

# St. Joseph Catholic Community

## Third Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2018



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**Welcome!** We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

**Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!**

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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

**MASS INTENTIONS  
- PARISH MISSION WEEK -**

**Saturday, March 3**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. No Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Terry Flowers + By Family

**Sunday, March 4**

**- Third Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
**No 7:30 a.m. Mass**  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by Their Children

**Monday, March 5**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

**Tuesday, March 6**

7:00 a.m. Adoration  
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Gerald Beckman Family by Family  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

**Wednesday, March 7 - Please note Mass time!**

**8:00 a.m.** Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family

**Thursday, March 8**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick and Homebound.

**Friday, March 9**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Valeria Talerico + by Dan & Linda Felger  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross


**Saturday, March 10**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. No Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Trent Patterson + by Genevieve Lohmuller

**Sunday, March 11**

**- Fourth Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. James & Andrea Carlson by Jim & Dee Yonker Family

 **Please remember in your prayers...**  
Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr and Kelsey Peters.

Spring Forward- Daylight Savings Time is March 11!

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 YR. B.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO KEEP THE LAWS OR THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND TO WORSHIP HIM.**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. **I want to remind ourselves of our Parish Mission Week which starts today. Please make effort to come for the talks and be spiritually uplifted. Thanks, in a distinct way to the members of the Parish Staff, and the Parish Pastoral Council for their decent work preparing and arranging things. May God continue to bless you all.**

We are happy that we are a nation ruled by law and not by individual whims and caprices. There is much wisdom invested in the Constitution of this country and its other laws. However, when we allow things to get out of control and fail to obey the laws in accordance with the mind of the founding fathers of our country, there will be trouble all over. But when the rule of law prevails, we recover from setbacks; there will be progress and peace.

Today's readings deal with laws, especially **the First Reading; Ex 20:1-17, and the Gospel Jn 2:13-25.** We must be very careful not to regard the Commandments of God as mere civil laws. God's laws are laws of love. As a loving Father he gave us only **10 Commandments.** How many laws are there in the **Nation's Constitution?** There are many of them. **In the Code of Canon Law,** (the law of the Church), how many are they. There are 1,752 laws. **They are for the salvation of souls.** You see!!! In the 10 Commandments of God the first 3 go directly to God and the remaining 7 go directly to us and our neighbors and then indirectly to God. Of the first 3 Commandments, that go directly to God, the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." The Jewish Sabbath is now the Christian Sunday. We are obliged to keep Sunday holy. God said, "Six days you may labor and do all your work but on the seventh day, Sunday; is holy to the Lord, your God. No work may be done, neither you, or your son, or your daughter, or your slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you.

You keep Sunday holy by: **1.** Attend Mass (go to Church). **2.** Do not work especially manual work. **3.** Pray more, read your Bible more and Catholic books, on Sunday. There are 7 days in a week. God is so generous to allow us to do work in 6 days and kept only one day for himself. Think about this his generosity. If we break this Commandment it will be too difficult for us to explain to God, why we could not keep holy the Lord's Day. What the breaking of some of the civil law does in society (chaotic situation); is likened to what breaking of God's law does in our spiritual life, (chaotic spiritual catastrophe). **Breaking of law causes disorder.** That was why **in the Gospel; Jn 2:13-25:** The Lord Jesus was angry with those who turn God's house into a marketplace. They are not law abiding. You are God's house, you must keep it holy. **Let us make sincere effort to keep God's lovingly Commandments, for their keeping is for our good – the salvation of our souls.**

**God bless you Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu**

**NB: 1. Dear Parents remember to continue to encourage your children to make use of the Sacrament of Confession I will schedule for them during this Lenten Period. The adults Confession is fixed on March 7th. Please make use of this Great Sacrament of Penance.**

**NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".**



**SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS** -The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass. Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380. Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased.

**A Prayer For Lent**

O most gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver us from all evils. By your most bitter death give us a lively faith, firm hope and perfect charity, so that with our whole hearts we may love you with all our soul and strength. Make us persevere in your service, firm and steadfast in good works, so that we may be always able to please you.

—St. Clare of Assisi



### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 5 - Third Week of Lent** - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Lk 4:24-30  
**Tues., Mar. 6** - Dn 3:25,34-43/ Mt 18:21-35  
**Wed., Mar. 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs** - Dt 4:1,5-9/ Mt 5:17-19  
**Thurs., Mar. 8 - St. John of God, Religious** - Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23  
**Fri., Mar. 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious** - Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34  
**Sat., Mar. 10** - Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14  
**Sun., Mar. 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent** - 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL YOU CAN EAT



**MARCH 16- 4:30-7:30 P.M.**  
**Tickets on sale NOW after Masses!**

### BUS TRIP PLANNED

March 24, 2018 we will be taking a bus trip from St Joseph Hessen Cassel to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St John, IN. The cost to each person will be \$75 and include the bus trip, lunch at Teibles, donation from the group to the Shrine and tip from the group for the bus driver. Bottled water and continental breakfast will be provided on the bus at no additional cost. We will stop in Plymouth, IN for supper at Applebee's, Wendy's, Arby's or Bob Evan's. Supper is on your own and not included in the \$75. Please contact Mary Lou or Jim Sorg [260-639-3453](tel:260-639-3453) or Karen Sorg 437-3881.


**Friendship:** It involves many things, but, above all, the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another. -Thomas Hughes

### PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH/APRIL 1, 2018

- **Sun. - Thurs., Mar. 4-8- Parish Mission: FAMILIES: LIVING STONES OF THE CHURCH**
- **Thurs., Mar. 8- NO ALPHA (due to the Parish Mission).**
- **Fri., Mar. 9, 16, 23, - Lenten Soup Suppers 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross- 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. (No Soup Supper on the 16th due to the Fish Fry).**
- **Tues., Mar. 13- Knights of Columbus- Rosary 6:40 p.m./Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tues., Mar. 13- St. Joseph Women's Mtg.- 7:00 p.m. (In the Conference Room)**
- **Wed., Mar., 14- Parish Council Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)**
- **Thurs., Mar. 15- ALPHA- 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Fri., Mar. 16- K of C All You Can Eat Fish Fry!- 4:30-7:30pm**
- **Sun., Mar. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph Social Group**
- **Sun., Mar. 25- Palm Sunday/ Holy Week Begins**
- **Tues., Mar. 27- Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Thurs., Mar. 29- Holy Thursday Mass- 7:00 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight**
- **Fri., Mar. 30- Good Friday- The Passion of the Lord- Service at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Sat., Mar. 31- Holy Saturday Vigil Mass- 8:30 p.m.**
- **Sun., Apr. 1- Easter Sunday Masses- 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.**

### WEEKEND OF MARCH 10/11, 2018

#### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Leeann Kennerk  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp


#### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Marita Crawfis


#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Twilla Herr, Dan/Beth Gordon  
**7:30** Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Larisa Sudhoff

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family  
**10:00** Mike/Becky Anderson Family

#### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren or Corey Huss, Brooklynn Huss, Emma Rembke  
**7:30** Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon  
**10:00** Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Kody Coyne

#### Collection for Weekend of February 24/25, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$2,640.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$21.00  
 Loose- \$203.00  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$0  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$25.00  
**Total- \$2,889.00**

#### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$25.00  
 Bolivian Mission- \$400.00

#### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,227.40 behind budget from last week and \$3,008.93 behind budget for the month of February.

#### Diocesan Special Collections:

Central & Eastern Europe- \$5.00  
 Black & Indian Coll.- \$106.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
to St. Joseph's!*

### LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

- Sunday, March 4 beginning at 8:40 a.m., Confessions for Grades 3, 6 and 8; 7th Grade will be leading The Stations of the Cross
- Sunday, March 5 beginning at 8:40 a.m. Confessions for Grades 4, 5 and 7.
- Sunday, March 18 beginning at 8:40 a.m. Confessions for High School Youth Group.
- Confessions for Grade 2 will take place prior to First Communion

**AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE BELOVED** - Deepen your relationship with each other and with Christ during a diocesan retreat for married couples given by Fred and Lisa Everett. **An Encounter with the Beloved** will be held the weekend of April 28-29 at Lindenwood Retreat Center in Donaldson, IN. The price of the retreat is \$195 per couple and includes overnight accommodations and all meals. For more details and/or to register, please go to <http://www.lindenwood.org/index.php/programs-retreats/attend-a-retreat/An-Encounter-with-the-Beloved-p91761026>, or contact Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org).

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