

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment

****Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm**

Mass Intentions

3/11	Monday	8:00am	NO MASS	
3/12	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Dorothy Schneider	Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
3/13	Wednesday	8:00am	+Edith Eveld	Gary & Patsy Eveld
3/14	Thursday		NO MASS	
3/15	Friday	8:00am	+Frank Beshoner	Tom & Paulette Spivey
3/16	Saturday	6:00pm	+Rose Mary Wilson	Mike & Jane Koehler
3/17	Sunday	9:00am	+Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Polycarp

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: (none)

Ministers for March 16 & 17:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Tom Spivey, Nick & Kim Neumeier
Servers: Aidan & Chance Nehus, Emma Raper
Music: Randy Edelhuber/Leslie Maddox

Lector: Randy Koch
Gifts: Jason & Holly Komp family
Ushers: M&J Koehler, Dmayer, R Robberson

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Rob Cope, Gary & Katie Simmons
Servers: Chloe Cope, Emily & TJ Simon
Music: Shana & Sydney White

Lector: Susan Cope
Gifts: Joey & Jessie McGarrah Family
Ushers: R&MB Nehus, J&C Koenigseder

Donuts: Josh Bradley

- March 9:** Bishop Taylor will celebrate our 6pm Saturday Mass which will include Confirmation
A meal will be held in the hall following Mass
- March 9/10: Second collection for Catholic Relief Services
- March 10: **CYM meeting** immediately after 9:00 Mass - **Mother's Society** meeting after 9:00 Mass
KC 4th degree meeting in Charleston. Enter through office door.
- March 12: Eucharistic Adoration noon to 7:30
Parish Council meeting at 6:00
- March 13: **Lenten Luncheon** @ March 13: Harmony Assembly of God – 1324 Greasy Valley Rd
Religious Education & Confirmation classes at 6pm
- March 14: Eucharistic Adoration: noon – 8:00pm. Reconciliation 7:00 – 7:45
- March 15: Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by a meatless meal in the hall
- March 21: **NO ADORATION** - **Lenten Penance Service with individual confessions at 6:00pm**
- March 15-24: Spring Break

The month of March is dedicated to Mary's spouse, St. Joseph.

The Church dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son, and Mary, Joseph's wife." (St. Bernardine of Siena) "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, *he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.*

Congratulations to our youth who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Brady Baumgartner, Annaleisa Bujarski, Chloe Cope, Lainey Rainwater, Paige Sims.

May the Holy Spirit guide you throughout your lives.

++ST. JOSEPH YOUTH!! A special meeting will be held today, Sunday, March 10, after 9:00 Mass to discuss preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, and to discuss the summer Church Camp.

++Do you have musical talent that you've been hiding under a bushel basket?? (Matthew 5:15)

Choir practices will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30. The immediate goal is to learn new service music and to work on Holy Week & Easter music. 2nd grade and up. No one is too old!! Men & women!!

+This weekend we have The Catholic Relief Services Collection, "Reveal Christ's Love." It aids victims of persecution & natural disasters, provides legal services to immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. It helps Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized, and also supports Catholic programs that show the abundant love of Christ for those in need and share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of every person.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Thursday, March 21, 6pm: Lenten Penance Service.
This is a great opportunity to reconcile with the Lord before Easter arrives. There will be two priests from the Abbey here to help Father Polycarp with confessions.

We welcome all visitors and invite newcomers to register at the church office where we would enjoy meeting you. If you regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph's and are not yet a registered parishioner but would like to be, please contact the church office at 963-2131

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St. Joseph School

It is the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School to promote a safe, loving environment that creates disciples of Christ and lifelong learners.
Spring Break begins when school dismisses on Thursday, March 14, and resumes on Monday, March 25.

Thank you to the donors who have brought requested items for our cafeteria. You are so good to us!!

Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave used ink cartridges as well.

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LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE – Begins around 11:30

March 13: Harmony Assembly of God – 1324 Greasy Valley Rd March 20: First Baptist – 311 E Main

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Mary Martin, Randy Koch, Michael Elsken, Beth Ullrich, Kecia Schluterman, and Teddy Schluterman.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Raymond & Joan Harrison.

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: 6pm Stations of the Cross in church with a meatless meal in the hall after. **Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!**

March Collection: Adult env (35) \$1745. Children: \$11. Loose: \$464.50. Total: \$2220.50 Candles: \$69.50. Masses: \$20. February School Collection: \$1354. Diocesan: Ash Wed: 851.50. Central & Eastern Europe: \$359.

Submitted to the **PRAYER CHAIN:** Shane Schneider/leg amputated-not healing properly; Adrian Weisenfels/leg badly burned; David Whitman/in hospital.

Please pray for the soul of Damon Fecitt, nephew of Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, who took his life last Sunday. Prayers are greatly needed for his wife and their daughters.

A private family service will be held at Mercy Crest for Jerry Schwartz so that Laverne is able to attend. Laverne’s address is Mercy Crest #38, 1300 Strozier Lane, Barling, 72923, for those who would like to send a card.

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****COME AND SEE RETREAT** for single women 19 years and older, March 23/24, at Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro. Contact Sister Glorea Knaggs at 870-450-0341 or formation@olivben.org

****Humility of God** Day of Recollection with Fr. Reginald, Coury House, March 26. \$30 for conferences & lunch.

March Bereavement Committee

Joyce Koch, Judy Koch, Marilyn Koch, Charlotte Koenigseder, Holly Komp, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Kay Lunsford, Betty Maddox, Sandy Maddox, Mary Martin, Donna Mauer, Jessie McGarrah, Keila Melton, Carla Molton, Amy Monday

Intention of the Holy Father for March

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and their missionary drive.

Have you ever had a “tech fast” day? No screen time, no Facebook, no iPad, no iPod, no computer, no phone (except in emergency). Just for one day! Use that extra time to play board games or something fun with your family, and maybe end the day with a rosary. **What have you done for your marriage today?**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” (John 3:16)

Of all the wonderful gifts God has given us, the gift of His own Son is the greatest. *How can we ever thank God for a gift like that??* He does not ask us to sacrifice our precious firstborn, but He does ask us to be grateful and generous with our God-given gifts – that we nurture and develop our gifts - and in gratitude, generously give back with increase in our time of prayer, our talents in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

Thank you to the Stewards who took to heart the request in last week’s bulletin for sugar and chicken for the cafeteria. On Monday alone, 26 pounds of sugar was brought in, and 6 packages of chicken breasts, PLUS a \$100 cash donation for the school to purchase what is needed for the cafeteria. They are truly living out today’s meditation in “giving treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish.” (our school, which is our largest parish ministry)
