



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.


- Mk 9:7-8

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Please remember your prayers for the unborn these 40 Days!



The Rosary will be prayed each Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Church. Join us.

2021 CSA are still being collected. If you were unable to get your CSA pledge in for Commitment Sunday, you can mail it to the Church office or drop it in the collection baskets.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Donald Dudley who passed away last Sunday. May he rest in peace. Amen.

March 7th — Confirmation Classes will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 17: “Who’s Calling?” & Lesson 18: “Are You Talking to Me?” will be discussed.

Faith Formation Class Update: Our next in-person class will be March 14. Please remember this is the time for the Rice bowl donations! Anyone needing a rice bowl can find them in the vestibule or come to the church office.

First Communion Parents: There will be a meeting on March 7th from 9:30-10:30 at the Faith Formation Center. If you are unable to attend, please call Mary—787-4151 #5.



Thank you for the Food Bank Donations and your continual giving. Our recent delivery to the Christian Food Bank totalled **252 pounds!**



St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp Dinners are selling! Order a Haddock fillet or Fantail Shrimp dinner and enjoy not having to cook this Friday. **Take-out only from Noon thru 6:30 pm (or until sold out).** The dinners can be ordered in advance at **787-4151 #6** on the day of the dinner or if you forgot to order by phone, just stop by and order at the parking lot booth between the hours given. **All dinners are \$12.00.**

Dessert Donations in monetary form or store-bought are requested and needed for the Lenten Dinners. Please call Kelly at 787-5743 for information regarding a donation. Thank you for your kind generosity.

St Leo Church is having Fish and Shrimp Fries on Fridays during Lent (2/19-3/26) from 4:30-6:30. Eat-in at St Leo Social Hall or Take-out. Fish Dinner is \$12 — Shrimp Dinner is \$14. To order call 772-4705 after 3 pm. Dinner includes potato or fries; cole slaw, apple sauce, roll; dessert.

St. Joseph Website
 Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available until Holy Week Services due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin. Website: stjosephforce.org



Practical Spiritual Exercises for Lent

I concluded my message last week with the advice to “take this time and Season of Lent as a school of disciplined learning about Jesus in ways that you might not have yet experienced.” Knowing and loving Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through our lives are life-long adventures. Some practical spiritual exercises that can help our Lenten journey are the following:

- ✦ Attend the **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm
- ✦ Walk the outside **Stations of the Cross** in the cemetery
- ✦ Take each person in your address book and offer a prayer for them. An example may be...**Lord Jesus, Bless and help (name) today.** Or, pray a *Hail Mary* for each person on your list. Do this not only for family and friends, but also for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church.
- ✦ Read the following scriptures and pray the prayer that follows:

✦ “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, mildness and chastity.*” (Galatians 5:22)

Prayer: Lord, please fill my soul with all of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

✦ “*Trust in the Lord and do good, that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and He will grant you your heart’s requests. Commit to the Lord your way: trust in Him and He will act.*” (Psalm 37:3-5)

Prayer: I trust in You, Lord. I believe You will lead me each day.

✦ “*And now brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God’s Will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.*” (Romans 12:1-2)

Prayer: I give You, Jesus, my mind, my heart, my soul and my whole life. Help me to know Your Will for me and please give me the strength to do Your Will.

Start with these spiritual exercises and next weekend I will share more prayers for this Lenten Season.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 1, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Pete and Lucy Kline	Carcella Family	Lenten Weekday	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mike De Stephano	Laura—sister	Lenten Weekday	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 3, 2021			Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Stagi	Helen Meraglia	Saint Casimir	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday, March 5, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini (83rd birthday)	Dave and Linda Giovanini	Lenten Weekday	Gn 37:3-2, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 6, 2021 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Saturday, March 6, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski	Leonard—husband	Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	(See below)
Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

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CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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