

5th 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

3/18	Monday	8:00am	NO MASS	
3/19	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Bobby Neumeier Urich	Raymond & Dottie Neumeier
3/20	Wednesday	8:00am	+Mary Catherine Schluterman	Kenneth & Lisa Vines
3/21	Thursday	10:00am	+Mary Ann Gronwald	Mother's Society (at Paris Health & Rehab)
3/22	Friday	8:00am	+Marvin Wade	Harold & Alice Schluterman
3/23	Saturday	6:00pm	+Victor & Marietta Schneider	Family
3/24	Sunday	9:00am	+Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Polycarp

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 3/18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem; 3/19 -**ST. JOSEPH**; 3/23 – St. Turibius

Ministers for March 23 & 24: (Palm Sunday)

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Deacon Tom, Marcus & Debbie Rainwater
Servers: Emerson & Ella Komp, Lainey Rainwater
Music: Randy Edelhuber/Leslie Maddox

Lector: Joyce Koch
Gifts: Nick & Kim Neumeier
Ushers: M&J Koehler, S Elsen, J Schluterman

Sunday 9:00am (Palm Sunday)

Eucharist: Deacon Tom, Kenneth & Lisa Vines
Servers: Blaine Maddox, Olivia Stringer, Noah Curtis
Music: Shana & Sydney White

Lector: Jessie McGarrah
Gifts: D&R Rhineheart
Ushers: E Bauer, G Lievsay, J Stanton J Thias

Donuts: Lisa Vines

- March 17: PARISH POTLUCK AFTER 9:00 MASS celebrating our parish patron, St. Joseph
- March 19: Eucharistic Adoration noon to 7:30 – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
- March 20: **Lenten Luncheon** @ First Baptist Church – 311 East Main
NO Religious Education classes – Spring Break

March 21: **Mass at Paris Health & Rehab at 10:00am - NO ADORATION**
Lenten Penance Service with individual confessions at 6:00pm

- March 22: Our final Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by a meatless meal in the hall
- March 15-24: Spring Break

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus.

The Church dedicates the month of March to the veneration of St. Joseph. Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, *he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.*

Next week, March 24, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday Mass with Washing of the Feet is at 7pm on March 28.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held following Mass until midnight.
The collection goes for the support of our diocesan seminarians.

Good Friday with Reading of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross is at 7pm on March 29.

The collection supports the Franciscan Friars who maintain the Holy Land.

Easter Vigil with Blessings of Fire, Candles, & Water is at 8pm on Saturday, March 30.

Easter Sunday Mass is at 9:00am, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries at these Holy Week services, please call Sharon at 963-3355 as soon as possible.

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.

The Mother's Society is now offering catering for weddings, anniversaries, and special occasions. For pricing and information, please contact Charlotte Koenigseder at 438-2743.

Submitted to the **PRAYER CHAIN:** John Paul Koch/health issues; Jonni Robinson/ACL surgery; Sheila Law family/safe travel.

As you all know, parishioner Bill Baltz died last week. We offer our prayers and consolation to Brenda and their children, as well as Bill's siblings here in our parish, Judy Koch and Mary Ann Beshoner. May Bill's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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 this week. Classes resume on Monday, March 25.

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

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****The CYM is asking for donations of candy, change, or other items for stuffing Easter Eggs. You may leave it on one of the shelves in the cry room. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

March 10 Collection: Adult env (33) \$1385. Children: \$24. Loose: \$486. Total: \$1895. Candles: \$77. Masses: \$250. Bulletin ad: \$100

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Charlotte Koenigseder, Brent Lowe, Emmarae White, Dewayne Askins, Dee Wright, and Danny Schmalz.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Eddie & Karrie Sims.

++ 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!!

****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.

Only two more weeks of Lent. Take time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to remove any sins from your soul. If you need reconciliation with a member of your family, go to them in humility this week to heal that relationship.

What have you done for your marriage today? www.foryourmarriage.org

We have the opportunity here at St. Joseph for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday at 6pm.

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything – merely Stewards of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our fellow church members, our neighbors – *even people we don’t know* – just as God cares for us.

Once again, we can look to our young people as examples of Stewardship. Some of the students in our Religious Education program did a service project during their class time Wednesday evening. They wiped down windowsills, tables, and anything else in church that appeared to need cleaning. They *“were willing to use their gifts and their lives to care for their church family.”* God bless you all!
