

March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Penitential Liturgy of the Word and Confessions with Visiting Priests: Thursday, March 18, 6p.m.

Friday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass followed by devotions will be offered at 5 p.m. This Friday is not a day of abstinence from eating meat.

The Second Collection this weekend goes to Catholic Relief Services.

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, March 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

- 3/14/21 For the People of the Parish
- 3/15/21 Rev. Delphyn Meeks
- 3/16/21 J.H. Keck
- 3/17/21 Bryan Sieben
- 3/18/21 Doug Nett
- 3/20/21 Doris Zappi

“The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, ‘at the service of the entire plan of salvation.’ Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood ‘by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.’ Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Week of March 7 - 13, 2021

Income \$3,151.00
CCD \$150.00
Black and Indian Missions \$20.00
Expenses \$3,442.03

“Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person. Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a ‘most chaste’ father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one’s life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love.

Birthday List

- Glen Bailey 3/15
- Rhett Johnson 3/19

A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”
- from the Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde (With a Father’s Heart), by Pope Francis, #1 & 7



Stations of the Cross: every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.



Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, Stan Davis, David Ready, Martha Waggoner