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LENT AT ST. JOSEPH

Soup Supper

Fridays at 5:30-6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Tuesdays ~ 8:30-9 AM; Wednesdays ~ 6-6:45 PM; Saturdays ~ 4-4:45 PM

Parish Penance Service ~ Monday, April 8, from 7:30-8:30 PM

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Tuesday (March 19) ~ Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday ~ 8 AM

Wednesday ~ 7 PM

HOLY WEEK

Holy Tuesday (April 16) ~ Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM

at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Good Friday (April 19) ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

• Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

• Confessions from 7:45-8:15 PM

• Tenebrae Service at 8:30 PM

Holy Saturday (April 20) ~ Easter Vigil at 9 PM

• Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Easter Sunday (April 21) ~ Mass of Easter Day at 7:30 AM & 10 AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 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. Leonard Smythe +

Sunday, March 10

- 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 Pfeifer Ewald +

Monday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mark Makowski +

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, March 12

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

- 8:00 a.m. Leslie Felger +

- 8:30 a.m. Confessions

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, March 13

- 5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Adoration

- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction

- 7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman Family

Thursday, March 14

- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Dave/Margie Huss Family

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. Ray Ehrlich +

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

- 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. Betty Oakes and Family

Sunday, March 17

- Second Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family

- 9:40 a.m. Rosary

- 10:00 a.m. Lily Sunio & Purita Sumabat

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 11 - Second Week of Lent - Lv 19:1-2,11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

Tues., Mar. 12 - Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wed., Mar. 13 - Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

Thurs., Mar. 14 - Est C:12,14-16,23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

Fri., Mar. 15 - Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

Sat., Mar. 16 - Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

Sun., Mar. 17 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 15:5-12,17-18/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalms 51:10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 10, 2019– C

A special "Welcome Home!" to all of our university students who are home during their spring break. May you have a restful and renewing visit home and know that you remain in our prayers as you continue your studies.

Though our ashes from Ash Wednesday have now faded away, their call to an interior conversion of heart remains ever present as we enter into this First Sunday of Lent. Historically, Lent served as a time of preparation for those preparing to enter into the Church at Easter. It was spoken about by the early Church Fathers, including St. Irenaeus, the 2nd Century Bishop of Lyons, as he discussed the different practices of fasting in preparation for Easter between the Eastern and Western Church. St. Cyril, the 4th Century Bishop of Jerusalem, encouraged this intense period of fasting during Lent among those catechumens preparing to enter the Church. In the 5th Century, Pope St. Leo the Great noted the apostolic origins of these 40 days of preparation for Easter. These forty days are seen as a way for Christians of each age to join in our Lord's forty days in the desert, which we hear in our Gospel today (Luke 4:1-13). The goal of these forty days is to transform the world by first transforming the individual.

As we enter into this ancient season of Lent, we are called to observe it through acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lent serve as the source of our individual transformation. Each of these three acts call us outside of ourselves and into a deeper relationship with both God and neighbor. If we are willing to take seriously this season, participate in these three pillars of Lent, and strive for conversion throughout these forty days, we will see miraculous changes both in ourselves and, with God working through us, in others. As difficult as it might seem, we can even begin to see a change in the world itself. Though this claim may seem almost impossible, we must remember that all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26).

As a parish, we will be taking up a special act of almsgiving (an act of charity) during these forty days through our **Lenten Food Collection**. There is a box placed in the vestibule that will remain throughout Lent for canned goods and non-perishable food items. Each week, all donated items will be given to one of our local food resources/pantries in Wells County. Though this might seem a simple or small act of charity, it is one that can do great good for our brothers and sisters in need right here in our own community. When we work together as the Body of Christ, we can do great things. Even the smallest act, when done for God, is never wasted.

Throughout these forty days, we will also have several opportunities as a parish to gather together in prayer, in addition to our normal Mass times. I would encourage you, if possible, to join us **each Friday** for **Stations of the Cross** in the Church at **7 PM**. This tradition of the *Via Crucis* is a prayerful devotion in which we meditate upon and walk with our Lord to His Cross. Historically, this devotion arose from the many pilgrims who would travel to the Holy Land and walk the *Via Dolorosa*, or the route believed to be that which was walked by our Lord Himself as He carried the Cross to Calvary.

By the 13th Century, these holy sites were under the custodial care of the Franciscan Order. In the 15th Century, the Franciscans began to erect outdoor shrines throughout the world of these holy sites, similar to how St. Francis himself began the tradition of the nativity scene in the 13th Century. This allowed those who could not travel to the Holy Land to have the Holy Land come to them. This devotional practice of praying the Stations of our Lord's Passion and Death quickly spread among the faithful. By the 17th and 18th Centuries, the stations become commonplace within churches throughout the world, just as we have in our church today. Though we are encouraged to privately pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout the year (as well as to commit ourselves weekly to some form of fasting), we do so together as a parish family throughout Lent. In this way, we are able to unite each Friday with Good Friday and to unite our own sufferings and sacrifices to the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. In uniting ourselves to the Lord on Good Friday, we are, through His grace, be prepared to be united with Him on Easter Sunday.

*In Christ,
Fr. David*



Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Ander son, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer and Sue Schreiber.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT



Come and enjoy soup and fellowship anytime from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and stay for Stations of the Cross led by Fr. David at 7:00 p.m.



ST. ALOYSIUS FISH FRY

St. Aloysius Fish Fry, Friday, March 22nd, 4:30-7:30 pm in the Activity Center at 14623 Bluffton Road, Yoder. Menu includes: Fried Fish (all you can eat), Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-11 years old, under 5 years old free.



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PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., & Wed., Mar. 10 between Masses & Mar. 13 at 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Forum with Fr. David on Types of Prayer.
- Mon., Mar. 11 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Mar. 12 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting- 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Wed., Mar. 13 - Adoration 5:00-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 15 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 17 - Donuts and Juice after all Masses served by the Social Group
- Mon., Mar. 18 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., March 19 - Mass at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph.
- Thurs., Mar. 21 - Mass at Christian Care- 10:30 a.m.
- Fri., Mar. 22 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 28 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Fri., Mar. 29 - Soup and Stations - serving soup anytime between 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 2 - Knights of Columbus meeting - Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Thurs., Apr. 4 - All Day Adoration 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 5 - Knights of Columbus All You Can Eat Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dessert signup sheet in the narthex.

WEEKEND OF MARCH 23/24, 2019

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Marita Crawfis
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
- 7:30 Ben Wagner
- 10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Kevin or Jessica Seago, Linda Huseman, Christine Zadylak
- 7:30 Barb Ault, Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski
- 10:00 Tammi Helm, Sandy Smythe, Luisa Sumabat, Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Wyatt Girod, Catherine Crawfis, Jacqueline Mayer
- 7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
- 10:00 Eve/Gabe McElhaney, Kody Coyne

Collection for Weekend of February March 2/3, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$5,048.00
Child Envelopes- \$51.15
Loose- \$215.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$270.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,587.35
Alpha donation- \$47.00
Votive Candles- \$10.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Bulletin Ads- \$125.00
Total- \$7,363.50

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.
We are \$1,194.97 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$70.00
Bolivian Mission Sponsors- \$512.25

Diocesan Special Collections-

Eastern Europe- \$25.00
Black & Indian Missions- \$15.00
Catholic Relief Services- \$20.00

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

Knights of Columbus
All You Can Eat Fish Fry
Friday, April 5, 2019
4:30-7:30 p.m.



DONUTS & JUICE
After All Masses - Sunday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day
Served by the St. Joseph Social Group



MARCH 10 & 13 - DISCUSSION FORUM
Join Fr. David March 10 between Masses and March 13 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion forum on *Types of Prayer*.

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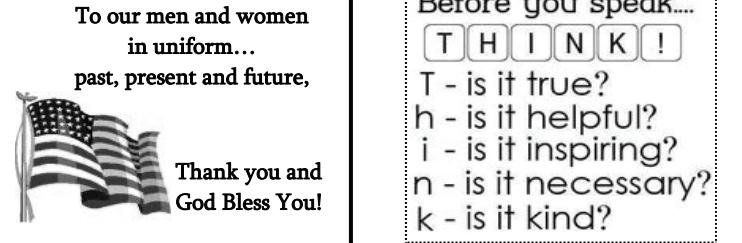
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