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A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS SINCE 1877

February 4, 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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Br. Ray's Reflections

Our first reading today speaks of poor Job. He had it all and then watched it get taken away from him and his family. His story grapples with the questions of why good people have to suffer. How many of us have asked that question when someone we know who is so good goes through terrible ordeals in life. Why do innocent people have to suffer? These haunting questions arise when we see the suffering children in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and so many parts of the world. It just becomes overwhelming and we have no easy answers. Maybe that vulnerability is the answer. Suffering knocks us off our pedestals of self-reliance, independence and surety and reminds us that we are not in control. We don't understand the mystery of God or even the mystery of our own lives. Suffering can move us in different directions. We can spend our days with our fists raised to God and the world. This is a very understandable posture for those who have suffered more than their share. The problem is when we allow suffering to win and we remain bitter, then we can miss the tremendous moments of grace in our lives. We will miss the joy and laughter of our children, the love of our spouse and the outpouring of goodness from many of our friends. Job wrestled with his suffering and fought with God a bit but then remembered the Psalm we will sing today, "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." Even though he couldn't understand the mystery of his suffering, he still held on to hope in the God who would ultimately save him. Whatever we may be going through these days, maybe we can remind ourselves that this is not the end of the story. Suffering and all kinds of evil will not have the last word. The one who heals the brokenhearted will always be true to his word! So, let's keep walking until we see the sunrise.

On a completely different note, we begin the Bishop's Appeal this weekend. This is our yearly collection for the good works of the Diocese. The Diocese uses these monies to assist Catholic Charities in their outreach programs and runs formation programs for our leaders in liturgy and Religious Education. A few parishioners have shared the fact that the Diocese was a huge support when St. Joe's was going through transition. They brought in Fr. Raja when the Capuchins had no one to send. Bishop Ricken kept St. Joe's opened with the hope that there would be a Capuchin to lead the parish again. It was really important for him to find a Capuchin for St. Joe's. He and the Diocese were there for us when we needed them the most. We may want to give in a spirit of gratitude this year for all that St. Joe's has been given. Our goal is a bit less than last year; it is \$88,667. You know how much I hate asking for money, but if we can raise this quickly, we don't have to think about it until next year. (Just a note that the parish will have to take monies from our operating funds if we don't make our goal.) Thanks again for all your generosity and kindness!

Welcome...



We welcome into the St. Joseph Community through Baptism...

Zoe Danielle Hanisko

Sophia Margaret Hanisko

Daughters of Josh & Viktoria Hanisko



Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

January 21—Michele Redding—\$25

January 22—Lizzy Tiefenthaler—\$25

January 23—Vern & Joan Witthuhn—\$25

January 24—Robert & Marne Heinrich—\$25

January 25—Kathryn Ottman—\$25

January 26—Steve McKnight—\$25

January 27—Mark Kuechler—\$25

Warm Hearts Jewelry & Bake Sale



Our Twinning Committee will be holding our Warm Hearts Jewelry and Bake Sale next weekend, February 10 and 11. If you are available to help at our sale, please email Sue Gallagher at: susangallagher66@gmail.com or 920-915-4922.

We are in need of baked goods. Please drop them off on Friday, Feb. 9 to the Parish Office before noon or on Saturday, Feb. 10 starting at 10 am to the Great Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Rose Ellis, Dave Hendricks, Nancy Holz, JoAnn Syring

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 4, 2024 / FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February 14 - Mass Times with Distribution of Ashes: 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

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

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.

Marketing/Communication Coordinator Job Opening

Purpose:

This part-time position will be primarily responsible for the overall communications strategy for St. Joseph Parish, shaping, overseeing and coordinating marketing and communications within the congregation and with the community. This role requires an enthusiastic and joyful person who communicates effectively, enlivening the mission of St. Joseph Parish of *Reaching In, Reaching Out and Reaching God*.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The coordinator will be a part of a ministry team that includes the pastoral staff, volunteers, parish members and community. This person will be accountable for the planning, integration and execution of communicating parish events and will:

- Strengthen and develop a presence on social media platforms; including the parish website, the My Parish App, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and TikTok
- 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 parish bulletin
- Additional duties as needed and assigned by the Pastor

Qualifications:

- Person must be committed to demonstrating faith in word and action, and have a working knowledge of the Catholic faith
- Possess excellent writing skills with an emphasis on writing for the web and social media
- Have proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, publishing software, social media platforms and basic marketing tools
- Be proficient in web design
- Highly organized and ability to multi-task

Experience:

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

For a full job description or to send resume, contact Br. Ray at: rstadmeyer@stjoesparish.org

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

The Listening Heart



In this time of so much heartbreak
how can we become *instruments* of peace?

Welcome to a morning of reflection
sponsored by Franciscans of the Appleton Community.

February 17, 2024 - 9:00 am to Noon
St Joseph Parish - Holly Hall

Presenter: Br. Jerome Schroeder, Capuchin Franciscan

Financial News

(1/20/24 - 1/21/24)

Tithing Needed \$16,777.00
Weekly Tithing \$10,018.00
Auto Withdrawal \$645.00
Children's Collection \$6.00
IRA's/Donations \$6,575.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of February 4

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7,
8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3,
4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,
30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4,
35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-
11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2,
5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE 101



FR. EMMANUEL CHARLES MCCARTHY

Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy is a married priest of the Eastern Rite (Byzantine-Melkite) of the Roman Catholic Church. Formerly a lawyer and a university educator, he is the founder of the Center for Christian Nonviolence (1981). He has authored several books and numerous articles. Over the past fifty years, he has conducted retreats and spoken at conferences throughout the world on the issue of the relationship of faith and violence and the nonviolent Jesus of the Gospels.

DAVID MUELLER

Serves on the education committee of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, a project of Pax Christi International. He is on the board of directors of the Dorothy Day Guild. He worked in health care administration for over 30 years. David and his wife Arleen are proud parents of three adult children.

02.17.24

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

February Birthdays



We have 241 parishioners
celebrating a Birthday in
February! Have a Happy and
Blessed day!

We wish to acknowledge all those who
are 80 and over: Patricia N, Adele K,
Paul N, Virginia B, Mardelle B, Robert S,
Mike G, Barb K, Gary G, Nancy M, Paul T,
George H, Linda D, Leona B, Judy K, Jim S,
Joyce S, Ronald G, and Rich L.

SCRIP News

Did you know we sell SCRIP every
Wednesday from 11 am - 2 pm at the
Reception Desk? We are happy to fill
your order while you wait.

You can also fill out an order form,
enclose your check, and drop it in the
collection basket. We will fill it & you can
pick it up on Walk in Wednesdays or
after mass on the weekend. Check out
our Mardi Gras bulletin board - it's pretty
cool.

St. Mary Parish—Appleton—312 S. State St.

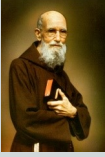
Join us as we explore the life and teachings of Jesus through the
lens of nonviolence. Did he really say, "Love your Enemies"? What
exactly did he mean...and if he really meant it, how do we live it
today in the 21st century? Together, we will examine the scriptural,
theological and ethical dimensions of gospel based nonviolence
leaning on the prophetic voices of Fr. Emanuel Charles McCarthy,
Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Fr. John Dear and others.

Scan to register or head to
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA9AB2AA3F49-47317146-blessed#/>

No cost to attend but please RSVP
for planning purposes



SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, February 6

12:05 pm Dec. Doris Weyers
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, February 7

12:05 pm Dec. Michael J. Pfefferle

Friday, February 9

12:05 pm Dec. Carl Thiel

Saturday, February 10

4:00 pm John & Ruth Fafinski

Sunday, February 11

8:00 am Dec. Barb Meyer
10:00 am Dec. Lisa Kampf
6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 5

6:30 pm Fall Festival Recap Meeting, Holly Hall
6:30 pm Social Concerns Ministry Mtg., Rm. 209

Tuesday, February 6

1:00 pm Bingo & Celebrate Mardi Gras, Holly Hall
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Great Hall

Wednesday, February 7

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes
6:30 pm Long Dark Nights Book Club, St Joseph Rm.

Thursday, February 8

6:30 pm Choir Practice in Church

Saturday, February 10

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Warm Hearts Jewelry & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 11

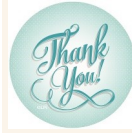
9:00 am HS Souper Bowl Retreat, Holly Hall

Warm Hearts Jewelry & Bake Sale

Livestream Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers in our Livestream ministry! This ministry is for adults and students in high school. Our livestream connects us to our homebound members who cannot regularly attend mass in person. The time commitment is 3:30-5:00 pm on Saturdays, and the option of also streaming on other holy days throughout the year. You will be trained on connecting the camera to Youtube to stream the mass. Ideally, volunteers serve once per month. If interested, please email Marisa at: mlandsverk@stjoesparish.org to set up your training.

Last Chance to RSVP - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



All Parish Volunteers are invited to our **2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!** It is our way of saying "Thank You" for sharing the gift of your time.

Tuesday, February 13th (Mardi Gras)

5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM in Holly Hall

RSVP: We are asking for a \$2 donation to make your reservation. This money will be put into a drawing and be awarded at the dinner. We have **limited seating**, so make your reservation as soon as possible. **We will not be accepting reservations after February 8.** Reservations can be made by stopping in the Parish Office or by putting your reservation form in an envelope marked DINNER and dropping it in the collection basket. Reservation forms are at the reception desk.

Fall Festival Upcoming Meeting

Planning the annual Fall Festival is a year round process. The Fall Festival Committee will be meeting in Holly Hall on Monday, February 5 at 6:30 pm.

Whether you'd like to provide input on our 2023 event or help plan for 2024, you are welcome to attend. We will also be picking the dates for 2024. If you have any questions, contact Mandy Clemons at 920-202-4085 or email: ajclemons18@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to the Solanus Center in Detroit

Join Br. Ray on a Pilgrimage to the Solanus Center in Detroit, MI on May 7 - 9.

Thousands of people visit this holy place to pray and renew their faith. It is especially meaningful for our parish as Fr. Solanus said his first mass here and is now up for Sainthood.

A flyer with details, schedule and cost are available in the Parish Office. For questions or copy of trip details, email Penny Paris - pparis1@att.net. Limited to 35 people.

Grant Distribution

For the past nine years, St. Joe's has been able to offer grants from our savings to qualifying non-profit organizations which advance the mission of our Parish. Grant applications must be submitted between February 1 and March 30. The Grant Committee will be looking for requests that meet the requirements defined in the grant guidelines. The guidelines and applications are found on our website: www.saintjosephparish.org.



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