



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:45-46

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Do you want to be part of an amazing team? Please consider helping out at our next Mobile Food Pantry on Friday, April 23. Sign-ups are now available for helpers at our parish website or call the parish office.

Volunteers Needed

Mobile Food Pantry

Friday Morning, April 18th

Sign-Up at Parish Website

Please spread the word that all in need are most welcome to come and get food. Thanks again to our Team and all of our parish Supporters!

It only takes a couple hours, but has such an impact. Our coordinators and team have created a highly organized process. Please join them. You'll certainly be happy to make such a great difference!

Announcing Pork Chop Sandwich Drive Thru at St. Joseph's!

St. Joseph's Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Porkchop Sandwich Drive Thru from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the back church lot near the Ministry Center. Sandwich, chips, applesauce for \$7 (add water or a soda for \$1 extra). Proceeds will help the Holy Name obtain and install handicap church doors. Please save the date for a Great Sandwich!

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the families of Barbara Rittmanic and Robert Montague recently called to Eternal Life. May they enjoy forever the loving embrace of our loving God.

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SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 19 <i>Season of Easter Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday April 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Patti McElroy & Daughter, Lisa, by Larry	Wednesday April 21 <i>St. Anselm</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Paul D. Lovell (Wedding Anniversary) by Wife, Norma	Thursday April 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Mike LaGesse (Birthday Memorial) by Betty Azzarelli	Friday April 23 <i>St. George & St. Adalbert, Martyrs</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Willard Blanchette (Birthday Memorial) by Family
Saturday April 24 <i>St. Fidelis</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Patti McElroy & Daughter, Lisa, by Larry	Saturday April 24/25 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Theresa Gregoire (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 8:30 a.m. Mass *People of St. Joseph Parish 11:00 a.m. Mass *People of St. Joseph Parish	Please make reservations at the parish website to attend Weekend Masses at St. Joseph Church. Look for Live Streams at the parish website. Video recordings will continue to be available as well.		

STEWARSHIP

Always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we should also remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when happy. Because he was God, none of those feelings led him into sin, like they do us. But he did unleash some anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling out Peter when his friend tempted him. It's the tightrope walk we try to balance, honoring our emotions while answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the role of the Christian—that's the role of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the role of the Christian.-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offerings for the weekend of Easter 2021

\$16,332.00

Food Donations: 60.9 Pounds

Good Friday Offerings (Holy Land): \$701.00

Holy Thursday (Parish Helping Hands Fund): \$180.00

Offerings for the weekend of April 10/11, 2021

\$4,622.00

4:00 pm: \$1,547.00

8:30 am: \$1,170.00

11:00 am: \$1,905.00

Food Donations: 60.1 Pounds

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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A conversation with one of our neophytes

Karin Facko was fully initiated into the church at Easter Vigil. "I became Catholic so I can experience the Paschal mystery and the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharistic Mass," she said.

Karin's husband, Jim, is a life-long Catholic. They have been part of St. Joseph Parish for over five years. Karin is retired, but teaches private vocal and piano lessons at King Music.

Karin recently took some time for a Q and A to describe herself and her reasons for converting to the Catholic faith at St. Joseph's.

What attracted you to the Catholic Church? I have observed and been impressed by the deep faith lives of Catholics. My husband is Catholic and I believe it is important that we are one in our faith. It is never too late for this to happen.

Have the people of the Parish been supportive of your conversion? St. Joseph's has many warm, wonderful people. Mainly, I have gotten to know some through my Be My Witness group and the choir under Brad Benoit. Our small group and the music ministry have been very supportive of Jim and myself.



What are some things you experienced in RCIA? The leaders, Greg Brenneisen and Margie McCalester, have encouraged me to learn more about the Catholic faith. I had a wonderful meeting with Fr. Marcin when I came to the church with my intention to become Catholic.

What is something that has really inspired you during RCIA? I have learned much and have been impressed with the saints of the past for their willingness to sacrifice themselves for their faith.

What are your plans as a newly confirmed member of the faith? I will continue to be a part of our Be My Witness group as it meets twice monthly and serves meals to the homeless. I will also help with the mobile food pantry service at St. Joseph's, the choir, assisting Brad whenever he needs extra piano or vocal music, being a Eucharistic Minister, and perhaps being a lector.

The 25 pints collected at last Sunday's Blood Drive can save up to 75 lives!



Many thanks to those who participated at last Sunday's Blood Drive at St. Joseph Parish.



During this uncertain time, you stepped up and did something to make a difference in your community! It means the world to the patients and their families. If you were differed, we're sorry for the inconvenience, but please try again next time. Thank you all for making this important decision and taking the time to save lives!

LITURGICAL ROLES	April 24 4:00 PM	April 25 8:30 AM	April 25 11:00 AM
Greeters	Marian Worby (1) Gisel Waide (2) Mike Worby (3)	Jasmine Elumbaugh (1) Barb Fortin (2) Aliess Bedford (3)	Sorich Family
Lectors			Jan St. John
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak

Helpers for our Cleaning Crew are needed on the weekends. We need someone to operate the cordless Fogger and a helper after each Mass. Please check the monthly sign-up at the parish website to see where you might be needed or call the parish office. Thanks again!

Have you seen a Confirmation Candidate helping at St. Joseph's?

It has been said, "Many hands make light work." Well, over the past several weeks, some ministries have witnessed this to be true. While getting ready to be confirmed on Sunday, May 2, 2021, many of our

Confirmation candidates have stepped up to help our staff and volunteers with a variety of tasks throughout the parish, and they have really made a positive difference along the way!

Over the past several weeks, we have had teens who helped in the church with decorating during the different liturgical seasons. "They

were a great help with all of the decorating, and were ready and willing to help with whatever was asked of them," said Pat Knittel of the Art & Environment group. But these teens were more than just

extra muscles, by being part of this important process of transforming the church, the candidates also learned some meaning of the what/why and how to get the church ready for everyone to come worship. Walking into church might feel a little more special after being part of what goes on "behind the scenes."



We also have other areas where these young people have been seen serving their parish, such as: singing at Mass, working with hospitality as greeters for Masses, and/or cleaning and sanitizing the church. After cleaning the church, one candidate wrote, "It felt good, knowing I was helping to keep everyone safe." Other candidates even gave up

some free time after school or on their spring break to help in the Religious Education Office, with sorting/organizing the supply closet, getting mailings ready, and even helping other sacrament students by putting together banner kits for the First Communion students. It should also be mentioned that there were multiple instances where the candidate was not alone while serving, parents and/or entire families joined in as well!

While it is true, service is a part of the requirements for Confirmation, however, it is our hope that their time spent helping others was more than just a task to check off the list. We hope these teens experienced the



blessings received when doing something for someone else and ultimately will develop a strong, sincere desire to continue to serve others throughout their lives, just as we are ALL called to do.

"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." James 2:26

Automated Giving

Please realize, that although you are not here a given week, your parish still needs your support.

Below is the authorization form enabling you to have your Sunday contribution electronically provided to St. Joseph's via ACH Auto-Deduct. If you choose to sign up, you will continue to receive your Sunday/Special Collection envelopes in the mail. Your contribution envelopes have a box that can be checked stating "I give electronically". You can continue to use your offertory envelopes and simply check this box.

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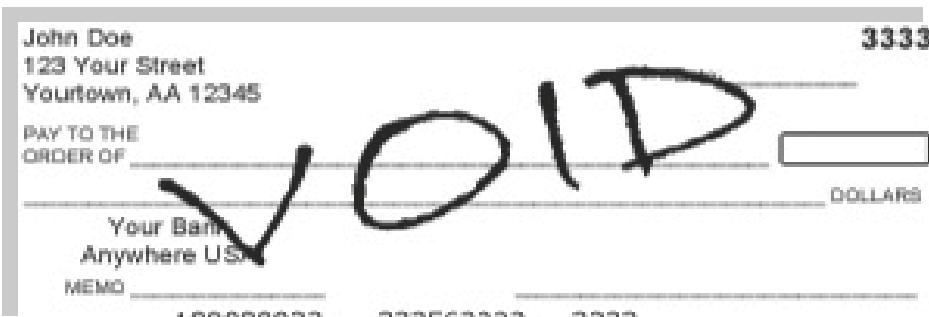
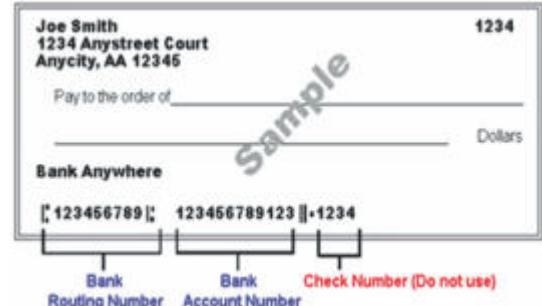
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Daily Services

*Monday 7:00 am Communion Service
Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 am Mass
Friday & Saturday 8:30 am Mass*

Reconciliation

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*Saturday Vigil presented Live at
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Register at website or call office

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Brad Benoit

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*Anita Lovell
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(815) 939-3573

*Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-1
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Baptism

*The first and third Sundays of the
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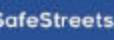
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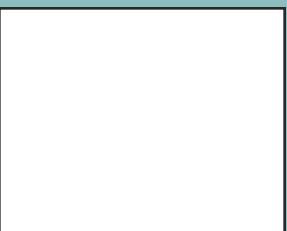
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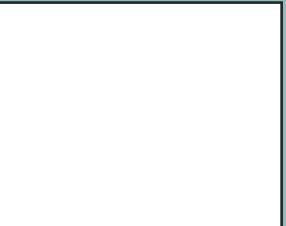
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