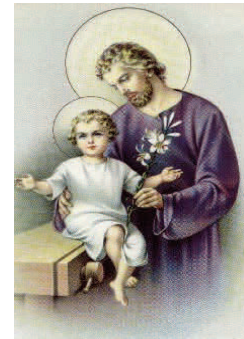


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

## First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018



# LENT

## PRAY + REPENT + FAST

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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, February 17

- 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. Fathers of Tom & Becky Jackson by Tom & Becky Jackson

### Sunday, February 18

#### - First Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Lisa Ewald + by Joe & Pat Pfeifer & Jennifer Esmond

### Monday, February 19

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. John Whitman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, February 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, February 21

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Makowski (Birthday) by Makowski Family

### Thursday, February 22

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates & Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

### Friday, February 23

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jane Case + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 24

- 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. The Children of Tom & Becky Jackson by Tom & Becky Jackson

### Sunday, February 25

#### - Second Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Cole + by Diana Cole

**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.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, YR. B.

### WE ARE INVITED TO OVERCOME EVIL, WITH THE SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE: PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING.

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, peace be with you all. Today is the first Sunday of lent. Lent is a period we are called to climb the mountain of repentance, penance, prayer and love. These will help us to climb the mountain of Easter Resurrection. It is a period we are called to a life of Gospel conversion, fasting, praying, almsgiving, mutual forgiveness, change of heart. It is a call to confess our sins. It is a call to love of God and love of our neighbors and even our enemies. It is a call to a life of holiness, to believe in the mystery of the redemptive act of Jesus as our Redeemer, our Liberator and our Savior.

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Holy Thursday. Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

In the Catholic Tradition we have periods such as, Retreat, Parish Mission, monthly recollection and a day of prayer. Lenten period is like any of these. So, it is a period of getting off for a while and standing away from life, to take a realistic look at ourselves and ask ourselves these questions: "Who am I? Where is God in my life? Why am I here on earth?" You can ask more such question and reflect on them.

Lenten season will help us to focus our attention on the real thing and prepare for the feast of our redemption, Easter. You need to put aside some extra time and practice and exercise some of the suggested Lenten challenges, and meditatively read your Bible. I will now speak on the flood in the first Reading, Christ's suffering for our sins and his temptation in the gospel.

**Thus: In the first reading, (Gen 9 8-15):** the flood was seen by the ancient people as caused by the devil, evil spirit or wicked angels. In it they saw the power of evil and sin. But if people were faithful to God's covenant, they could overcome the power of evil with God's help. The appearance of rainbow is a beautiful allegory containing a very meaningful and universal lesson. God will preserve the universe if you and I cooperate. Ecology is a Christian concern. If we use the resources of the planet responsibly and not wasting them, we will overcome the evil of destruction.

**St. Peter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, (1Pt 3:18-22):** assured us that the Lord Jesus has already saved us and overcame the power of the evil one, the Devil, Satan and Demon. So, we have been saved through Baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. As Noah and his group were saved from the flood, we are saved from the river of sin by baptism.

**In the Gospel, (Mk 1:12-15):** Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to prepare himself for the work of redemption. He was tempted by the devil, like any of us, but He did not sin. He was toughened by the devil's temptation. You see, temptations make us stronger. Let us follow the Lord Jesus into the desert of our souls to prepare ourselves for the journey to eternity.

**Special Assignment for Children and young people:** *My dear children, listen for your assignment in this Lent: (1.) At the back of the Church take one sheets of paper entitled, "Lenten challenges" and ask your parents to help you choose one or two things you can do. (2.) Tell your parents, two times every week in Lent that all of you should pray together. At the end of Lent, you will tell me how you did this assignment.*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, tie the belt of your long pants firmly around your waste, at the beginning of this Lent, for if you tie it loosely, you will be like a person who in the morning loosely tie his/her long pant, by evening the long pant will be at your toes, down the ankles. The belt I am talking of, is the belt of Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Love and Forgiveness.

**God bless you**

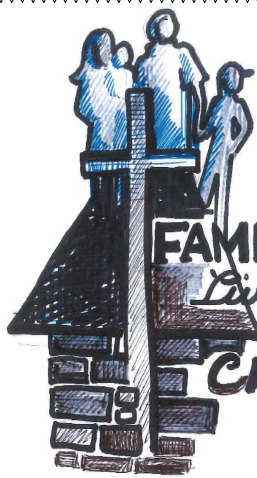
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**N.B:** 1. Remember that our "Parish Mission Week" is from March 4 Sunday to 8 Thursday. Please leave these days free for the Mission Week Activities. The program will be available soon.

2. As you know, we plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". It is fast approaching. So, consider seriously of joining us to the home land of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You will never regret going. It will help you to understand more vividly the Scripture passages. It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. If you intend to go, please call Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380 or the organizing agency. The Brochures are available at the Narthex.

3. "The Light Is ON for You", an annual "two-hour" Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed and Confessions in all Churches in our Diocese, as directed by our Bishop Most Rev. K.C. Rhoades, comes up on Feb. 28, 2018. It starts in our Church here by 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Confessions from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer follows, then, Litany of the Most Holy Eucharist, and Benediction at 8:00 p.m. Try to join and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

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



## St. Joseph Parish Mission

**FAMILIES**  
*Living Stones*  
**of the**  
**CHURCH**

**March 3- 5:00p.m. Mass**

**March 4- 10:00a.m. Mass**

**Each Evening March 5 - 8 at 7p.m.**

### FEATURED SPEAKERS

Fr. Steve Colchin

Lisa and/or Fred Everett

Fr. Dan Scheidt

Fr. Jonathan Norton

Steve Higgins and Others  
in the Community

**All Are Invited And Welcome!**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL YOU CAN EAT



**MARCH 16- 4:30-7:30 P.M.**

### ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON

Thursday, March 1, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /

Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/

Benediction- 6:45 p.m. / Mass- 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you!



### ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR- FEBRUARY 2018

- Sat., Feb. 17- Student's Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph Women's Group.
- Wed., Feb. 21- Parish Finance Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Thurs., Feb. 22 - ALPHA- 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 23- Lenten Soup Supper- 5:30-6:30 p.m. All are Welcome!
- Fri., Feb. 23- Stations of the Cross- 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Wed., Feb. 28- The Light is ON for You.**- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation- beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6-8:00p.m./ Confessions from 6:15-7:15 p.m./ Evening Prayer follows, Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Try to join and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

### WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2018

#### CANTORS:

**5:00** Larry Leitz  
**7:30** Tammy Horn  
**10:00** Nichole Decker

#### LECTORS:

**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**10:00** Dan Geimer

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**5:00** Christine Zadyak, Twilla Herr, Joe Baur  
**7:30** John Horn, Donna Geisel, Dave Gruss  
**10:00** Ann Reifsteck, Larisa Sudhoff, Rick Singer, Monica Harris, Kathy Marshall

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

#### SERVERS:

**5:00** Wyatt Girod, Emma Roembke, McKenna McNabb  
**7:30** Brendan McCorkle, Faith Loshe, Mark or Beth Geisel  
**10:00** Grayson Christal, Eve/Gabe McElhaney, Grant Reifsteck

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

Adult Envelopes- \$3,206.00  
Child Envelopes- \$15.58  
Loose- \$114.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$40.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$75.00  
Bulletin Ad- \$75.00  
Votive Candles- \$81.00  
Spiritual CDs- \$10.00  
Easter Flowers- \$270.00  
**Total- \$3,886.58**

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

We are \$1,229.82 behind budget from last week.

#### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$584.85

Bolivian Mission- \$650.00

#### Diocesan Special Collections:

Latin America- \$21.00

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

### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 19 - First Week of Lent - President's Day -** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

**Tues., Feb. 20 -** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

**Wed., Feb. 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church -** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

**Thurs., Feb. 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle -** 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

**Fri., Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr -** Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

**Sat., Feb. 24 -** Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

**Sun., Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent -** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

#### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST- Thurs., March 8- 7:30 am

Featured Speaker: Wesley Rediger. Advance Registration is required. Cost is \$16.00. To make a reservation- [www.blufftonindiana.net](http://www.blufftonindiana.net) or call the Mayor's Office 824-1520. Please register before March 1st.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*All that we have, including our time  
and talents, belongs to God.*

"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay,  
you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8



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-Dr. Seuss

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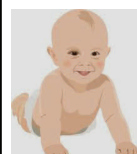


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n - is it necessary?  
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