

St. Joseph Church

**February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

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Vision

Enthusiasm and Love of God and Neighbor to inspire and encourage interpersonal relationships in the St. Joseph Faith Community in order that an atmosphere of sharing our faith, time, talent, treasure and hospitality will expand the Kingdom of God.

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Prayer

God of all peoples, how blessed we are to gather in faith at Eucharist, for it is in Your Word and Sacrament that we discover that we are the Community called the Body of Christ.

Our St. Joseph Parish Vision is filled with enthusiasm for loving God and neighbor because Your Kingdom expands, Creator Father, in an atmosphere of interpersonal relationships.

May we the members of St. Joseph Parish continue to grow in faith during our Pastoral Planning Process, so that our Parish Vision will be fulfilled as we discover that as parish we are Community in Christ.
Amen.

Welcome, New Parishioners

Please register by calling or stopping in the parish office.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 865-2271

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(At St. Michael the Archangel) 322-3077

Staff Directory

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

12:00 Noon.

Arrangements must be made previously.

Instruction class for parents required.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Steve Costa 219-365-4204

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter
 9:00 AM Francis Blackmore
Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Ken Blue
Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Dorothy Greene
Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Dr. Robert Guthrie, Jr.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Brother Gerald Hall
Sunday, February 28, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Ricky Nadal
 6:00 PM David Souligne
 Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Parish is having Stations of the Cross every Friday through Lent at 7pm except March 5th (7pm First Friday Mass) & March 19th (7pm Mass in honor of our patron saint, St. Joseph). To guarantee a seat, please go to our website, www.stjosephdyer.org and go to Sav-A-Seat.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;
 Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;
 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,
 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
 Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Sunday Readings Reflections
2/28/21

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).
Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

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Lent

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. ©USCCB

**REPENT AND BELIEVE
IN THE GOSPEL**

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat

For Healing After Abortion—Women, Men, Family Members, and Anyone Wounded by Abortion are Welcome!

Retreat Dates: March 5-7 October 22-24, 2021
Location: Michigan City, IN

Rachel’s Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced suffering after an abortion, women and men of all faiths are invited to this weekend retreat to begin the healing process. “If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have been sapping faith, love and joy from your life, I can promise, that if you enter this process for healing, your life will begin to change.

To register, contact Rosanne Kouris at 219-552-2944 or email: nwinrv@outlook.com. For more information go to rachelvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers private room and bath, meals/refreshments, and materials). Space is limited. Strictly confidential.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 13th & 14th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:

\$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$4634.00

Charity: \$30.00

Religious Education: \$50.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00

Christmas: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$305.15

50/50 Raffle: \$100.00

Fruitful Scripture Reading

Listed here and in future bulletins are points for fruitful Scripture reading by Mary Elizabeth Sperry, Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible

7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God’s plan for human beings.

8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God’s Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.

—German proverb

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 22

6:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 23

6:00am—Morning Prayer
9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:00pm—Evening Prayer
7:00pm—Consecration to St. Joseph meeting—Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 24

6:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer

Thursday, February 25

6:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer
6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, February 26

6:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer
7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

9:00am—Morning Prayer
5:30pm—Evening Prayer

Sunday, February 28

9:00am—Morning Prayer
5:30pm—Evening Prayer

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

February 9th was #464

The Winner Would Have Won
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(This amount will be added to next week)

Drawings will be held every
Tuesday at 9:45am
in the Gathering Room

All registered members of St. Joseph Parish are eligible for the 50/50 raffle. **YOU MUST USE 2 SEPARATE ENVELOPES FOR THE CURRENT WEEK EVEN IF YOU ARE A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC, HOMEBOUND OR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY MUST MAKE THEIR SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND INDICATING ON EACH SUBSEQUENT WEEKLY ENVELOPE THAT IS PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THAT YOU ARE EITHER A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC OR HOMEBOUND CONTRIBUTOR.**

You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the preprinted 50/50 envelope found in the pews with EXACTLY \$5.00. If you are paying by check, you must use **2 checks**, one for the weekly treasure made out to St. Joseph Church and the other check for \$5.00 for the 50/50 raffle made out to St. Joseph Church—50/50 Raffle.

The 50/50 raffle envelope is to be put in the collection along with your sacrificial weekly treasure envelope

Ministry Schedule February 27th & 28th

Extraordinary Ministers
 4:30pm—
 8:00am—
 10:00am—
 6:00pm—

Lectors
 4:30pm—
 8:00am—i
 10:00am—
 6:00pm—

Ministry Schedule February 27th & 28th

Cantors
 4:30pm—
 8:00am—
 10:00am—
 6:00pm—

BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter



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Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
 teach me your paths.
 — Psalm 25:4

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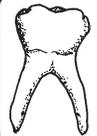


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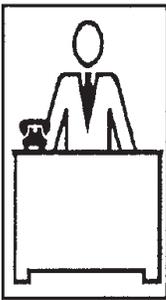
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