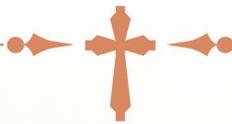


March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

BELIEVE



“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

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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.

MASS TIMES

No Public Daily Mass until further notice.

Weekend Mass may be viewed online at:

www.saintjosephparish.org

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Fr. Jim's Jottings

On February 26th many of us began Lent with the marking of ashes on our forehead. We were urged to "repent and believe in the Gospel". Little did we realize that three weeks later, we'd be in the throes of the coronavirus. While we pride ourselves on our independence and freedoms, it's clear we now need patience, compassion and the power of prayer.

What will help us get through this "plague"? I'd suggest it will be our willingness to "believe in the Gospel". Jesus calls us to embrace the example He set for us. We need to be **obedient** to the directives we've been given by those who want to help us. (Wash our hands and stay away from crowds.) **Be kind and compassionate** to those who are in need. (Instead of hoarding food and hygienic items, think of others.) **Talk to our Lord** about our anxieties. (Jesus cares about us and we need to let Him reassure us through prayer.)

The challenge of this crisis could help us realize how much we need each other and, especially, our need for a Savior. "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

OTHER LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

***Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Throughout Lent there will be an extra hour each week for Private Confession on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm.

***Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations**

Everyone 14 years of age or over is to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days only one meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals may be taken. Eating between meals is not permitted on these days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Old Palm Branches

If you have old palm branches at home, we invite you to put them in a box in the back of church for proper disposal. Thanks.

WELCOME...



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

Easton Murray Nelson

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill: **Mark Holz**

Please also remember our nursing home residents & shut-ins.

Please pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died: **Joan Mauthe** (sister of An Gehrman), **Christina Weong**.

Surprises through Bl. Solanus Casey Statue

We've been receiving little surprises through the blessed Solanus Casey statue in our prayer garden. Over the last couple of months 50 cent pieces have been found in the hand of Solanus. One time it amounted to \$5, another time it was a dollar. Just last weekend we found four 50 cent pieces. It makes us wonder if this is a miracle or a friend of Solanus wants to help the hungry. Bless you...whoever you are!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far **268 parishioners have committed \$53,404** towards our parish goal of \$77,175.

We can make that goal if we receive the same support we've gotten in the past. Last year the average gift was \$185.00 given by 370 parishioners. Because of your generosity, we have met our target for the past ten years. Again, we're aware of the challenge this appeal faces this year due to the campaign. May God bless our efforts.

Habitat for Humanity Build

St Joe's has proudly adopted this worthy cause the past eight years. We've had volunteers helping build two homes and we've managed to collect \$5,000 for each home. I hope you will join us again this Lent. Thank you! If you want to contribute a gift, simply put it in the "Habitat" box near the baptismal font or put it in an envelope and mark it "Habitat". Drop it in the collection basket. So far, because of your generosity we have collected **\$7,305**. Thank you!

Congratulations—Calendar Raffle Winners

March 8—Luke Greely—\$25

March 9—Phillip Milroy—\$25

March 10—Nancy Aykens—\$25

March 11—John Laka—\$25

March 12—Carol Heid—\$25

March 13—Maureen Radtke—\$25

March 14—Deborah Welch—\$25

Reaching In...Reaching Out...Reaching God

MARCH 22, 2020 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EASTER OUTREACH...CAN YOU HELP?



During this Lenten season, St Joe's hopes to create some Easter baskets for the less fortunate. In order to do that, we need your help in collecting new or clean used Easter baskets, candies for the baskets, straw/grass for the baskets. If you are willing, please bring your donation to the Parish Office by

March 30 and we will arrange to deliver them. Thank you for your continued support of another outreach program here at St. Joe's.

Ever thought of the priesthood?

With the growing shortage of priests, it's time that we take seriously our responsibility to promote vocations to the priesthood. For sure, God is calling some of our young men to this vocation. We need to encourage them to consider responding to that call. Pray for vocations! Encourage any young man you think would be a good priest to think about it...even your own son. Would you encourage your son if he were to say he was thinking of becoming a priest? Our Diocese is stretched thin in having enough priests to offer weekend Masses. (Thank God our retired priests are still willing to help throughout the Diocese)

St Joe's "Tuition Scholarship" Program

St Joe's is able to offer three \$2,500 scholarships to a Catholic School for 3 families of St Joe's parish. These scholarships are available for the next school year.

We are hoping to encourage families who are considering enrolling their child/children in the St Francis Xavier School system.

To apply for a scholarship, a family needs to write a letter to Fr Jim Leary, asking for a scholarship. On an attached sheet of paper, please answer the following questions related to Parish, School, and Community involvement.

1. Describe how your family is active in our parish.
2. Describe how your family is active in your community.
3. Describe how your family will be involved in your parish/school/community in the future.

Whoever received a scholarship for the coming year will be offered it for the remaining years their child is at that academic level. (elementary, middle school and high school). (E.G. If a child received the scholarship in 1st grade, they will be guaranteed to receive it till they finish 4th grade. If a child receives it in 5th grade they will be guaranteed to receive it till they finish 8th grade etc.) Deadline for applying for a scholarship is April 30, 2020. Scholarships will be awarded by the end of May, 2020.

Discipleship Pathway News

ALPHA, Purpose Driven Life, Book and Connect Groups, and Men's and Women's Ministry NEWS

In order to show love for each other and our community, we will be postponing/rescheduling all gatherings. Thank you so much for everyone's enthusiastic response to the events and opportunities being offered! Much gratitude to those who have stepped up to host an ongoing or new group. We've only just begun to gather to pray, share, and "do life together." But for now, we must be patient and prayerful. As soon as we get the virus "all clear" sign, we will joyfully gather again.

If you have any questions, please call or email Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or motto@stmjaryparish.

Financial News

Tithing Needed\$18,461.00
Last Week's Tithing\$7,342.92
Auto Withdrawal\$525.00
Children's Collection\$11.00

Thank You!

Your special offering to help keep us on target would be appreciated!

Readings for the week of March 22

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Church Chuckle

As a man and his 5 year old son were headed to McDonald's, they passed a car accident. Usually when the man saw something terrible like that, he and his son would say a prayer for whoever might be hurt. So, the father pointed and said to his son, "We should pray". From the backseat, he heard his son's earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonalds".

MARCH 22, 2020



WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 23

12:05 pm Jerome Fassbender

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12:05 pm Dec. Al Tyczkowski

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

12:05 pm Darrell Helmenstine

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00 pm Dec. Lincoln Lyon

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 am Dec. Al Tyczkowski

10:00 am Dec. Charles T. Brodnicki

6:30 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 pm Parish Council Mtg., Rm. 214

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

5:30 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

6:30 pm Finance Mtg.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Dear Friends,

All performances of ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play have been cancelled. Xavier Theatre is committed to the health and safety of our staff, patrons, and performers during this unprecedented event. In accordance with the CDC, local and state health agencies and the Green Bay Catholic Diocese, Xavier Theatre, with heavy heart, announce the CANCELLATION of our 2020 production.

We are deeply grateful for the support you have shown as we prepared for this year's production. We will reach out to you again in the future, and hope you have a blessed Lent and Easter Season.

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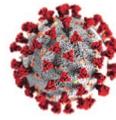
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

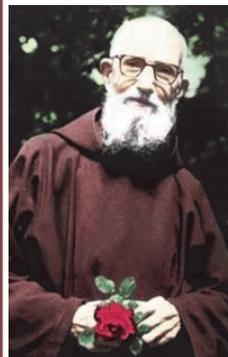
Church will be open 8am-4pm, but no public Masses will be held. *Please avoid roped off areas.*



Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

**Bl. Solanus Casey
PRAY FOR US**



“Worry is a weakness from which very few of us are entirely free. We must be on guard against this most insidious enemy of our peace of soul. Instead, let us foster confidence in God, and thank Him ahead of time for whatever He chooses to send us.”

**-Blessed Solanus Casey
Beatified November 18,2017**