$225.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - January 2024

Housing- \$1,191.44

Charitable Donation- \$1,000.00

Total Charitable Donations- \$2,191.44

Thank you for helping us help others!

Lenten



*Soup
&
Stations of the Cross*

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Soup Supper

5:30—6:30 PM

Parish Social Hall

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Steve Wagner, husband of Nancy, and father of Ben (Jenny)
Wagner, who passed away Monday, February 5, 2024.



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

*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon him. May his 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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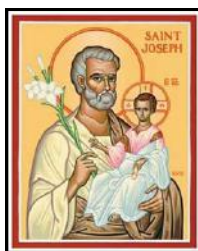


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