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CONFIRMATION - MARCH 21

On Sunday, March 21st at the 10 am and Noon Masses, our 8th Graders in Religious Education and at St. Josaphat School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Normally, our 8th Graders are confirmed by a Bishop. However, due to COVID precautions, the authority to confirm has been delegated to Pastors throughout the Archdiocese. So I will have the immense honor of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th Grade parishioners. As you can imagine, I am very excited to confirm our students as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Please keep all of our 8th Grade parishioners in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please also pray for their families, their teachers and their sponsors who have helped prepare our Confirmation class for this Sacrament and who continue to be models of faith to inspire them.

Let us pray that our 8th Graders will have a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit as they receive the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. These seven spiritual gifts

are meant to help them to deepen their relationship with God and to live a life of service as disciples of Jesus Christ. May God bless them abundantly through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit to help them become the extraordinary men and women God is calling them to be.



Because of the size of our Confirmation class, our 10 am and Noon Masses will be limited to the Confirmation students, their sponsors and their immediate family members only. So there will not be open seating for other parishioners. However, we will be livestreaming both Masses so you can join us online. And we encourage our regular parishioners to reserve seats for our Saturday 5 pm Mass, if they would like to attend Mass in person on Saturday, March 20th.

God Bless,

Fr. Francis

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 7, 2021

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel John 2:13-25

2-MINUTE CHALLENGE, PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Have you committed to 2 minutes of prayer each morning during Lent? If not, start today! Here is a prayer you could pray this week:

Family Prayer for Each New Day

God of all goodness,
As we prepare for school and work today,
whether at home or outside our homes,
We ask your blessing.
Help us give our studies and our work our best efforts.
Show us ways to help our classmates and co-workers.
Make us mindful of your presence in every minute and every hour.
And bring us safely together again,
That we may share the stories of the day and the warmth of your love.
Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

1ST: Ex 20:1–17 2ND: 1 Cor 1:22–25 GOSPEL: Jn 2:13–25

Instead of restricting us, the Commandments are meant to bring us into a sense of peace. The best way to look at the Commandments is to understand that they are all about relationships. The first three pertain to our relationship with God. The fourth makes clear that we must respect our parents. The remaining six all have to do with our relationship with others. Through these Commandments, God asks us to be in right relationship with him and with others. Let's pause and consider all of our relationships. If all of our relationships are in a good place, we feel at peace. The commandments help us remember to treat others with love and respect. All God wants for us is love and peace.

In Paul's first letter to those living in Corinth, he clarifies that God's foolishness is much wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. This scripture passage always makes me sad for those who don't believe. I can't imagine not being able to count on the power of God to love and protect me. I count on God every day to be wiser than me and to be stronger than me. I know I can't do this "life thing" alone and I don't want to. In our society of individualism and materialism, it can be easy to get caught up in believing

that if you take care of only yourself you will be okay. Many believe in the old expression, "watch out for #1." We do indeed live in a world where we are taught skills of self-preservation over and against the needs of others. Yet, for those of us who believe in the kind of love that was nailed to a cross, we live with the assurance that the "weakness of God is stronger than human strength."



Jesus talks about destroying the temple and raising it up in three days. Is Jesus foretelling his death and resurrection? Is he not referring to the temple as our bodies? Each one of us is a temple of God. If we believe, then we have Jesus living within us. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we are bringing Jesus in his divinity into our bodies. Jesus knows our human nature because he created us. He knows we sin and he gives us his commandments, his love and his peace.

— Mary Jane Sullivan, Pastoral Associate and Director of Evangelization

UNITY EVENT

NEEDED: WINE!

The Unity Event is coming up on March 19 and we need your help to create our most popular Live Auction item, the Instant Wine Cellar. We ask that all parishioners and school families donate a bottle of wine valued at \$25 or more and have three ways to do it:

1. Log on to vinchicago.com from now until **March 11** and purchase a bottle on their website, then enter "St. Josaphat Cellar" in the notes at checkout.



You can stock up on your own wine too, just make a separate transaction and enter "St. Josaphat personal" in the notes, and the parish will get 10% back!

2. Grab a bottle from your own cellar or wine club and drop off at the parish office Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm.

3. Just Venmo \$25 or more to @SJSVin and we'll purchase the wine for you!

MIXOLOGY KIT DEADLINE - MARCH 14

The deadline to purchase Unity Sponsorships and Mixology Kits is Monday, **March 14!** We need a final count of how many cocktail kits to order, so please be sure to purchase by March 14 if you want to join in on the fun!



Thank you to all who have purchased Sponsorships so far! In just 1 week, we have over 50 generous Sponsors!

Purchase now at: <https://stjosaphat.ejoinme.org/unity>

MARCH 7, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

- MONDAY** † Joseph O’Keefe
TUESDAY † Purgatorial Society
WEDNESDAY Parishioners of St. Josaphat
FRIDAY The Landsfield Family
SATURDAY For an increase of vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist
SUNDAY † Ruth Burke, The Landsfield Family, Parishioners of St. Josaphat

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mary Louise Koehl, Margie Perzynski

REST IN PEACE

Rose Fedea (mother of parishioner Steve Fedea)

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Every Tuesday during Lent, register for your spot in church for a prayer service at 7 pm, followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration. This week, learn the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer.

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More on our website: [Welcome > Directory](#)

THIS WEEK

Mon.	3/8	8:00 am	School Mass (Church)
Tues.	3/9	8:00 am	School Mass (Church)
		10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		6:00 pm	Religious Education (Google Classroom)
		7:00 pm	PTO Meeting (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Prayer Service: Liturgy of the Hours* (Church)
		7:30 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation* (Church)
Wed.	3/10	8:00 am	School Mass, Watch Live on Facebook
		7:00 pm	Faith Sharing: The Book of Matthew (Zoom)
Thu.	3/11	6:30 pm	Alpha (Zoom)
Fri.	3/12	8:00 am	Mass* (Church)
Sat.	3/13	10:00 am	Communion Retreat (Online)
		5:00 pm	Mass* (Church)
Sun.	3/14	10:00 am	Mass* (Church) or Watch Live on Facebook
		11:30 am	RCIA (Zoom)
		6:00 pm	Youth Group (Zoom)

*Reservations required

Baptismal Preparation class is offered virtually via Zoom, arranged with Deacon Pat. Call the parish office to schedule.

SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH END OF FEBRUARY 2021

Budget.....	\$434,831
Actuals.....	\$467,435
Difference.....	\$32,604



We're most in need of bottled water

DO YOU NEED TO TALK?

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312.948.6951
 Mon.–Fri. from 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Nick and Emily Kouri & Family, Phil and Katie Quackenboss & Family. You will receive our Welcome Kit in the mail. New to the neighborhood? Please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org.

WANT TECH EXPERIENCE?

We are looking for 2 adults (18+) who **love tech** and are **interested in video production** for our Sunday 10:00 am Mass livestream team. You will be trained on our livestream technology, which includes the Mevo camera and Vimeo. Hours are 9:30–11:15 am on Sundays, with additional events as scheduled. This is a paid position. Please send an email to Grace@stjosaphatparish.org with your credentials and contact information.

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