

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# MAKE YOUR WAYS KNOWN, O LORD



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Offertory collection for 02/25/24. .... \$3,030.00  
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024. .... \$3,365.00  
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**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.

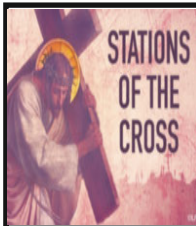
**"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."  
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.**

**Baptism Preparation Classes**

March 23	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-834-7861
April 16	7:00 pm	St. Leo Church	814-772-3135



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!**

St. Boniface K of C will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 3rd, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am or until sold out. \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids. St. Boniface Social Hall Cafeteria, Kersey

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK** St. Leo Church will celebrate Mass on Friday, March 8th @ 6pm with Anointing of the Sick. Please bring any number of family, friends, or guests for anointing.

**AREA PENANCE SERVICES**

St. Mark (Emporium)	Sunday March 10	6:00 pm
Queen of the World	Wednesday March 13	6:30 pm
St. Leo	Monday March 18	6:00 pm
St. Mary	Friday March 22	6:30 pm
St. Joseph	Sunday March 24	2:00 pm

**Thoughts on the Mass (continued)**

4. At this point in the Mass, we greet each other and we are invited to sing the opening hymn. The hymn will often times express the theme of the Mass or the Readings.
5. As the hymn begins, the servers, lector, and the priest process to the Altar. The lector holds high the Book of the Gospels and then places the Book on the Altar.
6. The priest comes around and venerates (kisses) the Altar and proceeds to his chair. The reason for the veneration is because the Altar symbolizes Christ.


**The Ten Commandments (Part One)  
 From our First Reading at Mass**

How well are we all living the Ten Commandments? Take this time to reflect and correct every area of life that is not living out these commandments in the way God intended. (Exodus 20: 1-17)

1. "I, the Lord, am Your God. You shall not have other gods besides Me." Do we spend too much time caring or worrying about the things in our life that control our life, or too much pleasure in selfish pursuits? Do we strive to put God first in our life, instead of *things*?

2. "You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain." Do we swear in taking God's Name? Or, are we exercising self control in the midst of anger?

3. "Remember to keep Holy the Sabbath Day." For us Catholic Christians, we all know that Sunday is the special day of the Lord that we keep holy. Praying the rosary, reading Sacred Scripture, having family prayer intentions, or the Spiritual Communion Prayer are important ways of keeping our Sundays Holy. But, going to Mass, is the MOST important way we keep Holy the Sabbath Day-Sunday.

4. "Honor your father and your mother." Are children obeying and respecting their parents? Are younger adults respecting and taking their parents advice and guidance? Are all adults taking special care and concern of their elderly parents? Are all of us, at any age, respecting the elderly people in society, nursing homes, etc..?

5. "You shall not kill." This commandment not only forbids anyone to outright take another person's life, but also forbids everyone in planning or assisting anyone else in ending another person's life. None of us has physically killed anyone we will say, but have we killed someone's spirit by discouraging them unfairly, bullying them, or hurting someone in any way?

This Season of Lent is a perfect time to review these Ten Commandments of which I will complete next weekend.

God Bless, Father Mark

**Thoughts on the Mass**

1. As we enter the doors of the Church, we are greeted by ushers and fellow parishioners.
2. We bless ourselves with Holy Water. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This action reminds us of our Baptism.
3. We genuflect before we enter the pew. At the same time, we bless ourselves again. Why do we bless ourself again? Because Jesus is present and reserved in the Blessed Tabernacle.

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 04, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Randall Giovanini	Rita Fenice	Lenten Weekday Saint Casimir	2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab Lk 4: 24-30 (237)
Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Bona Heiberger	Joe Sexton	Lenten Weekday	Dn 3: 25, 34-43 Mt 18: 21-35 (238)
Wednesday, March 06, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19 (239)
Thursday, March 07, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	James & Bernice Levanduski	Rich & Mary Levanduski	Lenten Weekday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	Jer 7: 23-28 Lk 11: 14-23 (240)
Friday, March 08, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini birthday	Children	Lenten Weekday Saint John of God, Religious	Hos 14: 2-10 Mk 12: 28-34 (241)
Saturday, March 09, 2024 No Mass			Lenten Weekday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	Hos 6: 1-6 Lk 18: 9-14 (242)
Saturday, March 09, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish		Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 10, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Silvio & Celesta Fenice	Rita & Carolyn	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23 Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21 (32)

## St. Joseph Church

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

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reconciliation** – 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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