

St. Joseph Catholic Community

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

¹ In you, LORD, I take refuge; let
me never be put to shame.

² In your justice rescue and deliver
me; listen to me and save me!

³ Be my rock and refuge, my secure
stronghold; for you are my rock
and fortress.

⁴ My God, rescue me from the
power of the wicked, from the
clutches of the violent.

⁵ You are my hope, Lord; my trust,
GOD, from my youth.

⁶ On you I depend since birth; from
my mother's womb you are my
strength; my hope in you never
wavers.

¹⁵ My mouth shall proclaim your
just deeds, day after day your acts
of deliverance, though I cannot
number them all.

¹⁷ God, you have taught me from
my youth; to this day I proclaim
your wondrous deeds.

Psalm 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15-17

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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

Saturday, February 2

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Dennis Heyne Family +

Sunday, February 3

- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, February 5

7:00 a.m./8:00 a.m. NO Adoration this morning

8:00 a.m. Mark Makowski +
8:30 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, February 6

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Ruth Helmer +

Thursday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Mary Hickert +
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
8:30 a.m. Rosary
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

Friday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Robert Bauman +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, February 9

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Ty Long +

Sunday, February 10

- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Leslie Felger +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb 4 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time -

Heb 11:32-40/ Mk 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr -

Heb 12:1-4/ Mk 5:21-43

Wed., Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs -

Heb 12:4-7,11-15/ Mk 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 7 - Heb 12:18-19,21-24/ Mk 6:7-13

Fri., Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin -

Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29

Sat., Feb. 9 - Heb 13:15-17,20-21/ Mk 6:30-34

Sun., Feb. 10 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Is 6:1-2a,3-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11/ Lk 5:1-11

Pray Daily and Love Always!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 2, 2019- C

After all Masses this weekend, the Blessing of Throats will be offered in celebration of the feast day of Saint Blaise on February 3rd. St. Blaise is believed to have been a physician before becoming a priest and, eventually, the bishop of Sebaste. Legend holds that he saved a young boy choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise was eventually targeted in the 4th Century persecution against Christians and, for refusing to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ, was tortured and beheaded in 316 AD.

As we return to Ordinary Time, we will resume offering our monthly discussion forum in between our Sunday Masses. These forums will continue to touch upon a variety of topics and will be held the second Sunday of each month between the 7:30 AM and 10 AM Mass in the Parish Social Hall.

For this month, we will have our discussion forum next **Sunday, February 10th, at 8:30 AM in the Parish Social Hall.** Given several questions I've received this past week regarding recent events in the news cycle, the topic for our February discussion forum will be **the Church's understanding of the grave evil of abortion.** Similar to our previous discussions, there will be a brief overview of the Church's teachings on this matter and the current events surrounding it before opening the floor for discussion. I would encourage you to invite all those you feel would benefit from such a discussion to join in.

Given the topic of our open discussion, our first reading (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19) offers a beautiful insight from the Lord: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you." This introductory text provides us with an accounting of the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah wrote half a century before the Babylonian exile and condemned the practice of idolatry prevalent throughout the kingdom of Judah. As our reading warns, the prophet will face much persecution for his preaching as he calls Judah to repentance. Though this persecution may, at times, seem overwhelming, the Lord assures Jeremiah that, if he remains faithful to the word given to him, the Lord will preserve him against all trials.

The ability to face persecution for the Lord's sake is, according to St. Paul in our second reading (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13), found in the love of God. The love of God is able to bear and endure all things and never fails. In the original Greek that St. Paul wrote in, love can often be articulated through four different words: *Eros* (romantic love); *Storge* (familial love); *Philia* (friendship); *agape* (perfect love). In this passage, he exclusively uses the word "agape", which is "charity," the highest form of love that originates in God and manifests itself through sacrifice for others. This sacrificial love allows us to cast aside our own selfishness and, instead, to live our lives entirely for one another.

This sacrificial love that St. Paul speaks of is seen most perfectly in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. As Jesus pours Himself out fully for us, we are urged to do the same for one another in imitation of our Lord. It is this love that will allow Jeremiah to give himself entirely to Judah and continue to offer prophecy for their salvation even as they are persecuting him. It is this love that we find made present to us at each and every Mass as we are made present to Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and receive the sacrament of love, the Holy Eucharist.

The love of God is shown in our Gospel today (Luke 4:21-30) as Jesus reminds Israel that God's message of salvation is for Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus rebukes the selfishness of those gathered. This rebuke infuriates them and they attempt to kill our Lord, but are unable to do so. This rejection will continue throughout the Gospel story, but does not stop the mission of Jesus Christ. Our blessed Lord does not act for His own regard or well-being, but for ours. His love (*agape*) for us knows no bounds as He continues the selfless walk to the Cross. We experience this love every time that we receive the Holy Eucharist. In receiving the Bread of Life, we are to be transformed by the perfect love of God and become more like Him in all ways. How can we imitate His perfect and sacrificial love in our lives today? - *Fr. David*



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner and Pat Pfeifer.



Ash Wednesday this year is March 6th.

To assist in the proper disposal of the Blessed Palms from last Palm Sunday, we will be collecting your old palms in the back of the Church during the weeks of February 10th - March 3rd. Please place them in the box provided in the narthex.

Alpha is off to a great start! Remember it's Monday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall for the next 10 weeks! If you were not able to come to the first one, it is okay, you are welcome to come whenever you are able! The next **Alpha** is Monday, February 3rd. We hope to see you there!



MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, February 5, 2019, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church and the meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.



ALL DAY ADORATION

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.



LENTEN PARISH MISSION- St. Mary's, Decatur

Susan Tassone, award winning author and regular guest on EWTN, will speak at a Lenten Parish Mission at Saint Mary's Church, Decatur, IN, **March 19-21 at 7pm**. Her talks are titled "**A Guide to Saving Grace: Purgatory, Adoration and Divine Mercy**" based on her book "Day by Day with the Holy Souls in Purgatory" and newest release "St. Faustina Prayer Book for Adoration." Susan will speak Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and be available for book signing afterward. The Sacrament of Confession will be celebrated at a Lenten Penance Service with many priest confessors on Thursday evening. Each mission evening is free, and all are welcome.

DISCUSSION FORUM FEBRUARY 10!

Fr. David will have a discussion forum
Sunday, February 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
The topic for the discussion forum will be
the Church's understanding of the grave evil of abortion.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Feb. 3 - **Alpha** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Feb. 5 - Knights of Columbus, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. and meeting will follow in social hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 7 - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.
- Sun., Feb. 10 - Fr. David discussion forum, 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall: **the Church's understanding of the grave evil of abortion.**
- Tues., Feb. 12 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting- 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Wed., Feb. 13 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- 5-7:00 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 17 - Juice & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by St. Joseph Women's Group

WEEKEND OF February 9/10, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp
 7:30 Donna Geisel
 10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Glenn Ryan
 7:30 Barb Ault
 10:00 Ed Shestak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Kevin or Jessica Seago, Joe Baur, Janette Minch
 7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Sherry Makowski
 10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Diana Cole, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 **Volunteers**
 7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
 10:00 Todd Hartman Family, Chris Reifsteck Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Wyatt Girod, Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer
 7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Abby Wagner
 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Alex Mechling

Collection for Weekend of January 26/27, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,560.00
 Child Envelopes- \$18.49
 Loose- \$218.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$206.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$50.00
 Paper Gator- \$61.72
 Diocesan Refund- \$32.00
Total- \$4,146.21

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

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

We are \$1,884.03 behind our
monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$236.00
 Bolivian Mission- \$510.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Latin America- \$238.00



TODAY will never come again; Be a blessing; **be a friend**;
Encourage someone; Take Time To Care; *Let your light shine*;
and remember **YOU** are someone's reason to **SMILE!**

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"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."

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Before you speak...

THINK!

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