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Breaking Bread Free Will	158.00

## Liturgical Ministers

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 8:00 AM MASS	
USHERS	Bob Simon & Harry Reischl
SERVER	Jane Simon
LECTOR	Evie Dumonceaux
GIFT BEARERS	Volunteers Needed
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Evie & Bob Dumonceaux Jane Simon & Fr. Cyril Gorman
SACRISTAN	Julie Ortloff
MUSIC	Br. David Klingeman & Karen Schellinger

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST 8:30 AM MASS	
USHERS	Heidi & Mike Peternell
SERVER	Holly Hansen
LECTOR	Greg Hanesn
GIFT BEARERS	Volunteers Needed
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Chuck Griffith, Joyce Abeln Tess Koltes
SACRISTAN	John Brinkman
MUSIC	Nathan Neuman

## Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Alvina Klocker, Karen Kroska, Gen Ludowese, Mildred Notsch, Hal Roske, Anthony Scholz, Charlie & Nancy Wenner. All who are lonely, grieving or estranged. Military Men, Women and their families. All the ill or suffering. And the families of our recently deceased:  
 + Jim Eisenschenk + Lorraine Degiovanni  
 + Karl Petters + Ron Eisenschenk

## Faith Formation Notes

**Breaking Bread:** Please consider signing up to volunteer in the kitchen for Breaking Bread. (Sign-up sheet on bulletin board) **March 8:** Tacos in a bag with dessert.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Rice Bowl Program:

**March 1:** After Communion:  
Catholic Relief Services Reader: Spencer Scholtz  
Rice Bowl Basket Students: Cece Haeg, Lizzy Merdan, and Evan Acheson  
**March 8:** After Communion:  
Catholic Relief Services Reader: Nick Hansen  
Rice Bowl Basket Students: Evan Acheson, Jesse Greenwood, Lizzy Merdan

**March 8** — Peggy Roske, Part 3, Parish History

**March 26** — Parish Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm

**April 5** — Palm Sunday Speaker: Susan Stabile, "A Spiritual Journey Through Buddhism Back to Christianity" She was raised Catholic, practiced Buddhism for 20 years, and then returned to Catholicism.

**April 18** — First Communion Workshop, 9-11:00 AM (Banners, bread making, practicing First Communion, Eucharist activities and crafts)

**April 19** — Catechist Recognition Speaker: Matt Reichert on Disengaged Young Catholics

**April 26** — First Communion 8:30 am Mass

**May 13--** Confirmation, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph

## Calendar

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:30 AM Mass

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 ASH WEDNESDAY** +

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Breakfast

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

4:00-7:00 PM **Fish Fry** 🐟

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

8:30 AM Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

8:00 AM Mass

8:00 AM Breakfast

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

4:00-7:00 PM **Fish Fry** 🐟

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

8:30 AM MASS

Faith Formation, Adult Speaker,

Breaking Bread

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Breakfast

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

## Parish Happenings



### JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERY-ONE!**

**Join us March 8th, serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

*Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!*

### SAVE THE DATES!

The Lenten Soup & Speaker Series will begin again on Wednesday, March 11 and continue for three more Wednesday evenings. Come at 5:30 for the soup (& breads & desserts!) and stay for the speakers. In keeping with the general topic of Care for God's Creation, this year's line-up includes Arctic explorer Paul Schurke, recent DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, CSB/SJU students who attended the December Climate Conference in Madrid, and former Peace Corps volunteer Molly Roske.



During the six Sundays of Lent, members of the Parish Council will be summarizing portions of the book, *Start with Jesus*, during the homily. If you are interested in a copy of this book to read, please see Julie in the parish office.

### FISH FRY DINNERS

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be **February 28 and March 6**, and we will need your help! Please volunteer to help at our dinners, there are jobs for all ages and skill levels (Yes, children ages 5 and up are encouraged to volunteer!). **We mostly need more volunteers to help at the March 6 Fish Fry, please help us fill the spots on the sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board!**

Please take copies of our Fish Fry flyers to post at local businesses (copies can be found on the table in the hallway). Share our Fish Fry post on Facebook, please, it's **FREE** advertising!

### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2019	2020
Week 1 of February	87	152
Week 2 of February	68	81
Week 3 of February	116	138



All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it — Father will collect them during the offertory.**

Some good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include: *"I picked up my cars."* *"I said I love you."* *"I wrote a Thank you note to my neighbor."*

### LENT IS A TIME OF EXTRA PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

During Lent our parish will participate in **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger — and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

Each week, during the Communion reflection time, one of the faith formation students will read about the theme for the week involving three families in the countries of Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya.

After this reading, Confirmation students will be passing the baskets to collect money for the Rice Bowl to assist Catholic Relief Services. Please consider giving extra alms for the CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Join us on Wednesday, February 26th at 8:00am for Ash Wednesday Mass, as we begin our Lenten journey.

*"Lent...It's not what you give up. It's who you become."*

### THE GOLDEN YEARS

Happy Birthday to Genevieve Ludowese, who will be 97 years young on February 27th. Join us in wishing Gen a day filled with happiness and a year filled with joy!



Mark your calendar and clear your clutter! Our

**RUMMAGE SALE** Spring Rummage Sale will take place April 23 & 24. Donations will be accepted April 19, 20 & 21 from 1-7PM.

More Parish Happenings on the next page...



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is a focused pro-life campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion – to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life! Join other 40 Day volunteers anytime between 7AM to 7PM Monday through Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud starting Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, April 5, 2020.

**DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?**



...of parish events in years past? The "parish archives" could use them! Parish Center construction (especially!)? Swayed Pines ice cream booth? Working the brunches? Picnics? Faith Formation? If so, would you be willing to lend them to be scanned? Please bring them to the parish office, or contact Peggy Roske, proske@csbsju.edu or 363-8687.

**HOPE FOR THOSE WHO MOURN**



There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 18th, at 9:00 a.m.** All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so. -Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, Group facilitator.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2020**

"Transformed by faith and sent in service to all." The appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Checks made payable to the parish will be totaled and we will forward a check to the Diocese. Checks made payable to the "Annual Appeal" will be sent directly to the Diocese.



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OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME



*Welcome*

Dear Friends in our Lord Jesus:

As I write this message my friend Buster is at the pet spa enjoying a good wash, trim and nail clip. Because St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph are in a Area Catholic Community arrangement, I am finding it difficult to spend adequate time in both parishes. I only have mass at Collegetown once a month and that means that I am an absentee pastor.

Last fall, St. John the Baptist changed its mass time to Sunday morning at 8:30. I have spoken with the parish council here in St. Joe as well as the Liturgy Director and in order to correct the problem it seems best to change the mass times here in St. Joe so that I can preside in Collegetown most Sundays. Here in St. Joe, we will have Sunday masses at 8:30 and 10:30 beginning the first week of Easter. The reason for the change to an 8:30 a.m. mass is that Fr. Ian works as a Faculty Resident at St. John's University. Many Saturday evenings Fr. Ian is up until 1 or 2 a.m. Getting here for an 8 o'clock mass would not work but 8:30 seems to be just fine. I know that any time there is a change in mass times people get frustrated or angry. But in order to have pastor equity these changes seem to be the best solution.

I hope that you will all pray for an easy transition. In St. John the Baptist parish the parish council has been discussing the increase in Sunday attendance by 19 % and in collection an increase by 14%. These statistics are important as we look to the future Summer schedule in Collegetown. Again, I ask for patience and understanding as we make the best possible choices for each parish. I ask you all to pray for greater faith and patience for our Area Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph parishes.

Each Sunday of Lent at the Collegetown mass, Pastoral Council members will be speaking about portions of the book, **Start with Jesus**, during the homily. I thank these speakers, who come from among us, and speak to us about prayer and how our parish of everyday disciples will renew the church.

Fr. Jerome Tupa OSB

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