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SUNDAY OF LENT


"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15


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	<p style="text-align: center;">2021 CSA</p> <p>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.</p>
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 Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Stagi who passed away Tuesday, February 16. May she rest in peace. Amen.

February 21st — **Confirmation Classes** will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 15: “*Why do I have to go to Mass?*” & Lesson 16: “*What it means to say I do*” will be discussed.

Faith Formation Class Update:
 On Sunday, February 14 in-person classes began. It was a happy day for the students to be able to see one another as they viewed the safe environment videos and discussed the healing power of Jesus in our lives. The next in-person class will be February 28.

	<p>St. Joseph Fish/Shrimp Dinners have begun! Take-out only from Noon thru 6:30 pm (or until sold out) The dinners can be ordered at 787-4151 #6 on the day of the dinner or even if you stop by and order at the parking lot booth between the hours given. All dinners are \$12.00.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek will have its Famous Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, February 21 from 10 am until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each/meatballs: \$.75 each and quart of sauce is \$5.50. Take-out only-bring your own container.</p>
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Lenten Regulations is as follows:
Abstinence from meat on all Fridays during Lent especially for those ages 14-58.

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



The School of Lent

Classes online or in-person require the discipline of steady work. Disciplines of dedicated studying and reading have to be done in order to learn. Dedicated discipline is true about our faith in God as well.

If we want to grow in our love and knowledge of God, which God constantly invites us to do, then we need to spend that necessary time in prayer and in reading the Bible and studying our Catholic faith. For our faith formation students it means reading the lessons each week and participating in both home-school studies and the in-person classes that have now begun. For us adults it means being disciplined in prayer and reading good sources that we can provide for you or your online reading materials. This is being a disciplined learner.

The word discipleship means to be a disciplined learner. Two excellent examples of good disciplined learners are both Jesus and Noah. Noah diligently planned on being ready for the flood waters by building the ark for him and his family and the animals until the flood was over. Noah must have used those forty days in the ark to think and to pray and to plan what he and his family would need to do after the flood waters subsided.

In a like manner, Jesus’s forty days and nights in the desert was a time for Him to diligently prepare for His soon to come ministry of preaching the Gospel of repentance. He needed disciplined effort and time for prayer, reflection of what He has learned and the ability to fight off the temptations of the devil. Jesus becomes for us the best example of a *disciplined learner*.

My friends, take this time and Season of Lent as a school of disciplined learning about Jesus in ways that you might not have yet experienced. God Bless!
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 22, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Winkler	Chris and Family	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Msgr Ernest Daley	Father Mark	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Is 55:10-11 Mk 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 24, 2021			Lenten Weekday	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, February 25, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Bernard Arnold	cousins William and LaVina McMahon	Lenten Weekday	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Friday, February 26, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Laurie Kentoski Rieber	Family	Lenten Weekday	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, February 27, 2021 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dr 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Saturday, February 27, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	(See below)
Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Vincent (Potato) Olewnik (90th birthday)	Germaine and Family	Second Sunday of Lent	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

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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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