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3rd Sunday of Lent

10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS

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ACCEPT IT

ACCEPT IF AND HOW YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED



GO TO CONFESSION

MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND START OVER



GET BACK UP

REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS AND BEGIN AGAIN



WHAT WENT WRONG?

PONDER ON THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED YOU HERE



PRAY

PRAYER HELPS YOU REVIVE YOUR SOUL. LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE



FAST

FASTING ENABLES US TO DOMINATE OUR DESIRES



GIVE ALMS

WHEN WE GIVE ALMS, WE DO OURSELVES AND OTHERS A GREAT THING



LISTEN

FOLLOW THE ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE



FOCUS

FOCUS ON ACCOMPLISHING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO



ASK FOR HELP

LEAN ON YOUR FRIENDS, PRIEST, MENTORS, AND FAMILY

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Julia Mangan +

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, March 13

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 14

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

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 15

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

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

7:00 p.m. Barney Hickert +

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Albie Porrata +

Friday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Ed Smith +

Sunday, March 19

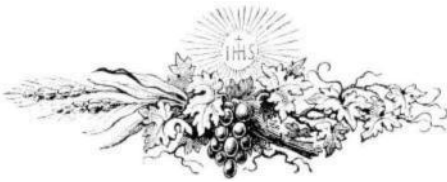
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lucilia Santanilla +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday - 2

Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday - Dn

3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday -

Dt 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday - Jer

7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday - St.

Patrick, Bishop - Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday - St.

Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church - Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent -

Laetare Sunday - 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/ Eph

5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 12, 2023

This weekend (March 11th/12th), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Lent**. This Sunday has two names, both **Scrutiny Sunday** and **Oculi Sunday**. **Scrutiny Sunday**, the more ancient of the two names, acknowledges that, on this weekend, the first of the three the Scrutinies is observed. In the Scrutinies, those preparing to enter the Church on the **Easter Vigil** are called forward and prayed over by our community to prepare for the celebration and initiation soon to come. (*This name itself dates to at least the 6th Century.*)

Oculi Sunday comes from the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon, or *Introit*, taken from Psalm 25: "*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*" This desire expressed by the Psalmist is now meant to become the desire of both the Catechumen, preparing to enter Christ's Church, and the Faithful, seeking to grow closer to Christ. In Christ, we find the He who rescues us from our misery and is the fullness of our hope.

ST. PATRICKS' DAY AND BISHOP RHOADES' DECREE

Please see the special insert in this weekend's bulletin from Bishop Rhoades regarding the celebration of **St. Patrick's Day** this coming Friday (March 17th) and our Lenten practice of Friday abstinence from meat. This decree, known in Church law as a singular administrative decree, in itself offers us the opportunity for a beautiful reflection on the interplay that is often found between Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium.

The concept of fasting and abstinence are that have strong biblical roots in both the Old and New Testaments (*cf. Matthew 9:14-15, Daniel 10:2-3*). As we heard on the **First Sunday of Lent**, our Lord Himself underwent forty days of fasting in the desert. Though the Lord Himself fasted and speaks of the fasting of His disciples (*cf. Matthew 6:16-18*), He did not impose a manner of fasting upon the world by an express commandment.

Though our Lord makes clear that we should fast, He does not state how we are to do so. As such, we now turn to Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium to guide our practices. The practice of fasting is well described by the Early Church Fathers. Pope St. Clement I, writing near the end of the 1st Century, emphasized how fasting allows for growth in virtue. Tertullian, writing near the end of the 2nd Century, extols fasting as a means of strengthening self-discipline.

As this spiritual practice has been modeled by Christ and extolled and handed down by the Fathers throughout the centuries, how it is expressly observed has been left to the guidance of the Church. The Magisterium, or the teaching office of the Church, regulates this practice throughout the centuries at the behest of the Lord (*cf. Matthew 16:19*). As the Church regulates the practice, She then also has the ability to dispense or, in our situation, commute the practice for a just cause.

Bishop Rhoades, in his decree, is exercising his share of the Church's teaching office for the spiritual good of those placed under his care (*or, all of us!*). For further reading on this, I would recommend Pope St. Paul VI's Apostolic Constitution, *Paenitemini* (1966), and our National Bishops' Conference letter, *Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence* (1966). Both documents are readily searchable online and are very informative reads, especially during **Lent**.

LENTEN RETREAT—A DAY SET APART

At the advice of our Parish Council, we will be offering a day-long **Lenten Retreat** at Church on **Saturday, March 25th, from 9 AM to 2 PM**. This retreat will take the place of our annual **Lenten Parish Mission** and will consist of a variety of talks, times for prayer, Adoration, and Confession, and a parish-provided lunch. There is no cost to attend the retreat (*but a free-will offering will be taken up during the lunch to help cover food costs.*)

If you are interested in attending this "day apart" in preparation for the coming of **Easter Sunday**, please make sure to see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. (**Note:** *As a meal will be provided for those attending, sign-ups are required.*) All ages are welcome and invited to attend.

~Faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. David



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.

G.I.R.L.'s night out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the **Parish Conference Room**. We will be summarizing our Mardi Gras Party that was held on February 18th. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!



Catechism Chat

**Wednesday, March 15th at 7:45 p.m.
Parish Social Hall**

Bring your questions and insights from your journey through the *Catechism*.

Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Lenten Soup Supper - Friday, March 17 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. All are Welcome!!

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

REMINDER!

There will be no Religious Education Classes Sunday, March 19th or 26th for Spring Break.
Have a safe and happy Spring Break.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 11** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 12** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Turs., Mar. 14** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - Meeting in the Parish Conference Room - 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - The Light is On for You - Confession 6-8:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - *Catechism Chat* - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Thurs., Mar. 16** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 17** - 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. 17** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 19** - NO Religious Ed. Classes - Spring Break
- **Tues., Mar. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 22** - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 23** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

Weekend of March 18/19 2023



5:00 Sam Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

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

Adult Envelopes- \$2,261.00
Loose- \$131.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,049.07
Religious Education Fund- \$125.00
Votive Candles- \$44.00
Easter Flowers- \$15.00
M. Sanders Memorial Donation- \$385.00
Gym Rent- \$500.00
Total- \$4,510.07

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$606.33 behind our budget for the month of March.
Online Giving for February - \$6,510.00. We were \$5,573.39 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul Online Giving for February - \$245.00

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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT February

Utilities- \$100.76
Charitable Donations- \$2,180.00
Total Charitable Donations- \$2,280.76

Thank you for helping us help others!



SHROUD OF TURIN

Join us Sunday, April 2nd at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall as a speaker will be here to talk about The Shroud of Turin. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 31 * 4~7 PM



**Adults~ \$12
Children~ \$6
ages (6-12)**



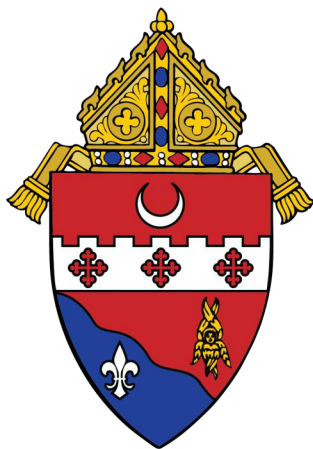
Wedding Banns I

Becca Schlumbohm and Stephen Vanderkolk
We pray for those preparing for Holy Matrimony.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lenten Penance Service - Wednesday, March 29 - 6-7:00 PM



DECREE

St. Patrick's Day and Friday Abstinence

This year, Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th) falls on a Friday of Lent when all Catholics who have completed their 14th year of age are obligated to abstain from meat. In response to several requests for a dispensation from the law of abstinence on March 17, 2023, I hereby decree the following for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:

Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend may substitute for abstinence from meat one of the following acts on March 17, 2023, the Memorial of Saint Patrick:

1. Attendance at Holy Mass.
2. The recitation of the rosary for the intention of peace in the world.
3. One-half hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

This commutation is meant to preserve the penitential spirit of a Lenten Friday while also allowing for the celebration of a great saint whose feast should be celebrated in a spiritual manner and not merely in a secular context.

+Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

February 20, 2023

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T - is it true?
n - is it helpful?
- is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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Saturday's: Noon-8pm

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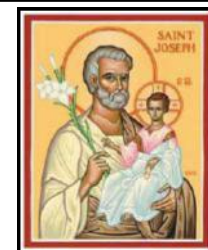
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