

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



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Open Monday - Friday...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb -----*Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock----- *Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Mary Jane Lusardi -----*Trustee*

Patti-Sue Rolak -----*Trustee*

Anthony Tomeski ----- *Web Master*

Bob Opdyke----- *Finance Council Chairperson*

Jose Santiago-----*Cemetery Committee Chairperson &
Hispanic Committee Chairperson*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / 908-689-0093

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 am

Daily Mass ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 9:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are requested to attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the birth of the child. Please pre-register with the parish office. The sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Baptisms are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:30 am at the church.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm and Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:00 pm in the reconciliation chapel.

Sponsorship/Eligibility Forms

Only registered and practicing Catholics can receive a letter attesting to their sponsorship eligibility. One must request the form from the parish office prior to being a sponsor. The form will then be mailed or picked up at the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning marriage are requested to make an appointment with the Pastor. Arrangements should be made one year in advance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Joseph Church, are brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the nourishment of the sacraments, we are called to love and serve in His name. We will promote the Kingdom of God to all, through education, witness, service and worship, by giving of our time, talents and treasures.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	<u>February 26</u>
5:00pm	+Rosemary Levine
r/o	Edie & Bob Callahan
Sunday	<u>February 27</u>
	<u>Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time</u>
7:30am	+Chesterine Rolak
r/o	Family
9:30am	People of the Parish
(Spanish)	
11:00am	+Richard Polhemus
r/o	Bobby & Mary Kovacs
Monday	<u>February 28</u>
9:00am	George Joseph
r/o	George Joseph
Tuesday	<u>March 1</u>
9:00am	+Roger DeLuca
r/o	The Ritchie Family
Wednesday	<u>March 2</u>
	<u>Ash Wednesday</u>
7:00am	Morning Prayer
9:00am	+Patti-Sue Rolak
r/o	Family
7:00pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	<u>March 3</u>
9:00am	+Karl Schlegel
r/o	The Finnegan Family
Friday	<u>March 4</u>
9:00am	+Helen Castella
r/o	Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Kathy Chiarulli, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>February 12 / 13</u>	\$5,931.00
Electronic Giving	2,351.00
Other Income	375.00
Total	\$8,657.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	260.94
<u>February 19 / 20</u>	\$5,311.00
Electronic Giving	1,009.00
Bingo Income	143.50
Other Income	43.00
Total	\$6,506.50
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,889.56)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 2.

The blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at a service of Morning Prayer that takes place at 7:00 AM in the church. This Morning Prayer Service will last *approximately 15 minutes.*

Blessed Ashes will also be distributed during Mass at 9:00 AM and again at Mass at 7:00 PM in the church.

PLEASE NOTE: *There is an ancient custom in the Church which is not normally observed here in the USA of ashes being sprinkled onto the top of the head rather than being imposed on the forehead.*

While Covid Pandemic restrictions are being made less severe it is still desirable not to have physical contact. Accordingly, the Bishop of our Diocese has informed us that we are certainly permitted to sprinkle ashes onto the top of the head rather than impose them directly on the forehead.

THIS METHOD WILL BE USED HERE AT ST. JOSEPH THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC.

For the last two years we have not distributed ashes at all. Since we will be doing so this year it is felt that it is better to err on the side of caution. There is one added advantage as well: the Sacred Scriptures tell us to avoid doing acts of piety in public to be seen. With ashes sprinkled on your head it will not be as apparent as those occasions when they are placed on your forehead!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Super Bowl Box Pool – Thank you to the supporters of the Super Bowl Box Pool, which raised \$500 for the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County. The three winners included Tom D., Clare F., and Matt M. One of the lucky participants won twice!

Lenten Fish Fry – We are hosting a Lenten Fish Fry in the Parish Center on Friday, March 4 from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. Meals are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors; and \$5 for children, under 5 is free. Menu and order forms is available from www.council5170 Takeout is available.



FROM THE PASTOR



This coming Wednesday, March 2, is **Ash Wednesday** and the Church begins the penitential observances of Lent, a season that begins the following Sunday, March 6. Even though Lent itself starts on the first Sunday of Lent the faithful begin to undertake the penitential disciplines a few days earlier to ease us into the Lenten season.

So, please take a moment to review the regulations for fasting and abstinence that you will find elsewhere in this bulletin.

All too often people can look on Lent as a drudgery; something difficult and unpleasant. I ask you to try not to do that this year. See Lent as a kind of “Spring Cleaning” for your soul. See it as an opportunity to strip away the things that might be holding you back either from God, or from being the true child of God that He has called you to be.

The penance and discipline of Lent—which could hardly be called “harsh” or “difficult” as they exist today, especially when compared to times past—are not meant to chide or punish us. Rather, they are meant to assist us and encourage us during the journey that we make through these forty days to the joy and glory of Easter.

Choosing to do the good and turning away from sin is really a central part of the whole of the Christian life. Lent affords us the opportunity to live this more intensely during a forty day period. This is to help us regain our focus on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. In the world of today it is far too easy to be distracted from this. We all lead busy lives and we are all surrounded by numerous things that demand our time and attention. On top of that there are many distractions that we simply find more interesting or enjoyable because they help us to deal with the stress in our lives.

Lent, therefore, is a time for us to retreat from some of these things without the need to withdraw entirely and go off somewhere to be all alone. Within the routine of our lives we have the chance to do little acts, like fasting, abstaining from meat, giving up some luxury or guilty pleasure and offering alms to the poor and the needy. These little acts can have far reaching effects for us, spiritually speaking. They help us to come out of ourselves a bit and to fix our gaze more intently on the Lord and the sacrifice He made for us and for our salvation.

Our penance in Lent prepares our hearts and minds for the immeasurable joy that Easter will bring with its renewed proclamation that God is alive in our hearts and in our world.

Have a wonderful and a beautiful Lent. May it be a time of blessings and joy for you. Keep the Faith!

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The following are the Lenten Obligations as they currently stand for dioceses in the USA:

- 1. The days of strict fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15).**
- 2. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**
- 3. The obligation to fast from food applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. In the Catholic tradition fasting means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals. The two smaller meals combined together should not be equal to a normal full meal. The idea is to experience being hungry during the day.**
- 4. The obligation of abstinence (not eating meat) applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. There is no upper limit. After age 14 the obligation to abstain on Fridays in Lent lasts for life.**

LENT & OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As you can easily see by the thermometer in the Narthex our Parish Capital Campaign is continuing. We have a little more than half our goal pledged.

However, that amount comes from approximately 78 households, far fewer than the number of households in the Parish. Lent is the time of year that our Diocese conducts its Bishop’s Annual Appeal and, of course, this year we are exempt from that appeal due to our own Campaign.

One of the reasons the Church frequently asks people for money during Lent is that the Lenten season includes many acts of penance and piety including almsgiving, that is, making a sacrificial offering.

For those of you who have pledged to our Campaign: **THANK YOU!** For those who have not we urgently appeal to you to consider making a sacrificial pledge during this holy season of Lent. We need everyone to participate! Whatever you pledge now can be paid in increments throughout the rest of the three year campaign.

PLEASE consider a sacrificial gift to your parish at this time and help us to reach our goal.