

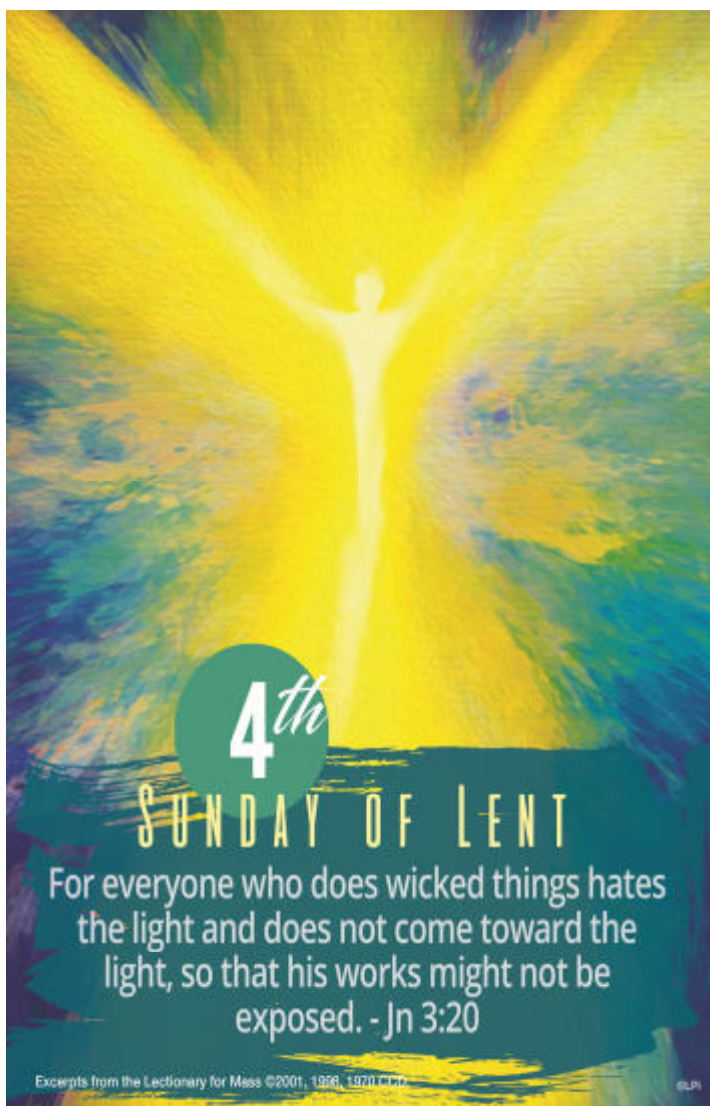
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an evermore closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another, and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

John 3:16

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Please call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment. Please allow at least six months before the planned date.

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am until Midnight
Friday 5:00 am until Noon

Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 14, 2021

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Mass Schedule - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat	03/13	4:00 pm	Bill Zondca
Sun	03/14	8:00 am	†Stan McCann
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	03/15	8:30 am	Spencer Bauer
Tue	03/16	8:30 am	Ryan Wilbanks
Wed	03/17	8:30 am	†Joseph & Irene Ryan
Thu	03/18	8:30 am	†Richard Summers
Fri	03/19	8:30 am	†Pearl Healey
Sat	03/20	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	03/21	8:00 am	†Nancy Banasik
		10:30 am	†Richard Summers

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice", and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Readings for next week March 21st

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Trying New Foods In Timor-Leste:

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fish ponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.



Catholic Relief Services Collection:

This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Calendar of Events

For the Week of March 14th

Sun	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
	10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	6:00 pm	GBNA
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wed	All Day	Happy St. Patrick's Day
Thu	7:00 pm	Building & Maintenance Mtg.
Fri	Feast-Day	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
	9:30 am	Companions of Mary
	5:00 pm	Early Bulletin 4-Palm Sunday
Sat	8-Noon	Parish Work Day!

Early Bulletin Due Dates: By 5 pm 3/12 for the 5th Sunday of Lent, 3/19 for Palm Sunday, and 3/24 for Easter Sunday.

Our Gifts to God

For the Week of March 7th

Envelopes	\$4,821.00	Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Plate	\$541.11	Ash Wednesday	\$36.00
Build & Maint.	\$1,696.00	Bible Fund	\$150.00
Votive	\$51.00	Online	\$958.18
Food Pantry	\$24.00	Central Europe	\$36.00



The Year of the Family: Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris laetitia on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of Amoris Laetitia which will conclude with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. We pray for each of you and your families!

Friday, March 19th

Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass for Charles Peirano. **NO Stations of the Cross.**

Stewardship Reflection

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Penny Harrison	Brenda Forte	Ed Bailey
Miguel Nelson	Laurie Richardson	Cheryl Grooms
Sharon Grant	Ann Fender	Mike Banasik
John Wagner	David Zeszutek	Jack Bresee
Carla Duff	Linda Hasler	Jeanne Walsh

We also remember in prayer those of our parish family who are battling chronic illnesses and those who are homebound and are no longer able to attend Mass due to present health concerns.

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

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Ministers for March 20 – March 21, 2021 (Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)				
Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Brown, G.	Gallagher, T.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Gaynor, P.	Gaynor, G.	Young, F.
		Holman, T.	Hale, L.A.	
8:00			McClanahan, D.	
	Father	Shaughnessy, P.	Blanton, C.	Fronick, G.
	Deacon	Skalicky, C.	Cherry, N.	Lugger, D.
		Witt, L.	Cherry, G.	
10:30			Ruddell, J.	
	Father	Dwyer, M.	Duff, R.	Pille, Ar.
	Deacon	Wissmueller, P.	Hammer, Mo.	Pille, Av.
		Dobbs, M.A.	Long, D.	
			Stokes, B.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe	Franchesca	
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Jenny	



Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed

Virgin Mary: In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.



Best Choice UPC Labels: Remember to save your Best Choice UPCs for the Ladies' Group. They add up and help us tremendously!

What Is Happening at Our Parish School?

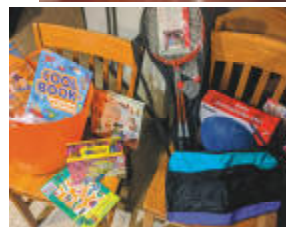


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- The auction begins Friday, March 26th at 7 pm and ends Monday, March 29th at 7 pm. You have 72 hours to peruse and bid online!
- A few days before the auction, you will find a link on our Facebook page, and it will also be posted in the March 21st Church Bulletin. Just use the link to log on and start bidding! You will pick up your items at school, or the school will mail them to you.

Pictured here are just a few of the items we will have on our Online Auction!

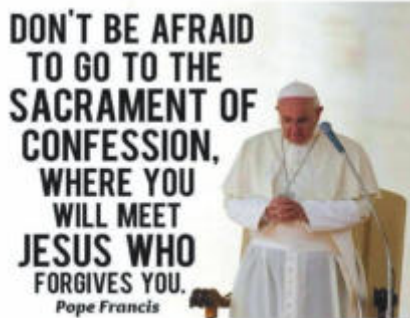


You do not want to miss this opportunity. It is A LOT OF FUN to bid online!



IF YOU CAN DONATE AN ITEM (WORTH \$50+) TO THE AUCTION BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH, PLEASE EMAIL BONNIE at bjohnson@stjosephcatholicacademy.org.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE MONDAY 22ND OF MARCH AT 7:00 PM ST. JOSEPH PARISH



Family Rosary Group is changing to meeting on Wednesdays at 4 pm via Zoom. Family Rosary is a recurring meeting via Zoom. The meeting ID: 997 0049 6956 and Passcode: 858487.

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2. Reciprocate God's love by loving others: God's love was unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.
3. Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an on-going process: That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion, bringing us to a renewal of life, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us through prayer, Bible reading, and the frequenting of the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Eucharist and the corporal and spiritual acts of charity.

"For God so loved the world that He sent His Son to Israel": A Jewish father in the U.S. was concerned about his son. He had not truly raised him in the faith of Judaism. So, hoping to strengthen his faith, he sent his son to Israel so that the boy could experience his heritage. A year later, the young man returned home. He said, "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers. It was wonderful and enlightening. However, I must confess that while in Israel, I converted to Christianity." "Oh (groan), what have I done?" the father thought. So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend, "I too sent my son to Israel, and he returned a Christian." So, in the traditions of the Patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi. "I too sent my son to Israel, and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to the Lord," said the Rabbi. They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty. As they prayed, the clouds above opened, and a mighty voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel..."

May our Lenten journey lead us to a life of repentance and conversion, bringing us to a renewal of life, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us through prayer, Bible reading, and the frequenting of the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Eucharist and the corporal and spiritual acts of charity.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Karl



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*P*astor's
*R*eflection



Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare (Rejoice)* Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet with flowers on the altar symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of our Lord's Resurrection. Today's readings' central theme is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion, the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God who is "*rich in mercy*" and as an expression of our faith, we are invited to share his sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit eternal salvation and the glory of his resurrection in heaven.

In **the first reading** from the Second Book of Chronicles, the scripture lesson teaches us God's compassion and patience. God allowed Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy and salvation to His chosen people who were in exile in Babylon. In **the second reading**, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. **Today's gospel** has a parallel theme but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, became the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation, but also for the whole world's sinfulness. Through John 3:16, the gospel teaches us that God expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee, and members of the Sanhedrin meet Jesus by night and begin a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because he is the Son of God. He further explains to Nicodemus God's plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the brazen serpent. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite through the brazen serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus because so great is the love of God for mankind.

1. Love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering and try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our daily cross with joy while helping others to carry their heavier crosses.

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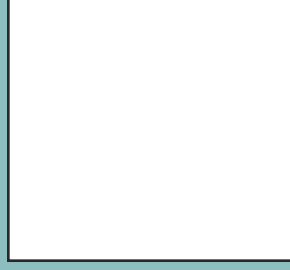
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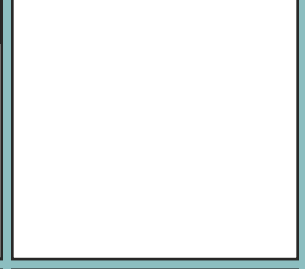
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