

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**3/08/2026**

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

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

**Mass Intentions**

3/09	Monday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+Bill Baltz</b>	Kenneth & Lisa Vines
3/10	Tuesday	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>+Mildred Furstenberg</b>	Mary Ann Beshoner
3/11	Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Mary Ann Gronwald</b>	Gary & Patsy Evedl
3/12	Thursday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+Jeanette Frederick</b>	Ed & Martha Ullrich
3/13	Friday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Jim Maddox</b>	Bruce & Paula Cooper
3/14	Saturday	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>+Ronnie Koch</b>	Christa & Zach Marry
3/15	Sunday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Raj

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 3/9 – St. Frances of Rome

**Ministers for March 14 & 15:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom, Kurtis & Sarah Simmons

**Lector:** Randy Koch

**Servers:** Lainey Rainwater, E&E Komp

**Gifts:** Jerry & Kim Swedeen

**Music:** Shana & Emmarae White

**Ushers:** M&J Koehler, C Fletcher, D Mauer

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Betty Maddox

**Lector:** Jeff O’Neal

**Servers:** Blaine Maddox, Ivan Bradley, TJ Simon

**Gifts:** John Paul & Judy Koch, Paula Cooper

**Music:** Beth Ullrich, Elizabeth Gurley

**Ushers:** J&C Koenigseder, D&R Rhineheart

**Donuts:** Jeff O’Neal

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**March 8:** *Mother’s Society Meeting after 9:00 Mass  
Knights of Columbus #3084 meet at Altus with Rosary at 4:00pm*

**\*March 9:** **MASS AT 11:30** OCIA at 6pm

**March 10:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:10. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30*

**March 11:** *Lenten Luncheon@11:30 at Community Transformation Church (1609 s Elm)  
Religious Education classes & Confirmation class at 6pm*

**March 12/13:** *\*Church office will be closed*

**\*March 12:** **MASS AT 11:30** followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8pm. (Reconciliation 7-7:45pm)

**March 13:** *Ponder Study Group after 9:00 Mass – All are invited  
Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by a meatless meal*

**March 14/15:** *Second Collection benefits Catholic Relief Services*

**\*\*March 19:** **MASS AT 6:00PM followed by a potluck celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph**

**March 21:** *Confirmation with Bishop Taylor during 6pm Mass followed by meal in the hall*

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**++ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTAINING FROM MEAT, BEGINNING AT AGE 14,++**

**March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. and the earthly father of Jesus Christ.**  
“He carried out his vocation with complete fidelity until at last God call him, saying “Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.” (St. Bernardine of Siena) Due to St. Joseph’s leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the Protector and Patron of the Universal Catholic Church.

**++RICE BOWLS** are at all doors of church. *SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THEM??* **“Give alms!”**  
*Instead of stopping for a cup of coffee or soft drink, put that money in your Rice Bowl! If you go out to eat, put 10% of your total bill in your Rice Bowl! Want a candy bar or an ice cream cone? Put that money in your Rice Bowl instead! Thinking of going to a movie during Lent? Put that money in your Rice Bowl instead!*  
**“Almsgiving” is way of practicing self-denial and living in solidarity with Christ’s sacrifice - along with Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence, and Acts of Penance in preparation for Easter!**

**An apology from St. Joseph Cemetery Committee.** Last weekend **ALL** flowers were removed from graves and tombstones at our cemetery by mistake. We extend a sincere apology for this error. In years past we have let everyone know ahead of time when the cemetery would be cleaned in preparation for the mowing season so that floral arrangements could be removed and saved, if desired. We neglected to do that this year. At this point it is impossible to retrieve them. Please know this was not done on purpose, and again we sincerely apologize.

**++MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH!!**  
Father will offer Mass at 6pm that day, and a potluck will follow in the hall. Please bring a dish or two to share.

**\*Everyone is invited to a drop-in birthday party in the hall for Mary Martin today, March 8, 2-4pm. No gifts please.\***

We are happy to welcome new parishioners Roger and Melissa Kremer, and their children Jake and Marley. We hope you will feel at home here with us at St. Joseph parish!

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*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**

*Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.*

**Miss Abby's 3 year old room welcomed Marian last week. Our 4/5 Pre-K welcomed P this week!!** We're excited that our school is growing!! **REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027 is currently underway. CALL NOW!!**

*Students had a fun time during Dr. Seuss Week celebrating the joy of reading! They had "Green Eggs & Ham" for lunch, and had special dress-up days throughout the week.*

St. Joseph School is accepting applications for the Principal position. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic with at least 3 years experience in education. Master's Degree is preferred, or at least working toward completion. Send cover letter/resume/references to Superintendent Theresa Hall, DOLR, PO Box 7565, LR 72217-7565.

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

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Please pray for the soul of Barbara Elsken Kearney who had a serious fall last Saturday. She died at St. Vincent in LR on Monday afternoon. Please pray for her daughter Holly and Holly's family. Barbara was sister-in-law to parishioners Dorothy (Kearney) Neumeier and Hilda Elsken.

Please pray for the soul of Delores (Sissi) Anhalt Bennett who died last week, who also has relatives here at St. Joseph Church. Both Barbara and Delores were in the 1957 graduating class from St. Joseph School. *May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

The Mother's Society has 13 Easter lilies left for sale. Contact Rita @ 438-2803 if you wish to purchase one.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Cyndi Harter/ongoing issues with hip surgery; Martha Lachowsky/in rehab; Joan Harrison/Parkinson's issues; Scott Mertin & Lydia Mertin/both suffering from cancer.

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Raymond & Joan Harrison.

March 1 Collection: Adult env (40) \$2615. Children: \$9175. Loose: \$171. Total: \$2795.75. Candles: \$80. Ad: \$100

All women are invited to attend a Magnificat Meal Sat, March 28, 11am -2pm at St. Joseph Church Spiritan Center, 1115 College Ave, Conway. Kathleen Beckman will speak on "Armor of God." \$20 for adults, \$15 for under 21, free for clergy and religious. Registration deadline is March 23. Limited seating is available. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Donna: 501-733-1789.

**MARCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Judy Koch, Joyce Koch, Marilyn Koch, Charlotte Koenigseder, Holly Komp, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Jay 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 nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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**Lenten Check-In: Pope Francis called the family "the first and most important school of mercy." How can we, as a family, show more mercy to each other during the remainder of Lent? [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)**

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*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13)*

Jesus reminds us that material things - even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and true peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become *more "God-centered"* and *less "self-centered."*

Last week St. Joseph hosted the Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon. The food was delicious, and the hall was nicely decorated. The school children did a wonderful job on the musical program under the direction of Mrs. Kim, Mrs. Denise, Leslie and Randy. Due to the generosity of our parishioners and guests, \$486 was collected for the benefit of Community Outreach Services. Thank you to all who provided **Time, Talent and Treasure** to make this a successful event again this year. Each person was an example of being *more "God-centered"* and *less "self-centered"* as today's meditation reminds us.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!  
LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
AND PRIVATE CONFESSIONS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26,  
5:30pm - ??**

MULTIPLE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE