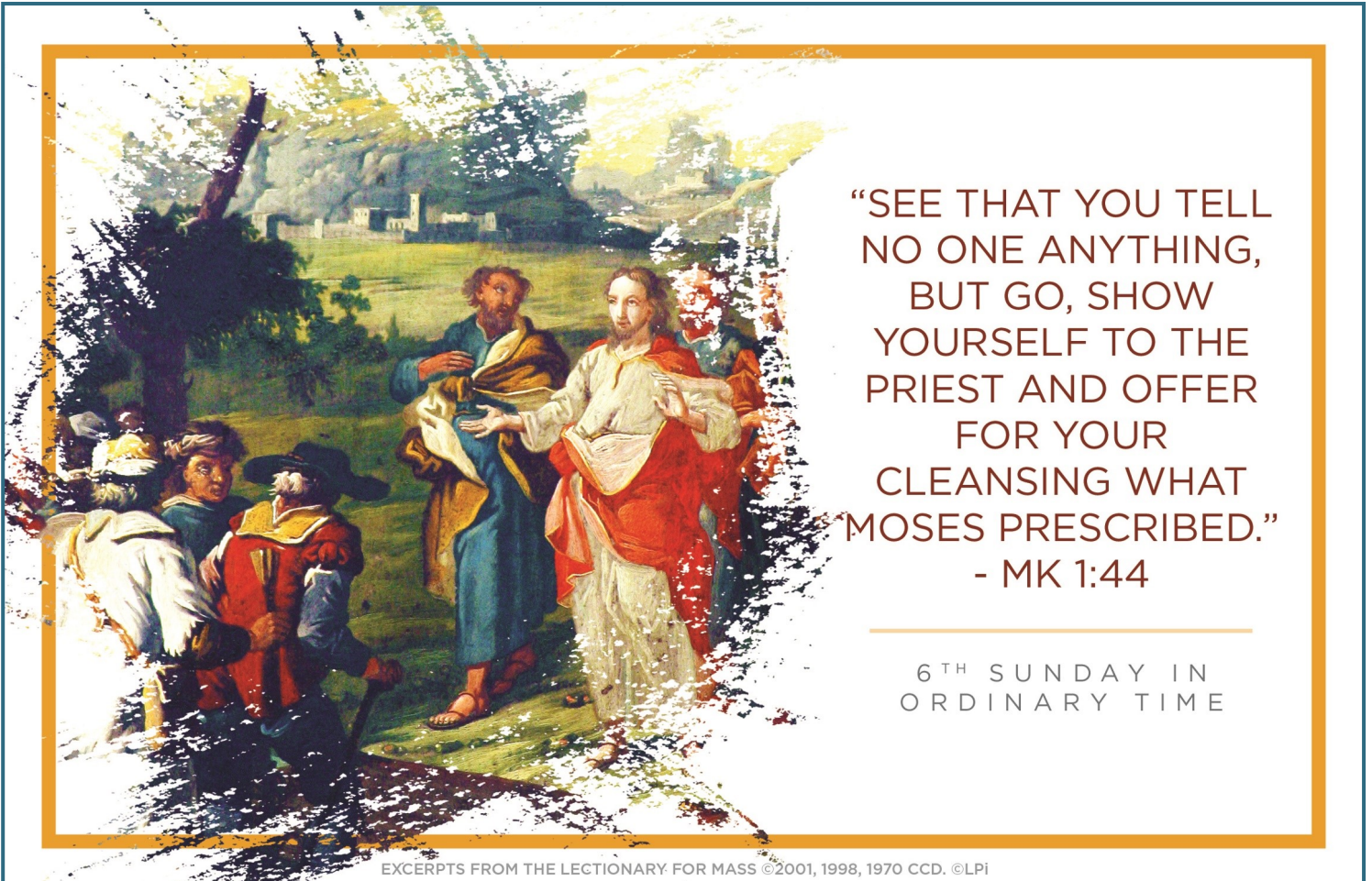




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February 11, 2024



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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

We have barely put the Christmas decorations away and we're greeted with the season of Lent this week. Lent means "springtime" and, yet, it has never felt like a season of springtime. The temperature is still cold, the days are often gray and the flowers are far from blooming. In addition to the dreary winter days, we are also asked to give something up for Lent. What?! Isn't it enough just to get through the month of February without having "to give something up?" If we look at Lent in this light, it just becomes another chore in our lives. It's just another obligation we have to fulfill. What if we did look at this season as a time of springtime, of new possibilities, of coming out of the ruts and places we're stuck and making changes in our lives that renew us. The church calls us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Again, these sound like obligations rather than exciting possibilities. If we continue on the Springtime image, maybe these three disciplines can be seen in a new light. Maybe our prayer can just be a quiet time of the day when we tell God about our lives and listen for his great love. Maybe we take time to read books that inspire us to be better. Prayer can soften the hard ground of our hearts. When our hearts are softer and more humble, God can get through to us. As far as fasting, we may want to see it in a different light. Rather than think of what we have to give up, maybe we think of those things that are choking us. They are the weeds in the garden of our life. They are the resentments, bitterness, jealousies, addictions, lack of forgiveness of ourselves and others, negative thinking that keeps us fearful, our pride and huge egos and so many other weeds that choke the life out of us. Maybe we can begin to fast from those things that are choking us and interfering in the growth of new possibilities in our life. It seems that this fasting might help us more than giving up cake or candy or ice cream.

If we allow prayer to soften our hearts and we have the courage to name those things that are choking us, we will naturally want to give "alms" to our brothers and sisters in need. This is a wonderful season of renewal but we can easily just go through the motions and it will be 40 days of obligations. If we take this Lent seriously, who knows what will happen!

When we line up this week and are marked with ashes, may they remind us that Springtime comes after the fields are tilled, the soil is softened and the weeds are cleared from the land. Let's have an incredible Lent this year.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper



Stations of the Cross will be held this Lent on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. We will schedule this with St Mary's Parish.

St Mary's will host on February 15, 29 & March 14
St Joe's will host on February 22, March 7 & 21



Wednesday, February 14th
Mass Times with Distribution of Ashes:
12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

Pilgrimage to the Solanus Center in Detroit

Join Br. Ray on a Pilgrimage to the Solanus Center in Detroit, MI on May 7 - 9. A flyer with cost and details can be picked up on the shelf in the back of church or in the Parish Office. For questions, email Penny Paris: pparis1@att.net. Limited to 35 people.

Warm Hearts Jewelry & Bake Sale



Please join us for our Twinning Committee's Warm Hearts Jewelry and Bake Sale this weekend, February 10 and 11!

Lenten Habitat Collection

Once again this year our Lenten collection will be for Habitat for Humanity. Each year we collect for Habitat to help build the house that faith builds! Our donation, combined with the donations from other area churches, builds one house a year for a family in need. In 2023, the Faith Build gave AnNee Lor and her six children a beautiful home on Locust Street. We don't know the family yet that we will be building for in 2024, but you can be assured it is a family that will love to call their place "home"!

Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please watch for the announcements regarding the build sometime this summer!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

January 28—Brunhilde Courtney—\$25
January 29—Joe Verhyen—\$25
January 30—Carleen Schmidt—\$25
January 31—Frank Wettengel—\$25
February 1—Jacob Branson—\$25
February 2—Mark Fischer—\$25
February 3—Linda DeBruin—\$25

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Lynn Bayness, Dave Hendricks, Nancy Holz

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 / SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lenten Opportunities at St Joseph Parish



Lenten Bible Study – My Peace I Leave You (John 11-21), Friday Mornings, 10-11:30 AM, St. Joseph Parish, Rooms 210-212. Meets from February 16 – March 22 (six weeks). Pre-register before **3 PM on Monday, February 12**. Fee: \$8.00 (cash or check payable to St. Joseph Parish). Include fee in envelope with your name, phone number and “Bible Study”. Drop off at the Parish Office or place in February 11 collection.

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups – Sunday morning or Tuesday afternoon – with **Jesus Guide of My Life** by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

- * **Tuesday afternoon:** 1:00-2:30 PM – St. Joseph Parish Center, Room 209. Begins February 20 and ends March 26. Leader: Karin Posdal
- * **Sunday morning:** 11:05 AM – 12:15 PM – St. Joseph Parish Center, Room 209. Begins February 18 and ends March 24. Leader: Carol Jensen

Register before Monday, February 12 at Noon. Fee: \$13.95 for book, which is yours to keep. Place fee, your name, phone number and indicate Sunday or Tuesday session in envelope. Drop off at the Parish Office or place in February 11 collection.

Connecting with God Through Creation and Prayer – Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, St. Joseph Parish, Room 214

Using images of Nature, we will take time to connect with God and reflect on our lives. Sr. Annette Johnson, SSND, will guide us through this special Lenten evening and help us use the wonder and beauty of photography for our prayer time. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195 before **Friday, February 16 at Noon**. Free will offering appreciated.

St. Joseph Women’s Day - Saturday, March 2, 8:30 AM to Noon

Join us for a day of Enrichment, Spirituality and Fun! Breakfast snacks and refreshments and door prizes. Keynote: “The Spirituality of Decluttering”, and your choice of sectionals. St. Joseph parishioners and their family members and friends are invited to join us. Flyer with complete information and registration form is available at the back of church. **Registration deadline: Monday, February 26.**

Our Marriage Prayer



In honor of National Marriage Week (February 7th to the 14th), the Knights of Columbus would like to share “Our Marriage Prayer” with all married couples.

***Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.***

***To work that love into practical things
So that nothing can divide us.***

***We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive.***

***Dear Lord, we put our marriage into Your hands.
Amen***

The Knights of Columbus ask the Lord to bless every couple. Lord, please bless parents, children, and grandchildren and keep all marriages strong. For more information, go to www.OurMarriagePrayer.com.

Financial News

(1/27/24 - 1/28/24)

Tithing Needed\$16,777.00
Last Week’s Tithing..... \$8,927.02
Auto Withdrawal \$470.00
Children’s Collection..... \$13.00
IRA’s/Donations \$725.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of February 11

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
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Social Concerns Ministry

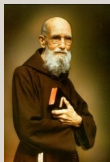
The Social Concerns Ministry at St. Joseph Parish is providing an opportunity to hear Ivy Casarez, Financial Counselor at Financial and Debt Solutions Services present a session on FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT on Monday, Feb. 26, 1:00-2:30 pm and on Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30-8:00 pm, both in Holly Hall. Choose the day and time that fits your schedule. Please register by calling the front desk at 920-734-7195 with name, phone number and which date you will attend. Refreshments will be available.

Grant Distribution

For the past 9 years, St. Joe's has offered grants from our savings to qualifying non-profit organizations which advance the mission of our Parish. Applications must be submitted by March 30. The Grant Committee will be looking for requests that meet the requirements defined in the grant guidelines. Applications and guidelines are on our website: www.saintjosephparish.org.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, February 13

12:05 pm Dec. Barbara Kozlowski

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

12:05 pm Dec. Charles Langman

6:00 pm Dec. Larry Mathers

Friday, February 16

12:05 pm Dec. Rebecca DeBauge

Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm Dec. Deacon Roy Baumruk

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am Dec. Cheryl Butler

10:00 am Dec. Dick Schuldes

6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner,
Holly Hall

Wednesday, February 14—Happy Valentine's Day

No Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, February 15

5:30 pm Stations & Soup Supper at St. Mary's

Friday, February 16

10:00 am Bible Study, Rooms 210-212

Saturday, February 17

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

9:00 am The Listening Heart Reflection,
Holly Hall

Blood Pressure Screening after 4 pm Mass

Sunday, February 18

11:05 am Faith Sharing, Room 209

1:00 pm OFS Gathering, Holly Hall

Blood Pressure Screenings after 8 & 10 am Masses

Xavier Theatre Presents



7:00 pm February 14, 16, 17 • 2:00 pm February 17

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ST JOSEPH PARISH

Marketing/Communication Coordinator
Job Opening

This part-time position will be responsible for the overall communications strategy for St. Joseph Parish, shaping, overseeing and coordinating marketing and communications. This role requires an enthusiastic person who communicates effectively, enlivening the mission of St. Joseph Parish.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- *Planning, integration and execution of communicating parish events
- *Strengthen and develop a presence on social media platforms
- *Work with parish ministries to communicate events and activities while keeping the mission of St. Joseph Parish
- *Coordinate the production of a weekly newsletter and weekly bulletin
- *Additional duties as needed and assigned by the Pastor

Experience:

- *Associate or Bachelor's degree in communications or social media marketing
- *Minimum 2 years of communication or marketing experience

Contact Br. Ray for a full job description or to send resume: rstadmeyer@stjoesparish.org

Bishop's Appeal



The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families, and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin. To make a gift today, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/ give or contact the Parish Office.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

The Family's Hygiene Drive runs from Feb. 11– March 3. Boxes are in the Great Hall and the Parish Office this weekend. More information at: TheFamily.net.

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