




5th SUNDAY OF LENT


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“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021
 Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00
 Regular Offertory 03/01/21 thru 03/08/21 . . . \$2,417. 00
CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal \$33,199.00
Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church

Please remember your prayers for the unborn these 40 Days!

 "Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world." Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

 Join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 21 for the celebration of the

Novena to St. Joseph.

March 21st — Confirmation Classes will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 19: *"Who is Mary?"* & Lesson 20: *"WWJD?"* will be discussed.

Faith Formation Classes: Our next in-person class will be March 28. 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.

Baptismal Training Session Schedule:
 April 20 7:00 p.m. St. Leo Ridgway 772-3135
 May 20 7:00 P.M. St. Marys St. Marys 781-1019

 **Two Dates Left to order your St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp Dinners!** The Lenten Season will be over on Easter and so will the Lenten Dinners. **March 26 and Good Friday** will be the final order dates for the Haddock Fillet or Fantail Shrimp dinner. Don't be left out from having a delicious meal. **Take-out only from Noon thru 6:30 pm (or until sold out) on March 26, but on Good Friday** ordering will be from 9 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and again after 2:30 p.m. following Good Friday Services. Take-outs will begin following Good Friday Services.

Reminder: The dinners can be **ordered in advance** at 814-787-4151 #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.**

Good Friday will have an **additional side on the menu** — *clam chowder or potato soup!* Be sure to stop by!

St Bernard Church, Falls Creek will have its Famous Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, March 21 from 10-1 or until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each; Meatballs 75¢ each; a quart of sauce \$5.50. Dinners are take-out only. Please bring your own container.

DuBois Central Catholic Annual Spaghetti Dinner catered by Luigi's will be Sunday, March 28. Pick-up only at DCC from 11-2. Call 371-3060 for tickets.

Sacred Heart Parish Social Committee is having its Mini Spring Sale on cookies and eggs. Pre-orders only will be accepted until 3:30 pm on March 26. Drive thru pick-up will be on March 31 from 3-6 pm. Call to order at 834-7861#1 .

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.



Steps of a Good Confession

At this time I share with you the preparation that needs to be done in order to make a good Sacrament of Confession. First, it's important to do an examination of conscience. What are the sins that you have committed? Have you committed any mortal sins like breaking any of the Ten Commandments? Next, ask yourself, have you committed any venial sins like not doing something that you know you should have done?

The next step is to count the number of times you have committed each of the sins you identified. Now, you are ready for the Sacrament of Confession.

As you come into the presence of the priest either face to face or anonymously; behind the screen or off to the side, you bless yourself while saying the words . . .

"Bless me, Father for I have sinned."

Then, you tell the priest how long it has been since your last confession.

Then say, *"I have committed the following sins."* Briefly, describe the sins and the number of times it was committed.

After this, the priest may possibly explain to you how to avoid that sin in the future. Then, he will assign you to do a penance. Often, a penance would be a prayer or a devotion you would do immediately following your confession, or sometime soon thereafter. It is a good discipline to conclude the receiving of the Sacrament in a spirit of thanksgiving for God's Mercy.

Next, you will then pray the *"Act of Contrition."* There are a few new versions today. The one that I learned many years ago is the following: *"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments. But, most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen."*

The priest then prays the *"Prayer of Absolution"* which absolves the person of their sins. *"God the Father of mercies, through death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin. Through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from all of your sins. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."*

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 22, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Ann Sweed	Larry and Jean Brown	Lenten Weekday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ryan Berasi (1st anniversary)	Bob –father	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother’s Intentions		The Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Friday, March 26 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kelly Duell and Edward Youngmark	Cindy and Dale Duell	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, March 27, 2021 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Saturday, March 27, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord	(See below)
Sunday, March 28, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley	Ed and Kathy Youngmark	Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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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 Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate 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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