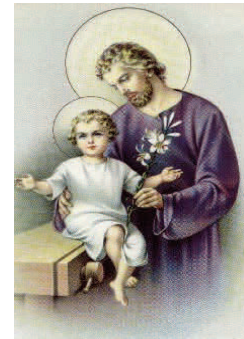


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

## Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 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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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 17

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Gloria Riveros by a Friend

### Sunday, March 18

#### - Fifth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm + by Tammi Helm

### Monday, March 19

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe + by Friends  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Adoration  
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, March 21

6:25 p.m. Rosary  
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault + by Family

### Thursday, March 22

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

### Friday, March 23

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Sr. Margaretta Ehrlich + by St. Joseph Choir  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 24

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, March 25

#### - Palm Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico + by Dan & Linda Felger  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. James & Peggy Yonker by Jim & Dee Yonker Family

Many people will walk in and out of your life; only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.



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, Kelsey Peters, and Tom Richhart.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 YR. B

**BODILY PENANCE LEADS TO A BETTER AND GLORIFIED LIFE. IT IS A LIFE OF TRANSFORMATION AND TRANSFIGURATION. IT IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. **I wish you all Happy St Joseph Feast Day tomorrow, Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our Patron Saint.** Bodily Penance etc as stated above, is true for those who keep God's commandments and live out their Baptismal commitment with the Lord. That is the reason the Lord God says **in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Jer 31:31-34** "The days are coming, says the Lord our God, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel". The new covenant was made in Christ through Baptism. It is to destroy sin that Christ was born, He suffered and died and of course rose. We need to be loyal to God. Disloyalty, disobedience destroys the life of Christ in us. God in His infinite wisdom wrote his commandment in our hearts and not on the tablets of stone. **Why was the Commandment written on the tablets of stone? This is your assignment, take home question.**

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; Heb 5:7-9** the author of the letter to the Hebrews wrote, that Christ offered prayers and supplications with loud **cries and tears**, to God for our sins and the pains of suffering he was to undergo, to save us from death of sin, was too heavy on him. The experience of abandonment, our sins, caused Christ great pains that he bled blood in the garden of Gethsemane. Let us avoid sin so that we do not again cause Him this kind of unbearable pains.

**In the Gospel; Jn 12:20-33**, Philip and Andrew led some people to Jesus. Think about it. **How many people have you led to Jesus?** In this Gospel story we see the mystery of abiding in Christ. The grain of wheat, which falls to the ground and dies in order to produce an abundance of grains, which transcends itself in both quantity and quality, so, shall we be transformed in quality in Christ if we live in Christ and be faithful to our Baptismal promises? Thus, to hate oneself, or lose one's life means to be willing to give up conveniences and accept inconveniences in life for the sake of Christ. It is surrendering oneself to God for the sake of our neighbor. For our salvation, we need one another. We need to help one another, as some Greeks needed the help of Philip to see Jesus, Philip needed the assistance of Andrew, and both helped those, and they saw Jesus. As the Greeks needed Jesus so we need Him. Let us go to him for our salvation. Let us not fear death. For all of us will face death. It is unavoidable and necessary end. Death is not annihilation of the human person but a transformation, resulting in a glorious resurrection. What we need to fear, is sin, which destroys life. **Question: Why was the commandment written on two tablets of stone?** It was written on two tablets of stone, for one tablet is in relation to God the other is in relation to one another. **Why was the commandment written on tablets of stone?** It was written on stone so that you either keep it or you break it, otherwise, the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve will not be able to bend the Commandments of God.

God bless you

Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

**N.B. 1.** Every Second and Last Thursday of the month, Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu goes around our Parish visiting our parishioners who are Sick, the Aged, and Homebound and administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Confessions or Anointing. He also visits Nursing homes, Hospitals etc. where our parishioner are hospitalized. On the last Thursday of the month he celebrates Holy at River Terrace Estate and goes around again administering the Sacrament as there are needs.

**Pleas if you know any parishioner who needs visit, please do not hesitate to contact Msgr. Pius or the Parish Office 260-824-1380. Thanks, and God bless you.**

Again, every Sunday 4 of our Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound drive around our parish to give Holy Communion to those parishioners. Thus, there is great need for more Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound. Please if you are willing to help, contact Msgr. Pius or Parish office at 2608241380. If you know any parishioner who needs visit, do not hesitate to contact him or the Parish Office at the same phone number. Thanks, and God bless you.

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

### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 19 - Fifth Week of Lent - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Tues., Mar. 20** - Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30  
**Wed., Mar. 21** - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42  
**Thurs., Mar. 22** - Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59  
**Fri., Mar. 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop** - Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42  
**Sat., Mar. 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr** - Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56  
**Sun., Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** - Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

### LECTORS, CANTORS, ORGANISTS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!

There will be an evening of Reflection on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, light dinner 6:00-6:30 p.m. in social hall meeting 6:45-7:30 p.m. in church.

### PLEASE NOTE!

Mass at River Terrace Estates & Visitation of the Sick and Homebound is being moved from March 29 (Holy Thursday) to Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. Thank you!

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of  
Leonard Smythe, husband of Sandra Smythe;  
Joe Smekens, husband of Barbara Smekens;  
Mark Makowski, son of Phyllis and the late Stan Makowski and  
Venus Zadylak, mother of Michael (Christine) Zadylak,

May God welcome them home,  
Fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



**Please remember these 8th Grade Students in your prayers as they are to be Confirmed in the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Decatur.**

### They are:


Allison Bear, daughter of Anthony & Sara Bear  
Caden Clifton, son of Amy Kobryn  
Elizabeth Geisel, daughter of Tim & Donna Geisel  
Wyatt Girod, son of Kevin & Jessica Seago  
Donita Harris, daughter of Larry & Bella Harris  
Corey Huss, son of Nathan & Missy Huss  
Haley Onweller, daughter of Carrie Onweller

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


- 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 24/25, 2018


#### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Tammy Horn  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Nancy Leitz (Choir Mass)

#### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulardot, Michelle Paxton  
**7:30** Need 2 Lectors  
**10:00** Need 2 Lectors


#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Linda Huseman, Need 2 Eucharistic Ministers  
**7:30** Dave/Margie Huss, Barb Ault  
**10:00** Diana Cole, Steve Higgins, Need 4 Eucharistic Ministers

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Need 4 Volunteers  
**7:30** Al/Mary Porrata, Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family  
**10:00** Need 4 Volunteers

#### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Need 3 Servers  
**7:30** Need 3 Servers  
**10:00** Need 3 Servers

### Collection for Weekend of March 10/11, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,396.00  
Child Envelopes- \$26.00  
Loose- \$182.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$145.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund— \$217.00  
Flowers- \$277.00  
St. Joseph Mission- \$100.00  
**Total- \$4,343.00**

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

We are \$773.40 behind budget from last week.

### Other Collections within our Parish—

St. Vincent de Paul- \$665.00  
**Diocesan Special Collections:**  
Catholic Relief- \$334.00

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



There have been a few parishioners who have shown an interest in becoming Liturgical Ministers, i.e., Lectors (Proclaimers of the Word of God), Extraordinary Minister's of Holy Communion, and Ministers of Hospitality. Training will begin soon for these ministries, so please call the Parish office, 824-1380 if you are interested as well!

*Remember! With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi will hold it's annual Basket/Bag Bingo Night on Monday, April 23 at St. Joseph's, Bluffton. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. \$20 for 20 games. Food will be available for purchase. There will be two raffles for Grand Prizes. Phone Jennifer at 419-230-8068 or email redjen686@gmail.com to reserve your seats. This event fills up quickly!



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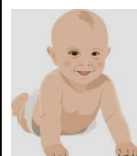
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-Mother Teresa

Before you speak...

THINK!

T - is it true?  
h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?