



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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 12:23-24

Parish Stewardship

Offertory collection for 03/10/24. \$4,111.00
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024. \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024. \$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date. \$26,010.00
 Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

Pope's Intention for March
For New Martyrs

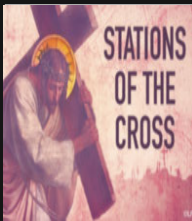
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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

Coffee and Donuts! After Mass this Sunday, March 17th, we will have coffee and donuts in the social hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Faith Formation students will have donuts and milk in their classrooms.



Our Fish/Shrimp dinners are being served every Friday during Lent from NOON to 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Cost is \$15 per dinner.



There will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning on February 21st and will continue through March 27th. Adult Faith Formation classes about the Mass will follow in the social hall from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Leo	Monday March 18	6:00 pm
St. Mary	Friday March 22	6:30 pm
St. Joseph	Sunday March 24	2:00 pm

WALNUT ROLL SALE Queen of the World Church is having a Spring Walnut Roll Sale! Call the parish office 814-834-4701 or email qwchurch@qwchurch.com to place your order for the delicious walnut rolls. Full Roll: \$12 each Half Roll: \$7 each Pick-up after Masses: March 23rd and 24th Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:15am or 10:45 am **Orders are due March 19th.**

**Thank you from the Guardian Angel Center**

Dear Father Mark and St. Joseph's Congregation: Thank you so much for the very meaningful contributions to the inventory of the Guardian Angel Center. We are thrilled with your congregation's response to our request for sheets.

Thank you to your church for such positive demonstrations of giving to those less fortunate. We look forward to future involvement from your congregation. If there is an occasion when you would like us to share with your congregation about the Guardian Angel Center, we would be very pleased to do that! Sincerely, Clythera Hornung, President

SACRED HEART PARISH SPRING FOOD FEST

Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Baked Goods and more!! No pre-orders.
 Nut rolls, cinnamon rolls, babka, raisin, and rye breads, cream puffs, lady locks, coconut and PB eggs. Pickled eggs, pigs in a blanket, spaetzle and wedding soup, hot sausage and reuben sandwiches.
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**Steps of a Good Confession**

I share with you today 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 which can be for example; What are the sins that you have committed? Have you committed any mortal sins like breaking any of the Ten Commandments? Next, ask yourself if you have 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 by saying "Thank You God for Your Forgiveness."

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 the 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 18, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	JoAnn K. Klaiber birthday	husband-Gerald	Lenten Weekday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c 62 Jn 8: 1-11 (251)
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Josephine Moyer birthday	Family	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a (543)
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8: 31-42 (253)
Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo 3rd anniversary	Family	Lenten Weekday	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59 (254)
Friday, March 22, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ruth Ann Gregori 1st anniversary	Louie Gregori and Son	Lenten Weekday	Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42 (255)
Saturday, March 23, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	Ez 37: 21-28 Jn 11: 45-56 (256)
Saturday, March 23, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish		Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Charles & Clara Tyler and deceased members of the Tyler Family	Frances & Lamont Gray	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16 (37) Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1--15: 47 or 15: 1-39 (38)

St. Joseph Church

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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 on 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 9th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School 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. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

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