

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am



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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am

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Saint Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

Saint John the Baptist: We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

Where the
Community
Comes
Together

Weekly Schedules

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MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 pm Mass †Bernie Schloemer
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, MARCH 1

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am Mass †Russell Heitzman
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am Mass †Arlene Vogel
Church of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am Mass †Marc Shantz
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am Mass †Mildred Reisinger
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

5:00 pm Mass †Esther Martini
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY MARCH 1

8:00 am | Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Faith Formation Grades 1-8,
Zoom

7:30 pm | Saint Joseph Faith Formation Grades 9-10,
Zoom

TUESDAY MARCH 2

8:00 am | Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

10:00 am | Adult Enrichment Class, Heritage Hall

5:00 pm | Saint Joseph RCIA Meeting, Zoom

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Joetown Rocks—Concert Committee Only,
Zoom

FRIDAY MARCH 5

7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross,
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY MARCH 6

8:00 am | Women's Prayer Group, Zoom

MONDAY MARCH 8

8:00 am | Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Building & Maintenance
Committee Meeting, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Knights of Columbus, Heritage Hall

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Stand Chair Committee
Meeting, Zoom

TUESDAY MARCH 9

8:00 am | Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall

10:00 am | Adult Enrichment Class, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

6:00 pm | Saint Joseph Cemetery Meeting, Heritage
Hall

FRIDAY MARCH 12

7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross,
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY MARCH 13

8:00 am | Women's Prayer Group, Zoom



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: WHEN SACRIFICE BECOMES MUNDANE

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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GOSPEL REFLECTION—FEBRUARY 28



"This is my beloved Son, listen to Him"

These words from the Gospel for this Sunday give the apostles present, Peter, James and John, an insight into the identity of Jesus. They hear these words while they are with Jesus at the Transfiguration. They do not fully understand what it means, but they are beginning to have their eyes opened. Jesus tells them to tell no one of their experience until Jesus was risen from the dead. A key word in this phrase is LISTEN! How do we listen to Jesus? Where do we find the words of Jesus? They are found in the words of Scripture that we hear every Sunday, or at weekday Mass. Sometimes they are heard in the words of the homily as we apply it to our own life. They may come to us in the experiences of everyday life – through suffering and through Joy. In the first reading God talked to Abraham telling him to sacrifice his son. Abraham responds by preparing to make the sacrifice, but God stops him and provides a ram for the sacrifice. Because of his faith God promises to make Abraham a great nation. This week take time to read the story about Abraham (Genesis 22: 1-18) and also the story of the Transfiguration (Mark 9: 2-10). What is God's message for you? God bless you!

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Minister

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 28

SUNDAY: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

MONDAY: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-4

SATURDAY: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

NEXT SUNDAY: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all farmers, all frontline healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Duffy Barton, Judy Bruemmer, Marvin Butkowski, Dorothy Court, Jill (Hoffman) Fussy, Gabby, Caroline Glatzel, Theresa Glatzel, Larry & Anita Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Laura Kutzera-Gaarder, Ann Leedah, Becky Maus-Nelson, Judy Meemken, Esther J. Merklung, Josie Meyer, Alban Mohs, Jean Nierengarten, Nate Osbourn, Jennifer Oswald, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Cindy Schmitz, a Special Intention, Chris Schmidt, Kevin Schmidt, Anthony Scholz, Susan Sink, Special Intention—Negative Biopsy Result, John Steichen, Dennis Stueve, Darlene Thielman, Jason Thompson, Emmy Torborg, Bob Valek, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Alvina Klocker, Sandy Knudson, Gen Ludowese, Leo Heck, Mark McKeon, Larry Notch, Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz, and Charlie & Nancy Wenner

To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:

Rose Ann Reischl, Hank Sunder, Julie Beckmann, Louis Merklung, Janice Eynck Lehr, Arlene Vogel, Kenneth Kuebelbeck, Rita Palmersheim, Philip Maus, Joan Supan, Winne Dehler, and Marlin Faber.

"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

Area Events

HOMELESS HELPING HOMELESS

After many, many, many conversations Lincoln Center Warming Center has opened on Lincoln Ave next to WJON. They are able to serve about 15 people overnight when it is colder than 32 degrees. They are in need of staff to help connect with the guests and provide support to them as needed. Training will be provided, but the values of non-judgement and compassion are at the top of the list. Shifts are 8 am-3pm and 3pm-11pm. PT hours are also available.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Harry and Mary Fleegel at hfleegel@aol.com or 612-868-0465. They are with Homeless Helping Homeless

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL NEWS

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." — Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill his plan for us.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for

ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

LENTEN PRAYER RESOURCES

We have a number of free prayer/family resources available for the season of Lent.

KEEPING THE SEASONS: will be a series of weekly handouts available on the Church of Saint Joseph website/Facebook page. This weekly series runs through Pentecost.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 pm at the Church of Saint Joseph. Those who attend will be given a free booklet of The Stations, which they may then keep and bring with them each time they attend.

The Stations will also be available for viewing online. Books to follow along at home are available in the entrance to the Saint Joseph parish offices.

"HOLY WEEK AT HOME" :

Intended for families/households who may not be able (or choosing not to participate) in the liturgies of Holy Week due to the pandemic.

Free copies of this resource are available at both parishes.

Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Envelope	\$3,330.00
Children Envelope	\$3.00
Donations Fiscal Year to Date	\$83,458.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$92,666.00
Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine	\$40.00

There are two ways that you can support our parish financially while observing social distancing:

- Mail In Contributions
- Electronic Contribution Giving
 - Complete a form found on the parish website or contact the parish office

SAINT JOSEPH

Weekly Budget for 2/21/2021	\$7,669.07
2/21 Youth Offering	\$11.00
2/21 Adult Offering	\$14,140.00
Weekly Difference	\$6,481.93
Total Budgeted YTD	\$425,148.07
Total Received YTD	\$397,949.89
Difference YTD	-\$27,198.18

Parish Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers:

- March 1, 2014: Francis Schellinger
- March 2, 1907: Crescentia Kremers
- March 2, 1917: Elizabeth Bahner
- March 3, 1896: John Strisner
- March 4, 2004: Andrew Schrom
- March 5, 1975: William Perlmutter
- March 6, 1932: Barbara Schreiner
- March 7, 1899: Jacob Zupan
- March 7, 1946: Marlene Douvier
- March 7, 2007: Alphonse Reisenger

May the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

FOLLOW US: We encourage you to follow the parish on social media. Daily meditation or parish updates can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sjtbparish or subscribe to our Benedictine Catholic Community YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Sw98uxz5BJ7_Ders65WJw for notifications of Live Mass recordings.

CLEAR THE CLUTTER THIS LENT

Reminder: our Parish Rummage SALE is approaching! The SALE will be Thursday & Friday, April 29 & 30th. We will be accepting donations on Sunday-Tuesday, April 25-27 from 1-7:00 PM. We welcome your donations of clothing, shoes, books, housewares, holiday décor, handbags, jewelry, coats, sporting equipment, small furniture, plants, etc. (We can NOT accept any appliances, anything with an electrical cord, encyclopedias or baby furniture/equipment.)

LENTEN GIFTS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD SHELF

Each Sunday of Lent our parish will be participating in a weekly donation drive of various food and personal care items for Catholic Charities. Collection bins will be located in the Parish Center each Sunday. Please take this opportunity to assist local families in need as part of your Lenten focus, your donations provide more than assistance to those in need; they offer HOPE.

Sunday: February 28th: Tooth Paste & Tooth Brush

Sunday: March 7: Rice or Pasta

DELIVERING EUCHARIST

If you wish to deliver Communion to someone, that is not comfortable attending Mass currently, please feel free to utilize our safe procedure: 1) Inform the Sacristan as you enter for Mass (quantity & first name). 2. Following Mass a plastic bag, with your name on it, containing Eucharist will be available for you to pick up and take with you to deliver.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Happy Birthday to Gen Ludowese, who will be celebrating her 98th birthday on February 27th! Join us in extending birthday wishes and blessings to Gen.

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family of Marlin Faber who passed away on February 21st. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

Born into new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Clara Joan Wicks. Congratulations Clara!

FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES

Please continue with the lessons which were listed in the yearly calendar. We hope to begin classes in person mid-September.

Stations of the Cross links are being sent out weekly. As of today, the Faith Formation teachers, Confirmation class, and some of the eighth and ninth graders have been videotaped. The Stations pictured in the background were designed and made by Richard Haeg+ many years ago. It is a reminder of the gifts and talents which have been shared with the parish.

Rice Bowls: Please continue to contribute to your Rice Bowl. Catholic Relief Services uses this money to help people around the world in many ways.

Reconciliation will take place indoors and in the parking lot on March 20 at 2:00PM. The second grade students will be receiving their First Reconciliation face to face in the Mary Chapel. General absolution will be given. **First Communion** will be June 6 at the outdoor 8:30AM mass.

Confirmation Practice will be May 1 for sponsors and candidates from 9:30-11:00 at the Abbey Church. Confirmation will be May 2 at 4:00PM at the Abbey.

Date:	Lectors:	Euch. Ministers:	Sacristan:	Sound:	Video:
March 7th	David Lyndgaard	David Lyndgaard	Christine Luna Munger	Brian Posch	Julie Ortloff
8:30 AM		Christine Luna Munger			
March 14th	Scott Wallner	Scott Wallner	Dan Ortloff	Brian Posch	Julie Ortloff
8:30 AM		Tess Koltes			

SAINT JOSEPH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Greetings parish families of St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist Parishes

In our last article we told you how to learn more about the Knights of Columbus by going online at kofc.org/join, this article will tell you about one of our Family programs that involves all parishioners.

It is called "Consecration to the Holy Family" Its purpose is to revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We invite each family in our parishes to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. The Knights have composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. The Knights encourage you to offer this prayer.

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Reminder to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscover the Saints", compliments of the Knights, available on the table in the gathering space.

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers Joanne Bell, sister of Jane (Duane) Scepaniak.

Also, please keep in your prayers the families of those listed in the "In Remembrance" section on page 4.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Be sure to check out the Liturgy of the Word scripture time on the parish website. Kelly Beniek, our catechist for LOW shares the scripture reading, speaks to the reading and offers an at home activity for the month.

Lenten Resources

Please check out the Lenten Resource table located in the gathering space of Heritage Hall. These are available as spiritual enrichment and prayer during the holy season of Lent. New resources are being added periodically.

RCIA

Please hold in prayer our RCIA candidates and catechumen, Alicia, Jesyka, Andrea, Jared, and Daniel. They are now entering the catechumenate part of their preparation in anticipation for full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Faith Formation-Grades 1-10

The next zoom session for grades 1-8 is on Monday, March 1st from 6:30-7:00 pm and for grades 9-10 from 7:30-8:00 pm

Confirmation Candidates

We will meet onsite for the Sunday, March 21st gathering. If you have any concerns, please contact Marian. Please remember to be of service to others by way of your active discipleship project(s). Meeting with your sponsors and completing the requirements are all important in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

First Communion Families

Please continue to work on the home preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marian.

*Marian Bach
Director of Faith Formation*

THANK YOU FROM THE MAUS FAMILY

A sincere thank you to our St. Joseph Parish family for your prayers and support during Phil's illness and passing. A special thank you to Father Jerome and David for bringing comfort and peace to us through the beautiful funeral service and also to Andy for making it possible for our friends and family to feel present with us while viewing the service online. May God bless all of you. Sandy Maus and Family