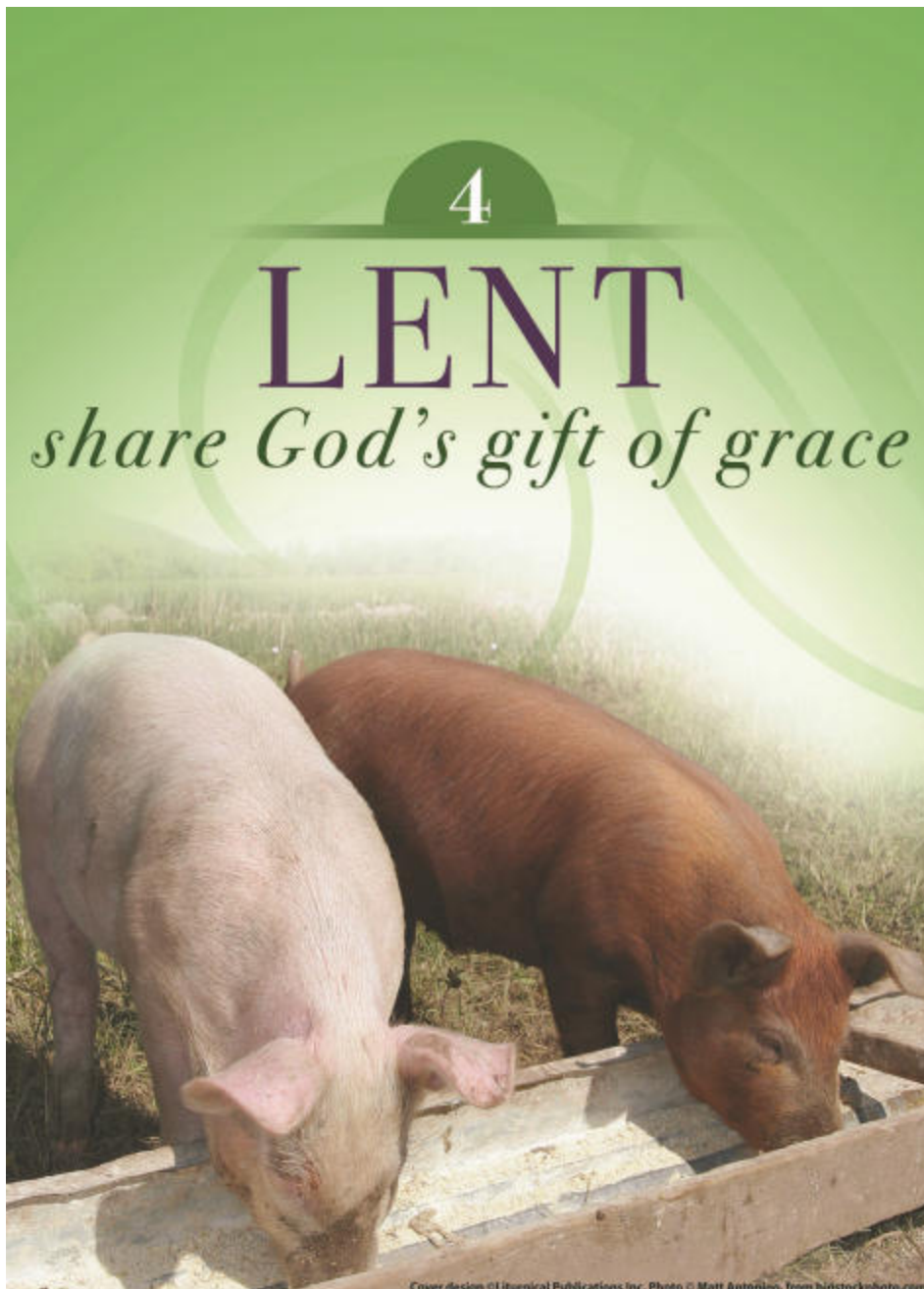




**March 31, 2019**



### **Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living and growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. In our lives we try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

### **Parish Information**

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Lebanon St. Joseph's Catholic Church

The St. Joseph Parish welcomes new residents, visitors and McKendree students. We are glad to celebrate Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

When changing address, please notify the parish office.

## Readings

### Readings for the Week of March 31

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death.

~Pope Francis

## Liturgical Ministers

### Wednesday, April 3 Communion Service at Cedar Ridge

Dcn. George, Paula Dawson & Mary Hogg

### Sunday, April 7, 10:30am

**Readers** PSR Students  
**Presenters** PSR Students  
**Communion** Fairlie Team  
**Servers** Nathan Midgley & Lucia Knapp

## Last Week's Offering & Mass Attendance:

March 24 - 115

### General Fund:

Envelopes	\$1730.00
Loose	\$113.00
Easter	\$25.00
<b>This week's total:</b>	<b>\$1868.00</b>
Catholic Relief Srv.	\$159.00
Holy Land/Good Fri.	\$15.00
Home Missions	\$15.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

Parish's weekly income need is \$3,250 and is based on FY 17/18 expenses.

## Liturgy Schedule

### St. Joseph and Corpus Christi Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
Sunday	9:00am	Corpus Christi
Sunday	10:30am	St. Joseph
Sunday	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

(Mass Intention)

**Monday, April 1** 8:30am **Mass**, (Larry Mueller)  
**Wednesday, April 3** 8:30am **Mass**, (Bill & Eleanor Schulte)  
 10am Communion Service, Cedar Ridge  
**Friday, April 5** 8:30am Communion Service  
**Sunday, April 7** 10:30am **Children's Mass**, (William Wright)

During Lent, we will have Mass on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, with Fr. Margason presiding.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, April 3

~Lenten Journey, begins at 6:30pm with a simple meal, Hall

### Friday, April 5

~Fish Fry, 5-7pm, Hall

### Sunday, April 7

~First Communion Retreat, 11:30am-3pm, Hall

### Spring Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 13, 8am-Noon

The weather is warming and the grounds are greening! Sign up to help tend the beds and rake the dead leaves. Your help and your tools will be welcome, even if you can only work an hour.

## Faith Formation

**LENTEN JOURNEY** Join Fr. Jim for a talk on the topic of Lenten Practices and Holy Week tradition April 3, at 6:30pm, in the hall. The evening begins with a simple meal.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** The Church will be open on Fridays during Lent, from 2-6pm, for anyone wishing to pray the stations. A program will be available for use. An audio is also available through our website. With your smartphone you may listen to the stations and follow along with the program, or choose to pray them quietly to yourself.



Pat Carver	Anthony Fairlie
Rich Garcia	Johnnie Jones
Margaret Rowan	Fr. Steve Humphrey

*Please keep in prayer all the sick, especially those living with chronic health issues, the homebound and those who cannot be with us today.*

### Please Pray For

Those serving in our military, especially Paige Buechele, Garrett Carson, Christian Collins, Jackson Collins, Matthew D'Amico, Aliyah Hicks and Michelle Prather; and all deployed military personnel and DOD civilians.

St. Joseph Men's Club invites you to join them during Lent to work and to enjoy the **Fish Fry, every Friday, 5-7pm, at the Hall.**



Please take note of the Friday you have been assigned to work, and arrange for a switch if you should have a conflict. Invite your family and friends to come too!

**EASTER FLOWERS** Parishioners are invited to make a donation toward Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Lilies range \$15-\$25 each. Please include the name of the person/s you are remembering with your donation. Names of loved ones will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS** Parishioners are asked to contribute plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the Sunday egg hunt. The basket is hidden behind the Drawdown Quilt (shhhh!)

**PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** During the month of March, children from the PSR classes will provide baby bottles for donations. This year, the children are collecting for Pregnancy Care Center in Belleville. Please take a bottle to make a donation, or fill with your spare change over the coming weeks. Donations will be gladly accepted through April 7.

**ST PAUL UCC CHICKEN DINNER** All you care to eat dining in Fellowship Hall, or drive thru, Sunday, April 7, from 11-3. Adults: \$11; Child (Age 10 & under) \$5; Under age 2: Free.

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Cemetery Donations

Our Cemetery Committee recently sent letters to parishioners explaining the discontinuation of the raffles, due to failures in bridging the gap between expenses and income from the Perpetual Care funds.

With that being said, we humbly request parishioners, and those with loved ones buried in our hallowed grounds, to please consider giving an annual donation to help offset the care and maintenance costs.

As always, we appreciate your willingness to help keep our blessed cemetery pristine.

### Drawdown 2019

Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Drawdown & Silent Auction will be held, April 27, 6pm at the K of C Hall in O'Fallon. Tickets are \$100 each, and pays for a catered dinner for two, free drinks, and a chance to win \$5,000. Contact Barry Copelin, 632-9316, or via email [bcopelin@charter.net](mailto:bcopelin@charter.net) for a ticket.

If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction and/or prize package, please contact Rita Christ, 537-2367, or Donna Weil, 973-1942.

### Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Clothing Drive

This annual fund-raising collection will take place on **Saturday, April 6, from 8am to 1pm** at the **Lebanon City Hall Parking Lot.**

All money raised stays local and will help support the Food Pantry and Community Care Coalition.

Plastic bags are available in the Church vestibule or the Parish Hall, to help you collect clothing you no longer want or need. (Items need to be bagged)

#### Acceptable Items for the collection are:

- Clothing/ties/belts
- Coats/hats/scarves/gloves
- Shoes/boots
- Purses/backpacks
- Bedding/curtains/towels

We **CANNOT** accept:

Books, household items, tools, furniture, baby gear, electronics, furniture, mattresses, pillows, tires and paint.

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