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FEBRUARY 22, 2026 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

During the Season of Lent we look to find ways to nourish our souls and deepen our commitment to imitating Christ Jesus in our lives. That is a good thing. To do that we have special services like the "Way of the Cross" with families each Tuesday evening. And we special faith sharing opportunities like "That Man is You," and Foundations of our Faith (which are both held on Wednesday evenings) and our Book Study Group which meets on Friday mornings.

I would like to call to your attention a number of other opportunities that our available through our parish website www.stjoeco.org. We have a special section entitled "Nourishing Your Soul." Here you will find information about Cursillo and Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend programs. Click on the "For Your Marriage" section and you will find lots of ways to nourish your marriage. There is a section entitled "What's Happening with Pope Leo" where you will find all kinds of things that are happening with Pope Leo and the Catholic church throughout the world. There are also different kinds of online resources that you can access here as well. Several of those offer reflections on the Sunday mass readings.

One of the things that I find most helpful in my faith journey is listening to different podcasts. I do a lot of driving to the hospitals and visiting parishioners and these are the times I like to listen to these podcasts. Our parish website gives you access to several different podcasts you may find helpful. Among podcasts that I have found most insightful is one entitled "The Spiritual Life." In this podcast the host interviews a number of different people who talk about their faith journey, how they pray, and what helps them to lead a life of faith. It's a wide array of people from Bishops, Cardinals, priests and women religious, to comedians, leaders of community, to writers to just very ordinary people.

Another podcast is called "The Growing Edge" hosted by Parker Palmer, a Quaker teacher and writer and Carri Newcomer a song writer. They have interviewed a number of people who talk about their faith life as well.

Another podcast is called "Everything Happens." This one is hosted by a woman author and teacher who teaches at Duke Divinity School. She is a wife and mother as well as a cancer survivor. In her podcast she talks to different people about how they have dealt with the unexpected that happens in their lives. Among the people she has interviewed is Mike Krzyzewski, the former basketball coach at Duke University.

These are just a few of the podcasts you can access through our parish website. There are several others as well, equally as good as the ones I have mentioned. Hope you can take the time to check them out.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

Nourish Your Soul
www.stjoeco.org/nourishing-your-soul

FISH FRY COMING THIS FRIDAY

Our first Lenten Fish Fry is coming up on this Friday, February 27. Price for the dinners will be \$15. As we have done in the past, it will all be carry-out dinners.

Once again we are calling upon people to help get things ready. Here's where you can help.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7 AM: Cook the potatoes for the German Potato Salad.
Meet at the storage building.

1 PM: Prepare ingredients for the potato salad and slaw Meet in the cafeteria
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7 AM Set out fish to thaw

1 PM Prepare the Potato Salad and Slaw
Meet in the cafeteria
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1 PM Make the corn bread

3 PM Set up serving line

5-7 serve the carryout meals

6 PM Clean up begins Check your emails for updates. You can also volunteer by calling the parish office (812-963-3273) or simply by showing at the various times help is needed.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT DINNER



COFFEE, DONUTS AND TASTY TREATS FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM MASS: Ray Hamner, Lawrence & Drusie Hamner, Martha Steele, Joyce McNally, Mildred, Lawrence, Ben, JB, & Steve Hamner. Joseph Rexing (1876)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM MASS: Jim Butler, Joe & Nannie Schmitt, Daryl Schmitt, Eileen Heerdink, Joe Bassemier, Rosalie Scheller, Joe Chester, Jr., Carl Morris, For all the people in the parish

10:30 AM MASS: Adam Head, David Mohr, Loretta Hoehn, Ollie Stoutland, Joseph Fogel (1921), Lucille Angermeier (1992)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

6:30 AM MASS: Adam Hillenbrand (1865), John Weiss (1909), Leo Dillman (1969), Betty Gries (1985), Carl (2013) & Madeline Rexing, Frank Will (2021)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Martha & Vic Gilles, Henricus Helferich (1862), Johannes Helferich (1862)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Eva Reising (1903), Donald Evans (1996), Alexis Gerteisen (2000), Greg Englert (2011), Edgar Hartz (2012), Judy (Mayer) Cosgrove (2013)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

NO MASS: Catharin Kissel (1866), Velma Merrick (1970), Ann Vollman (2018)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Zuber (1868), Fred Niemeier (1944), Rick Dile (2023)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

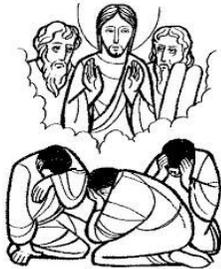
5:00 PM MASS: Maria Rexing(1876), Mary Schmitt (1949), Harvey Klenck (2020), Harold & Esther Klenck

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Phil, Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Adam Head

10:30 AM MASS: (CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP SIEGEL) Margarete Wolf (1900), Anna (1958) and Henry Hillenbrand, For all the people in our parish



CONFIRMATION MASS... Next Sunday, March 1, Bishop Siegel will be joining us at our 10:30 Mass to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young men and women in our confirmation group. You are welcome to come and join us for this celebration. Let us keep all of them in prayer.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS.... we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Please send your contribution along with the names of the people you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by March 25th. Names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.



What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.



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WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
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BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 506,550.00,
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

- HERITAGE: *Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeeger*
- HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: *Anna Mae Gries*
- BETHEL MANOR: *Margaret Kafel*
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- FEB. 22: Diane Evans, Vince Werner
- FEB. 23: Macy Adler, Bayliegh Burress, Troy Gerteisen, Cambell Murray, Seri Powers, Jessica Werner
- FEB. 24: Leona Englert, Kristan Gilles, Jackson Traylor
- Feb. 25: Henry Raben, Brad Schnur, Tinley Welage
- FEB. 26: Grant Gillenwater, Austin Williams, Leo Zimmer
- FEB. 27: Rick Elliott, Connie Gries, Hensley Jarboe, Glenn Lewis, Jim Scheller
- FEB. 18: Angie Happe, Kathy Weber, Steve Wingert
- FEB. 22: Don & Debbie Baumgart
- FEB. 24: John & Gail Maurer
- FEB. 28: Troy & Amy Meyer



Please remember in your prayers *Adam Head*, the brother of Sarah Kissel, and *Jim Butler*, the husband of Candy Butler who died last week May God's peace be with all the members of their families.

Coming....March 7 & 8, 2026



Join us for this exciting 2 day retreat. We will host motivational talks brunch, dinner, snacks, drinks crafts, music and a spa hour. This retreat is a time to get away from all the daily distractions, deepen your faith, all the while sharing in love for the Lord. Register on line at St. Joe Facebook. \$50/person or contact Jessica Recekloff (jreckelhoff@evdkio.org) or Rachel Schnaus (rschnaus@yahoo) to register or for questions.

Violence is what happens when we don't what to do with our suffering.

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF FEB. 21-22: 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods, Eric Reffett, Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson 8 AM (L) Chick Duncan (EM) Bryan and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey, Terry Drone 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller, (EM) Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

WEEKEND OF FEB. 28—MAR. 1 5 PM (L) Jim Hermann (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald 8 AM (L) Tom Folz (EM) Chick Duncan Lisa Cook Rodney and Paula Baehl 10:30 AM (L) SPECIAL (EM) Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus, Becky Doshier Steve Jung

COMING THIS WEEK.....

- Women's Bible Study Friday 8:30-10 am
 - That Man is You Wednesday, at 5:30 pm
 - Foundations of Faith Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- For information contact Jessica Reckelhoff, 812-598-1151 or email jreckelhoff@evdio.org

JOIN US MARCH 20 FOR AN EVENING OF QUIET REFLECTION AND SACRED MUSIC

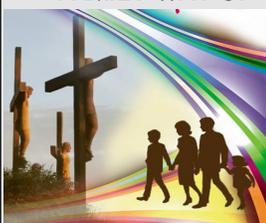
Join us on Friday, March 20th at 7 pm in Church. Something special is in the works at St. Joe. A new experience for anyone who loves some good worship music. Something peaceful, beautiful, and glowing during this Lenten season...We could use a little help bringing it to life.



If you have battery-powered candles you'd be willing to lend for an upcoming evening event, they would be so grateful!

We are keeping the full surprise under wraps for now, but think: soft light... a calm, reflective atmosphere... something truly special at St. Joe

FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS—TUESDAY 5:30



One of the ancient and traditional prayers during the season of Lent is The Stations of the Cross, also known as *Via Crucis—The Way of the Cross*. This prayer calls us to remember Jesus' Passion Death and Resurrection and to reflect on what it means for us to "take up our cross and follow Jesus."

Each Tuesday during Lent, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 we will gather for Family Stations of the Cross from 5:30 – 6 pm at St. Joe Church. Bring your family as we reflect on Jesus' walk to the cross.



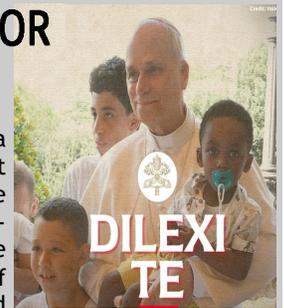
LOOK FOR IT
SATURDAY
MAY 2
AN EVENING OF GREAT
FOOD AND DANCING

JOIN IN THESE AREA FISH FRYS
FEBRUARY 20— Holy Cross (Ft. Branch)
FEBRUARY 20 & MARCH. 6 Holy Redeemer
MARCH. 13 & 20 — St. Matthew's Mt. Vernon
MARCH 27—St. Philip
MARCH. 13 St. Wendel Knights OF St. John
FEBRUARY 27 & MARCH 13—St. James



ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor



Saint Teresa of Calcutta has become a universal icon of charity lived to the fullest extent in favor of the most destitute, those discarded by society. Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, she dedicated her life to the dying abandoned on the streets of India. She gathered the rejected, washed their wounds and accompanied them to the moment of death with the tenderness of prayer. Her love for the poorest of the poor meant that she did not only take care of their material needs, but also proclaimed the good news of the Gospel to them: "We are wanting to proclaim the good news to the poor that God loves them, that we love them, that they are somebody to us, that they too have been created by the same loving hand of God, to love and to be loved. Our poor people are great people, are very lovable people, they do not need our pity and sympathy, they need our understanding love. They need our respect; they need that we treat them with dignity."

All this came from a deep spirituality that saw service to the poorest as the fruit of prayer and love, the source of true peace, as Pope John Paul II reminded the pilgrims who came to Rome for her beatification: "Where did Mother Teresa find the strength to place herself completely at the service of others? She found it in prayer and in the silent contemplation of Jesus Christ, his Holy Face, his Sacred Heart. She herself said as much: 'The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service.' It was prayer that filled her heart with Christ's own peace and enabled her to radiate that peace to others." Teresa did not consider herself a philanthropist or an activist, but a bride of Christ crucified, serving with total love her suffering brothers and sisters.

In Brazil, Saint Dulce of the Poor — known as "the good angel of Bahia" — embodied the same evangelical spirit with Brazilian characteristics. Referring to her and two other religious women canonized during the same celebration, Pope Francis recalled their love for the most marginalized members of society and said that the new saints "show us that the consecrated life is a journey of love at the existential peripheries of the world."

Sister Teresa responded to precariousness with creativity, obstacles with tenderness and need with unshakeable faith. She began by taking in the sick in a chicken coop and from there founded one of the largest social services in the country. She assisted thousands of people a day, without ever losing her gentleness, making herself poor with the poor for the love of the Poorest One. She lived with little, prayed fervently and served with joy. Her faith did not distance her from the world, but drew her even more deeply into the pain of the least among us.

We could also mention individuals such as Saint Benedict Menni and the Sisters Hospitallers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who worked alongside people with disabilities; Saint Charles de Foucauld among the communities of the Sahara; Saint Katharine Drexel for the most underprivileged groups in North America; Sister Emmanuelle, with the garbage collectors in the Ezbet El Nakhl neighborhood of Cairo; and many others. Each in their own way discovered that the poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. All of these examples teach us that serving the poor is not a gesture to be made "from above," but an encounter between equals, where Christ is revealed and adored. Saint John Paul II reminded us that "there is a special presence of Christ in the poor, and this requires the Church to make a preferential option for them." Therefore, when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.

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