

SACRED HEART CHURCH

PRAY † TEACH † SERVE

March, 7th 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Mission Statement

We are a *Eucharistic Community* which recognizes and values the dignity of each person by responding to the Gospel.

We are called to
Pray, Teach and Serve.



Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday 7:00 am
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am
Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 8:30 am

Communion Service

Thursday 7:00 am

Confession

Monday 7:30 am
Tuesday 7:30 am
Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 9:00-9:30 am &
4:30-5:00 pm

Adoration

Friday 7:30am Exposition
8:30am Benediction

Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for baptism at least 2 month in advance.

Matrimony

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for marriage at least 6 months in advance.

Pastor

Reverend Bruce Ludeke

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ken Funk

3rd Sunday **OF LENT**

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

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Pray

Mass Intentions

Mon. 03/08	7:00 am	† Patricia Tifft Lambert
Tues 03/09	7:00 am	† Bryan Angone
Wed. 03/10	7:00 am	† Aldona Miloch
	5:30 pm	† Louise Sullivan
Thurs. 03/11	7:00 am	Communion Service
Fri 03/12	7:00 am	For the Living & Deceased Family of Robert & Marylyn Simpson
Sat. 03/13	8:30 am	† Beate Kuhns
	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Family Raymond & Eleanor Funk
Sun. 03/14	8:30 am	† Kathleen Dieterle
	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of Marion Passini



Prayer before Communion

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion With open arms, And a loving, contrite heart, So that I may be filled with your grace, For my good and Your glory! Amen.

Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

I thank You, Eternal Father, for giving me as the food of my soul, the Body and Blood of Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May this Divine Food preserve and increase the union of my soul with You. May it purify me by repressing every evil inclination. Grant that it may be to me a pledge of a glorious resurrection on the last day. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I am sorry for ever having offended You, and I desire never to offend You again.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



In Loving Memory

Please keep the family of Marilyn Tower in your prayers, as she passed away on February, 2021.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
(9:00 a.m. registration)
St. Rita's Catholic Church
6254 Valley Knoll Drive
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5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk!

Blue Nun Fun Run

\$10.00 Registration Fee—Race Day T-shirt included

All participants are asked to help raise money for renovations the **Blue Nuns** are completing at the *Madonna Renewal Center*, which houses pregnant women & moms in need. \$200.00 Goal—no minimum

All questions to: bluenunrun@gmail.com
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& click **2021 Blue Nun Fun Run** Registration

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The Diocese of Rockford Safe Environment required paperwork and trainings are now accessed online! All employees and Volunteers now have an account.

How do I access my account?

You will receive and email, from Virtus, informing you of your User ID and instructions on how to access your account. This will include a direct link to the website. If you are unsure of your password you can click Need Login Information and it will allow you set your password to whatever you would like!

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What do I have to do right now?

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VIRTUES OF ST. JOSEPH

Sacred Scripture describes St. Joseph as “a Just man” (Matthew 1:19) which can also be translated as “righteous,” “upright,” or, “he who is virtuous in all things.” If we want to learn from St. Joseph, we must begin by imitating the virtues he practiced daily in his quiet, hidden life.

Most Valiant Protector of Church

St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church’s head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice he valiantly defended them.

Joseph Most Chaste

Chaste love requires that one wills the good to another without taking the other to oneself as one’s own. To Joseph was entrusted the Divine Child and His fairest Mother. Chaste in body but also in heart, Joseph loved freely which created the interior tranquility of order in the Holy Family.

Joseph Most Just

Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labor, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.

Lover of Poverty

Joseph could count on nothing in this world to be his stay. Neither his trade nor property were employed in his first years as father of the Divine child. He had to abandon all that was his and provide for them in whatever way was possible as they were on pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to Egypt, and finally to Nazareth.

Model of Workers

We must not simply intend love, we must labor to fulfill love’s demands. Beneficence, laboring for the good of another, in Joseph’s case was direct labor for God. Working in Adam’s curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.

Joseph Most Obedient and Head of Holy Family

All authority is borrowed except for the Author himself. One can only be a just head of a family, be it natural or religious, if one is first obedient to the Word himself. Joseph’s perfect obedience rendered him the perfect Head of the Holy Family.

Joseph Most Faithful

Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.

Mirror of Patience

Patience is willingness to suffer. A patient is one who suffers a malady not by choice whereas a patient man is one who suffers volitionally rather than relinquish the vocation given him. Joseph was patient because of his love. He was willing to suffer anything, even the loss of Our Lady and the Divine Child by being the first to die.

Joseph Most Prudent

Prudence is the mother of virtues which depends upon the practical wisdom gained by experience matched with an agile mind to make decisions in the here and now. Each time Joseph knew the will of God he acted decisively, swiftly, and accurately. He acted neither rashly nor timidly, but prudently.

Terror of Demons

Demons hate humility, suckled as they are on the vice of pride. Joseph’s humility is what terrifies the demons. He is entrusted with power and authority not simply because of his internal strength but because of his complete reliance upon and fidelity to God.

Patron of Dying and Solace of the Afflicted

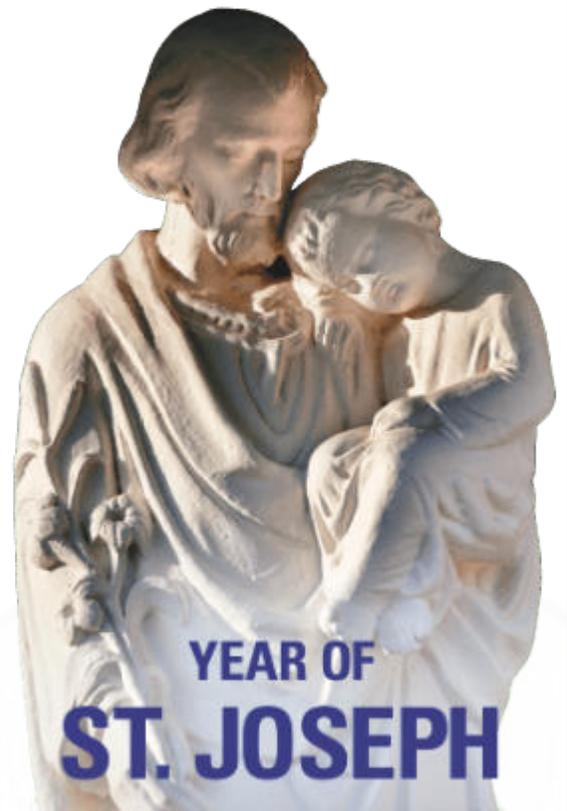
What a blessed death to see God before you die and for God Himself to tell you to go. This was Joseph’s gift from his Son, who would hand his father over to His Father. Thus has Christ entrusted Joseph to have particular intercessory power for all those on the moment of death.

Chaste Guardian of Virgins and Pillar of Families

Due to his chastity and vocation, Joseph has further been entrusted to continue his mission of guarding the pure ones of God and of the integrity of the family. This power flows through him now as a reward of his perfect fidelity. All religious and families should have recourse to this most powerful intercessor.

“Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model.”

—St. Madeleine Sophie Barat



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Weekly Collection

Your Gift to God last weekend was:

Amount Required Weekly	\$4,442.31
Envelope mailed in/dropped off	\$2,104.00
Online Giving	\$2,305.00
Weekly Total 02/28/2021	\$4,409.00
YTD Required	\$151,038.54
YTD Collected (Week 34)	\$198,619.00
Total Envelope Holders	523
Envelopes Used	77
% Contributed	15%
Parish Raffle Winner	Sid Kirkland

Tithing 4%....Sauk Valley Food Pantry for SVDP(\$171)

Schedule of Ministers

Saturday, March 13th & Sunday, March 14th

Lectors:

5:30 pm Connie Chaney
 8:30 am John Clark
 10:00 am Peg hoffmiller

Usher/Cleaners:

5:30 pm Tom & Sue Nestor
2 Volunteers Needed
 8:30 am **4 Volunteers Needed**
 10:00 am Geralyn Nash
3 Volunteers Needed



Please contact Karen Nestor at 815-625-1134 or sheartmusicliturgy@gmail.com if you can help out in these roles!

Join us Mass live streamed on Saturdays at 5:30pm.



here are the links (you can also find these links on our website, sacredheartparish.net)

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Happy Birthday from Fr. Bruce and the Sacred Heart Staff!

03/09 Jason Graham	03/13 Brad Davis
03/10 Thomas Schuler	03/13 Cameron Gonzalez
03/10 Scott Williams	03/13 Linkon Mowery
03/12 Rachel DuBois	03/13 Christian Rosas
03/12 Shay Hafner	03/14 Julie Brady
03/12 Ty Olson	
03/13 Kevin Carroll	





HEAR HIS VOICE

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal - 2020-21

Goal: \$34,725
Donated to date: \$26,900
Compared to last year to date: \$28,575

Thank you to the following donors who have recently given to the 2020-21 Diocesan Appeal:

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*striking breast 3 times*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man (*stand*). For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Antiphon: **The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your alters, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

"Love is never defeated."

St. John Paul II

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