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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven.”

St. Rose of Lima

What is the significance of FORTY days of Lent?

In the Scriptures, the number forty is used to signify ample time for transformation.

Old Testament Accounts that involve forty days:

- The Great Flood and Noah's Ark (Genesis 7)
- Moses receiving the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
- Elijah's Journey to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19)
- Jonah's Warning to Nineveh (Jonah 3)

St. Gregory the Great marked the forty days of Lent as a way to tithe “ten percent” of the year.

Jesus fasted forty days in the desert before the start of His public ministry (Mark 1:12-15).

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Saturday, March 2

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. Steve Wagner +

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, March 4

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 5

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of Steve & Sherry Makowski Family
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Thach+

Thursday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Carol Leitner+

Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., March 4 - Lenten Weekday - St. Casimir
- 2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30

Tues., March 5 - Lenten Weekday - Dn 3:25, 34
- 43 / Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 / Mt 18:21-35

Wed., March 6 - Lenten Weekday - Dt 4:1, 5-9 /
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., March 7 - Lenten Weekday - Sts. Perpetua
and Felicity - Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 /
Lk 11:14-23

Fri., March 8 - Lenten Weekday - St. John of
God, Religious - Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-11b, 14,
17 / Mk 12:28-34

Sat., March 9 - Lenten Weekday - St. Frances
of Rome, Religious - Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-
21b / Lk 18:9-14

Sun., March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Chr
36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-6 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14
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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 3, 2024

This weekend (March 2nd/3rd), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Lent**. As we enter March, it is worth note that this month is dedicated to our parish-patron, St. Joseph. Though devotion to St. Joseph is evident in the early Church through the dedication of churches under his patronage as early as the 4th Century, this dedication of the entire month of March most likely comes from the establishment of his feast day on March 19th in the 15th Century.

St. Joseph remains an amazing Saint to grow in a deeper relationship with, especially during the **Lenten season**. In the words of St. Josemaría Escrivá: *"This greatest male Saint who ever lived was not a deacon, not a priest, not a bishop, not a pope, not a hermit, not a monk. He was a husband, father, and a worker."* Though we hear little of St. Joseph in the Sacred Scriptures, his quiet life following after the will of God is a great example of how to live out Lent.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This **Thursday, March 8th, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**, our diocese is hosting the annual **"The Light Is On For You" Campaign**. During this diocesan-wide Lenten offering, all eighty-one parishes of our diocese will be offering the Sacrament of Confession at the same time. This time is offered in addition to our normal weekly times (*Tuesdays from 8:30 - 9:00 AM, Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45 PM, and Saturdays from 8:30 - 9:00 AM and 4:00 - 4:45 PM*).

In addition to this "extra" opportunity for Confession, we will have another additional opportunity coming up with our parish's **Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 20th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. Following the wonderful response seen during the Advent season, we will have myself and four other priests available to hear Confessions during the penance service. Following the penance service, we will have our weekly 7:00 PM Wednesday evening Mass.

THE SCRUTINIES

Starting this weekend, our **eight Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion** will be invited forward at Mass to participate in the **Scrutinies**. These rites, occurring over the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, date back to some of the earliest days in the life of the Church. The Lenten season is and always has been, first and foremost, a time of preparation for those who are seeking to enter into the Church.

Since at least AD 500, the Gospel readings for the **Scrutinies** come from the Gospel of St. John. This means that, for the next three weekends, our readings will come from Year A (*even though we are in Year B*) of our lectionary cycle. Each of these readings offer a special focus on the call to conversion spoken of in each Scrutiny. The Gospel readings especially offer a powerful depiction of the hidden transformation that God desires to accomplish in our lives.

The practice of the **Scrutinies** is meant to remind us all that the light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring new life. As a parish family, we join with our Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion in prayer throughout the **Scrutinies**. As they prepare to be welcomed into the Church, we similarly ask for a renewal of baptismal grace and an increased zealotness in our relationship with the Lord.

A HOLY CARD OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS

One of the highlights of our pilgrimage this past week was our time spent in Assisi. Here we not only had the opportunity to pray before the tombs of both Sts. Francis and Clare, but also Bl. Carlo Acutis. This millennial was beatified by Pope Francis in 2020 and his cause for canonization remains ongoing. He held a special affinity for Eucharistic Miracles, including creating an entire website dedicated to documenting such miracles throughout the world.

Though he desired to visit many of these miracles in person, he was unable to do so after being diagnosed with leukemia. Despite his trials, he offered his suffering to God for the sake of the Church. His motto is one with imitation: *"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."* In the narthex, there are holy cards of Bl. Carlo from Italy as a small gift to our parish. ~In Christ, Fr. David

Lenten **EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**
Soup & Supper
6:00—6:45 PM
 Parish Social Hall
Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM
 Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, March 5, 2024
 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.



Praise & Worship
Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM
 Confession 6:00-6:45 PM
 Mass at 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 7th * 6:00—8:00 PM
Offered at Every Parish in the Diocese

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 5** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 in the Church followed by the Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Mar. 6** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 6** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 6** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Mar. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 7** - *The Light is ON for you*; Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 8** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 8** - Soup Dinner - 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
- **Fr., Mar. 8** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **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.

Weekend of March 9 & 10, 2024



5:00 Nick Boratenski
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Josie Andrews



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 John Vanderkolk



5:00 **Volunteer**
7:30 **Volunteer**
10:00 Monica Harris, Rick Singer, Kevin Seago



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of Feb. 24/25

Adult Envelopes- \$3,540.83
 Loose- \$175.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$2,241.55
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$275.00
Total- \$6,232.38

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
 We are \$1,245.52 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$518.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please keep our students and our catechists in your prayers as they continue to grow in and learn about our Catholic Faith, especially those students in our Sacramental Preparation classes. Our Confirmandi will travel to Bishop Dwenger High School this Saturday, March 9th for a Confirmation Retreat. They will be Confirmed by Bishop Rhoades on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Decatur. Our 2nd Grade First Communion class will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Joseph's. For more information about the St. Joseph Religious Education Program, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.



Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Lenten Penance Service

6:00-7:00 PM

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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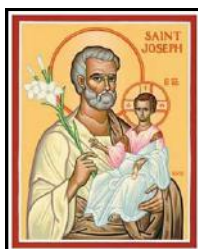


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