



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

**ASH WEDNESDAY: 7 AM, 12 PM, 7 PM**

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

#### CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

#### ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

### STAFF

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TO BE WHAT  
YOU WILL BE  
HEREAFTER.**

*St. Jerome*





## Saturday, February 14

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, February 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +

## Monday, February 16

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, February 17

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, February 18

### Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Ron Smith Family

Noon Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Sabina Sliwka +

## Thursday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Janet Kleinknight +

## Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Joe Pfeifer +

## Sunday, February 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Danny Decker



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 16 - Weekday [6] - Jas 1:1-11 /

Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 / Mk 8:11-13

Tues., Feb. 17 - Weekday [6] - *The Seven*

*Holy Founders of the Servite Order* - Jas

1:12-18 / Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 / Mk 8:14-21

Wed., Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-

18 / Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 /

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Feb. 19 - Thursday after Ash

Wednesday - Dt 30:15-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk

9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 20 - Friday after Ash Wednes-

day - Is 58:1-9a / Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 / Mt

9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 21 - Saturday after Ash Wednes-

day - St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of

the Church - Is 58:9b-14 / Ps 86:1-6 / Lk

5:27-32

Sun., Feb. 22 - First Sunday of Lent - Gn

2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 / Rom

5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 15, 2026

This weekend (February 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. On Wednesday, we move from **Ordinary Time** into the penitential season of **Lent**. These coming forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will commence with the sprinkling of ashes on **Ash Wednesday**. Having been instructed in the path of discipleship these past many weeks, we now carry into **Lent** all that we have learned as we strive to grow in Christ.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at and participated in our **Parish Listening Sessions** for the *Diocesan Synod*. Between two sessions, we had 31 participants. We will compile a report from what was shared touching upon the five areas of reflection: *Evangelization, Catechesis, Spiritual & Liturgical Life, Outreach, and Vocations*. This report will be shared with Bishop Rhoades to aid in his preparation for the *Diocesan Synod* in November.

## ASH WEDNESDAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

As our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begin this Wednesday, we will offer three Mass times for **Ash Wednesday** (February 18<sup>th</sup>) at **7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM**. As is customary, we will offer the imposition of ashes during each Mass. Ashes have a long scriptural history as an outward sign of humility and penance. This visible sign is meant to reflect our hearts as we begin forty days striving for a deeper conversion and growth in Christ.

Please remember, **Ash Wednesday (February 18<sup>th</sup>) is a day of abstinence and fasting**. On this day, we abstain from meat (*as we also do every Friday throughout Lent*) and limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. These biblical practices of fasting (*Matthew 9:14-15*) and abstinence (*Daniel 10:2-3*) strengthen our self-discipline and remind us that our true end is not here on earth, but in heaven.

## LENTEN PARISH DEVOTIONS

In addition to our personal Lenten observances that we discern to follow this year, the parish is offering a number of additional opportunities for prayer throughout Lent. This not only includes our regular weekday Mass, Adoration, and Confession schedules, but also a number of special Lenten offerings added to the schedule. Make sure to follow along with the Parish Calendar in the bulletin each weekend for a full schedule of these offerings.

Starting this Friday (February 20<sup>th</sup>), we will begin our weekly **Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM** in the Parish Gym. From **6:00 - 6:45 PM**, we will offer a series on Prayer as a part of our Soup Suppers. We will follow along with and discuss Dr. Tim Gray's "*Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God*" from the **Augustine Institute**. Afterwards, you are invited to join us in praying the **Stations of the Cross at 7 PM** in the Parish Social Hall.

## ESTATE AND FUNERAL PLANNING PRESENTATION

At the end this month, we will be hosting a presentation on **estate and funeral planning**. We will welcome an expert in estate planning to provide practical guidance on preparing your affairs and members of the *Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana* to discuss our **St. Joseph Endowment Fund** and opportunities for planned giving. Afterwards, I will explain the Church's vision for Catholic funeral planning and why the funeral rites matter for our faith and our families.

Given the importance of this topic, we are offering the same presentation twice to make it as available to you as possible. **The presentation will be offered in the Parish Gym on both Monday evening, February 23<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursday afternoon, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30 PM.** We will have a variety of material available, including information about **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**, our parish Funeral Planning Packets, and information about our local funeral homes.

~Faithfully In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

### 7:00 AM / NOON / 7:00 PM

YOU ARE DUST,  
AND TO DUST  
YOU SHALL RETURN.  
GENESIS 3:19

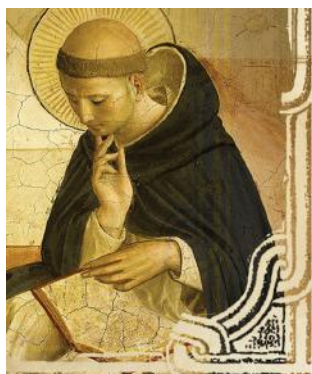
# LENT SOUP SUPPER

## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

### 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### PARISH GYM

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> See Sign-Up Sheet  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> in back of Church  
Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> to volunteer for  
bringing soup

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## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

### 6:00—6:45 PM

### Parish Gym



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## Fridays during Lent

### 7:00 PM - Social Hall



### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Feb. 14- Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)
- Sat., Feb. 14 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 14 - *GIRL'S NIGHT OUT Mardi Gras Fundraiser* - 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 15 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 15 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 17 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wed., Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- Fri., Feb. 20 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri., Feb. 20 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in Church.
- Sat., Feb. 21- Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)
- Sat., Feb. 21 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 22 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Feb. 23 - *Funeral/Estate Planning Session*-6:30-7:30 pm

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>

### MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser  
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey  
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith

### LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Patti Clark-Johnson  
7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner  
10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff  
7:30 a.m. None needed  
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Sarah Bedwell, Joni Cincotta

### Servers

5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling  
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr  
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith, Charlie/Louis Andrews

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$3,393.74

Loose - \$190.01

Repair / Rainy Day - \$143.00

Gym Rent - \$60.00

Paper Gator - \$21.05

Total- \$3,807.80

*Your gifts to St. Joseph  
Parish are greatly  
appreciated.  
Thank you!*

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,308.60 behind**  
our budget for the month  
of February 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$15.00

Online Giving for  
January 2026 - \$6,500.00.  
We ended the month of January  
**\$3,227.39** ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de  
Paul Fund for January - \$200.00

To set up Online Giving  
through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Drive Thru Fish Fry

### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

### 4:00-7:00 PM





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n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

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- St. John Paul II