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Lumen Christi
FAMILY OF PARISHES

St. Anthony of Padua
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
St. Joseph

Adoration
Daily | STJ

Daily | STA 24/7 Chapel
Wed | OLMC 9am-4pm

Confession

Sat | STJ 10:30-11:30am
OLMC 2:30-3:30pm
Tues | STJ 5:00pm-6:00pm
Thurs | STA 5:00-6:30pm
1st Fri | STJ 10am-11am

Mass Schedule

Sat | OLMC 4:30pm
STJ 5:00pm
STA 5:00pm
Sun | STJ 7:30am
STA 8:00am
OLMC 10:00am
STJ 10:30am
STA 12:00pm (L)
STJ 4:30pm
OLMC 7:00pm
Mon | OLMC 9:00am
Tue | STA 9:00am
STJ 6:00pm
Wed | OLMC 9:00am
Thurs | STA 7:00pm(L)
Fri | STJ 9:00am
1st Fri | STA 7:00pm(L)
1st Sat | STA 9:00am(L)

APRIL 6, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Reconciliation Services

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Tuesday, April 8th
5:00-8:00pm
6:00pm Mass

Several priests will be available at each location to hear confessions.



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Tuesday, April 15th
5:00-6:00pm
6:00pm Mass

(LAST CHANCE)



St. Anthony of Padua

Thursday, April 10th
5:00-8:00pm
7:00pm Mass (L)

Stations of the Cross
Fri | 2:25pm & 7:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th

5:00pm- **† Floyd Martin**
 (Harry & Nancy Salenbien)
† Walter Gibala
 (Jean Rybka)

Sunday 6th

7:30am- **† Howard & Lilian Trombley**
 (Their Children)
 10:30am- **† Julien & Angela Devos**
 (Family)
† Norman & Rose Spotts
 (Family)
† Jerome & Carol Banachowski
 (Family)
 4:30pm- **† Neil Cousino**
 (Prudy Cousino)

Tuesday 8th

6:00pm- **† Janet Parran**
 (Rich & Elaine Cousino)

Friday 11th

9:00am- **† Henry & Vera DeVries**
 (Sweeney Family)
† Mary Cousino
 (Rich & Elaine Cousino)

Saturday 12th

5:00pm- **† Tim Norts**
 (Deacon & Sharon Trabbic)
† Walter Gibala
 (John & Irene Cousino)

Sunday 13th

7:30am- **† Janet Parran**
 (Jackie Drouillard)
 10:30am- **† Mary Cousino**
 (Sharon Lajiness)
† Angela DeLand
 (Mercurio Family)
† Corey Bomiä
 (Mark & Christy Mercurio)
 4:30pm- **† Neil Cousino**
 (Prudy Cousino)

April Sanctuary Lamps

Our Lady: Mary Cousino
Tabernacle: Patti Cousino
St. Joseph: Mary Cousino- Morrin

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Readings for the week of April 6th

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

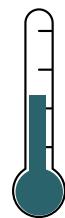
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56

Collection for March 23rd

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,410.50
Offertory Loose	\$1,233.00
Online Giving	\$1,169.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$4,812.50
Budgeted Weekly	\$8,000.00
over/under	-\$3,187.50

Music Ministry	\$10.00
Campus Improvement	\$320.00
3/21 School Mass	\$89.54
Priest Pension	\$115.00
Flowers	\$85.00
Pew Sponsorships to date	\$26,646.00
Actual YTD	\$256,081.87
Budget YTD	\$304,000.00
over/under	-\$47,918.13
St. Joseph School Support Env.	\$67,403.33
St. Joseph Support Goal	\$150,000.00



Online
Giving

Traveling Vocation Chalice

April: **Meg & Kevin Morrin**

May: **Laura Cousino**

June: **Paul & Julie Burgard**

July: *Host Family Needed*

Please remember that we are called to celebrate Mass to receive Jesus Christ in Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. If we have no Priests, we have no Eucharist, and we have no Sacraments. You can do this. There is nothing to be afraid of. Please host the Traveling Vocational Chalice. If you are interested in hosting please text David Imbrogno at 419-467-2925.



Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

Palm Sunday Schedule

- Sat. 5:00 PM & Sun. 7:30 AM: The blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem will take place before Mass in the vestibule.
- **Sun. 10:30 AM: The procession will take place starting in the school cafeteria, where you will receive your palms for the blessing.**
- Sun. 4:30 PM: Palms will have already been blessed and may be taken after Mass.

There is both great joy and terrible sorrow associated with this day, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, the Sunday that portends the crucifixion of Our Lord.



Remember in your prayers...

Let us pray for... Emily Patrice, Carol & Ward Close Sr., Connie Mosley, Marcella Mehki, Dorothy Sulier, James Smith, Tony Lieto, Ray Attie, James Smith, Wallace Jurski, Nancy Ciravolo, Rose Taylor, Connie Stubleski, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Cáceres Family, Dennis Seymour, Veronica Gelso, Rick Lenix, Janice Droz, Mike & Margaret (Beaudry) Comer, Carol Banachowski, Myron Seger, Doris Rousseau, Charlotte Beutler, Brandi Birr, Dennis Mehki, our Troops, Veterans and all the sick among us. **To be added to our prayer list please email or call the parish office. Please note: To respect the privacy of others, we must have the permission of the person whose name is being added.**

April 12 & 13 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass	Altar Servers	Ushers	Reader	E.M.
Sat. 5:00	Elizabeth Scaggs Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Tad Norts Sue Leuck Tim Leuck Ed Cousino	Carl Parran	H: Deacon Ken C: Marcia Rutherford C: Jen Norts
Sun. 7:30	Isaac Roznoski Gabe Roznowski Volunteer Volunteer	Dan Dusseau Ray Bonkoski Dale Cousino Volunteer	Yvonne Bellestri	Bryan Hanlon
Sun. 10:30	Emma Thompson Molly Thompson Volunteer Volunteer	Colleen Henry Jerry Henry Volunteer Volunteer	Juanita Alt	Tricia Mohr
Sun. 4:30	Collin Solarik Brodie Solarik Volunteer Volunteer	Collin Harrigan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Shari Nusbaum	Elsie McClain

WELCOME — LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

Spring Rummage Sale

We are in need of volunteers for the upcoming Rummage Sale the first weekend in May! Please contact Claudia Close at 734-915-1267 as soon as possible to sign up! See flyer for details.

Panther Pride Auction

Our largest school fundraiser is only one month away! Join us as we come together for a wonderful cause. Be sure to get your admission into the school or rectory office by April 14th! You wont want to miss out on this amazing community event!

HELP NEEDED

We are currently looking for large baskets to wrap auction items, as well as clear cello wrap. If you have any available or can donate, it would be greatly appreciated! We are also in need of gift cards in any denomination! We are specially looking for local restaurants, but any gift card for any location/store is welcome! Premade baskets are also needed! Some favorites include wine baskets, spirit wear, memberships, be creative! Please send in all donations by April 18th! Please drop off at the school or parish offices, or call/text Maggie at 734-770-4631 for pick up. Thank you for your support!

Lenten Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry season is in full swing. Please invite family members, friends, coworkers and even neighbors! As always, we need workers! There are many ways you can lend a hand: morning food prep, early afternoon set-up, serving, clean-up, dessert donations. Sign up ASAP by contacting Connie Newell at 419-340-1893. Call or text, and include which Friday you are able to help.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our Ladies Auxiliary will again be hosting our Annual Easter Egg Hunt here at St. Joseph, RAIN OR SHINE. Last year we held this event in the gymnasium due to rain and muddy fields. Join us in prayer for good weather. Please if able, grab an extra bag of small candy to help us fill the many Easter eggs needed to make this community event possible! There will be a crate for candy donations placed near the confessional during the month of April. We thank you ahead of time for your continued support. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 19th!**

Hat Decorating Party

Bring your creativity out to the races as we decorate Kentucky Derby hats in preparation for our 2025 Panther Pride Auction on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 - noon in the school cafeteria. No cost, but feel free to bring scissors, a hot glue gun, and your favorite crafting supply. Hats and some crafting supplies will be provided. All ages welcome! RSVP here <https://forms.gle/rPs6Zo5zVweKmabm7>

Church Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 7

St. John Baptist dela Salle

9:00am to 8:00pm- Adoration in Convent
10:30am- Rosary in Convent Chapel
4:00 to 5:30pm- H.S. Boys Basketball Open Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00am to 3:00pm- Adoration in Convent
3:00 to 6:00pm- Exposition in the Church
3:00pm- Prayers for Priests
5:00 to 8:00pm- **Lenten Reconciliation Service**
6:00pm- **Holy Mass**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00am to 8:00pm- Adoration in Convent
4:00 to 5:30pm- H.S. Boys Basketball Open Gym
6:00pm- Lenten Bible Study

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

9:00am to 8:00pm- Adoration in Convent

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

St. Stanislaus
9:00am- **School Mass**
10:00 to 8:00pm- Adoration in Convent
2:25pm- Children's Stations
4:30 to 7:30pm- All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry
7:00pm- Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00am to 4:00pm- Adoration in Convent
10:30 to 11:30am- **Reconciliation**
5:00pm- **Holy Mass w/ Blessing of Palms**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30am- **Holy Mass w/ Blessing of Palms**
9:00am- Faith Formation Classes (K-8th)
10:30am- **Blessing & Precession w/ Holy Mass**
12:00pm to 4:00pm- Adoration in Convent
4:30pm- **Holy Mass w/ Palms**



St. Joseph First Holy Communion
Sunday, April 27th
10:30am Mass



OMLC Confirmation
Thursday, May 1st
6:00pm Mass



Holy Thursday

April 17 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7:00 PM Mass of the
Lord's Supper



Good Friday

April 18 at St. Anthony

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
2:00 PM Rosary
2:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
8:00 PM Tenebrae

If you would like to volunteer
for any liturgical rolls during
our family of parishes
triduum please contact the
parish office.



Holy Saturday

April 19 at St. Joseph

12:00 PM Easter Food Basket Blessing
1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
9:00 PM Easter Vigil



Resurrection Sunday

April 20 at St. Joseph

7:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

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Panther Pride Auction
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Saturday, May 3, 2025

ADMISSION INCLUDES
DINNER, OPEN BAR, GAMES, RAFFLES, DJ, AND MORE!

Doors open at 5:00 pm
 Dinner begins at 6:30
 Large raffle at 8:00

GAMES AND OTHER RAFFLES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
see our website for more info at
www.stjosepherie.com/auction

ADMISSION \$50 PER PERSON
 LIMITED ADMISSION AFTER APRIL 14TH; EMAIL AUCTION@STJOSEPHERIE.COM FOR AVAILABILITY

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Kids (12 + under) - \$10

~ MENU ~

All You Can Eat Perch and/or Tilapia

Cheesy Potatoes
French Fries
Popcorn Shrimp
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Applesauce
Roll

Dessert & Beverage

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Carryout Dinner

PRICES: Adults + Seniors - \$17
Kids (12 + under) - \$10

~ MENU ~

Perch and/or Tilapia
Adults - 6 pc fish • Kids - 3 pc fish

Cheesy Potatoes
French Fries
Popcorn Shrimp
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Applesauce
Roll

NO Spaghetti, Dessert, or Drink

**CASH
ONLY!**

Altar Society

Rummage SALE



**MAY 1-3
2025**

**ACCEPTING
DONATIONS**

Sunday 4/27 9am-6pm
Monday 4/28 3pm-7pm
Tuesday 4/29 3pm-7pm

SALE OPEN

Thursday 5/1 9am-6pm
Friday 5/2 9am-6pm
Saturday 5/3 9am-11am

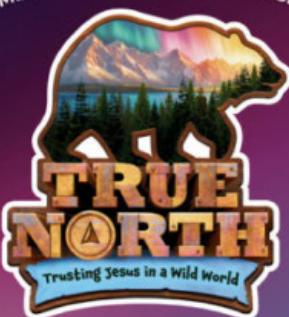
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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DATE!
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**June 3rd-6th
Tuesday-Friday
9am-12pm**

LUMEN CHRISTI FAMILY OF PARISHES



**Register
Here!**



**For children
ages 4-10**

Over twenty years ago, I left the Civil Air Patrol. At the time, I was a community college student, eager to move on from the familiar faces and shared struggles of adolescence. This past year, curiosity led me to revisit old photos from those days, and I reached out to an old friend who still kept in touch with some members.

The idea of reconnecting with people I hadn't seen in over two decades—almost half my life—once seemed daunting. Back then, priesthood was the furthest thing from my mind. My dreams leaned toward the Air Force, a reflection of youthful ambition rather than a disciplined calling. Since then, my journey has been marked by milestones, setbacks, and profound conversions. What could we possibly have in common now?

Yet, as we talked and caught up, I was surprised by the flood of good memories and the warmth of rekindled connections. Names I hadn't spoken in years came back effortlessly, and I marveled at the diverse paths everyone had taken. Some built families, while others faced challenges that reshaped their lives. In my priesthood, I've encountered countless stories of similar journeys—each unique yet bound by shared human struggles.

Palm Sunday, this next week, offers a powerful lesson for our era, especially in a world obsessed with curated online personas. It reminds us that true worth isn't measured by appearances or achievements, as social media might suggest, but by humble faith and the willingness to bear life's burdens. We imagine kings riding in triumph, yet Christ entered Jerusalem on a donkey, embracing humility. His example teaches us that the merit of life lies not in our accomplishments, but in how we carry the weight of God's grace.

He worked with human hands. He thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin. As an innocent lamb He merited life for us by his blood which he freely shed. In Him God reconciled us from the bondage of the devil and of sin, so that each one of us could say with the Apostle: "the Son of God gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20)—Gaudium et Spes, 22

As we navigate the complexities of modern life—marked by rapid change, division, and the pressure to appear perfect—Palm Sunday calls us back to the heart of faith: humility, perseverance, and trust in God's plan.

Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. (Ps 90:12)

God bless you, Fr. Louis Lapeyre

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