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MARCH 8, 2026 THE THIRD 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,

It was disturbing this week to hear the news of the attacks on Iran by our government and that of Israel. While the stated aim is to remove people in leadership from that country (whom most everyone agrees are not good leaders for the people of Iran), once again it is the women, children and elderly who will suffer the most. I think too, of soldiers who are called upon to do our nations bidding. No soldier comes home from war unwounded.

It is good for all of us to reflect on the words Pope Leo has spoken. *I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and in Iran during this tumultuous time. Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor through the use of weapons, which sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue.*

In our time, the weakness of multilateralism is a particular cause for concern at the international level. A diplomacy that promotes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies. War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself, or in the pursuit of "the establishment of the ordered universe willed by God, with a more perfect form of justice among men and women." Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion. This gravely threatens the rule of law, which is the foundation of all peaceful civil coexistence.

Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of immense proportions, I make a heartfelt appeal to all the parties involved to assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm. May diplomacy regain its proper role, and may the well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice, be upheld. And let us continue to pray for peace.

Leaning into the journey of life,
Fr. Gene Schroeder



FISH FRY COMING THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Our second Lenten Fish Fry is coming up this Friday, March 13. Price for the dinners will be \$15. As we have done in the past, it will all be carryout dinners. Once again we are calling upon people to help get things ready. Here's where you can help.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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, MARCH 12

7 AM Set out fish to thaw

1 PM Prepare the Potato Salad and Slaw. Meet in the cafeteria

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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, or simply by showing at the various times help is needed.

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



HEY

The grass beneath a tree
is content and silent
A squirrel holds an accord in its
praying hands offering
thanks it looks like.
The nut states sweet;
I bet the prayer
spiced it up somehow.
The broken shells fall on the grass
and the grass looks up
and says "Hey."
And the squirrel looks down
and says "Hey."
I have been saying
"Hey" too to God.
Formalities just weren't working.
—Rumi



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Anthony Linnemann (1859), Baby Meier (1863), Infant Baumgart (1863), Maria Goebel (1878), Anna Lunkenheimer (1879), Frideric Lunkenheimer (1879), Thomas (1907) & Mary Effinger, Mag (2015) & Joe Eickhoff, Jenny Collins (2021), For all the people in our parish,



SUNDAY, MARCH 8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Joe & Winnie Schu, John, Martin & Susanna Hasenour, Caty Miller, Frank Will

10:30 AM MASS: Sue Vauthier, Herbert (1975) & Mary Geuss, Victor (1987) & Carolyn Huck, LaVerne (1992) & Mary Fehrenbacher, Fr. Roman Heerdink (19th Pastor of St. Joe) (1995)

MONDAY, MARCH 9
MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

6:30 PM MASS: Margaret Fisher (1857), Adam Meister (1877), Nicolas Mossberger (1996), Robert Angermeier (2019)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Cleo Spitzer (1865), Maria Sebastian (1865), Ludovicus Ulrich (1866), Lee Ann Heidt (1968), Jonathan Koester (1993)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Deceased members of their Men's Club, Altar Scoeityand Knights of St. John, Maria Hoefling (1877), Carolina Zeggling (1899), Thomas Kempf (2014)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

NO MASS: Ferdinand Baehl (1860), Margaret Ulrich (1881), Dionysius Mayer (1910), Infant Macke (1916), Frances (1972) & Sebastian Weiss, William (1977) & Alice Pfister

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
FRIDAY OF THE THRID WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: John Bernhard (1878), Francis (2007) & Tina Voelker, Tony (2013) & Eileen Ruminer

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Mary Rexing, Bob McLean, Ray Hamner, Andy Schentrup, Lee Askins, Jan Hermann, George Brack (1880), Mary (1980) & Raymond Schmidt (1980), Kate (2009) & Al Schmitt

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean & Alex Trowbridge, Dave Ferensacner, Ron, Hartman, Clarence & Catherine Miller, Jim & Avil;a Fehrenbacher

10:30 AM MASS: Valentin Effinger (1875), Joseph Baumgart (1881), Anna Baumgart (1883), Henry Bender (1916), Harry Woods (2025)



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.



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be



ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

MARCH 1, 2026	\$ 18,369.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 502,714.96
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 537,250.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Saluting our young stewards, Beatrice, Peter, Paul, John, & Bernadette Reckelhoff

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ST. VINCENT DePAUL	\$ 5.00
HAITI FOOD FUND	\$ 100.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$ 50.00

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger

HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser

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MARCH 8: Greg Elpers, Eric Jones

MARCH 9: Lee Barkley, Mike Clark, Alvin McIntosh, Olivia Paul

MARCH 10: Hayden Schnaus

MARCH 11: Ava Cody, Vernie Gries, Austin Jones, Donald Maurer, Tony Moore, Lucas Norman, Tom Raben, Odella Ruder, Donald Werner

MARCH 12: Evan Freeman, Dalton Stewart

MARCH 13: Leif Beckwith, Amelia Hrtz, Carolyn Lipper, Dean Hays, Shelia McGeehee, Hadley, Stetter

MARCH 14: Chick Duncan, Chyrlil Gerteisen, Mitchell Karcher, Kayla Kares, Crol Klenck, Jenna Klueh

MARCH 11: Chuck & Theresa Roberts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS....



The Altar Society will be meeting this coming Thursday March 12 at 6:30 pm in the school meeting room. At this meeting, Mary Ellen Ziliak will be sharing the story of Fr. Jerry Ziliak, a member of the Society of Dive Word Missionaries, who spent many years



serving as a missionary working with the people of in India. Members of the parish are invited to attend this informative evening.

MEETING THIS THURSDAY AT 6:30. COME LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE AND WORK OF FR. JERRY ZILIAK, SVD



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

ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS WILL BE MEETING THIS COMING FRIDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1 PM WE WILL GATHER IN THE MEETING ROOM

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF MARCH 7-8 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Sis & Katie Jarboe 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Darlene Appler, Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey, Jalane Weber 10:30 AM (L) Steve Jung,

(EM) Shane & Jena Wessel, Debra Baumgart, Al Debes
WEEKEND OF MARCH 14-15: 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher, Donald & Brandon Werner 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl (EM) Tom & Delores Folz, Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge, Doris Taylor Debra Baumgart

COMING THIS WEEK.....

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

JOIN US MARCH 20 FOR AN EVENING OF QUIET REFELCTION 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



IT'S LAWN MOWING SEASON COME JOIN OUR CREWS!

It's time to start planning for the lawn mowing season in our parish. We're looking to add some more people who can join our existing lawn mowing crews. These crews mow the lawn around the rectory, church, school and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, and refreshments for the workers!). Call the parish office (812-963-3273) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information.

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plaques must be attached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.

JOIN IN THESE AREA FOOD GATHERINGS

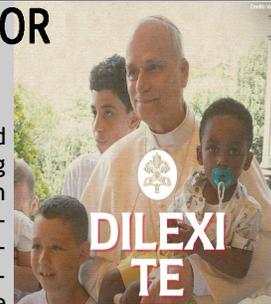
- MARCH 14 – Sts. Peter Paul Haubstadt German Meal
MARCH. 20 – St. Matthew's Mt. Vernon
MARCH 27–St. Philip



FEBRUARY LOTTER WINNERS: ST. JOE: \$750—Clara Blessinger, \$300—Steve Preske, \$200—Haiti Ministry Fund, \$100—Brad Traylor
MATER DEI TRADITION: \$10,000-Anonymous, 1,500-Janet Hartman, \$1,000-Brooke Froehle, \$500-Anonymous

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



The Second Vatican Council represented a milestone in the Church's understanding of the poor in God's saving plan. Although this theme remained marginal in the preparatory documents, Pope John XXIII, reminded us that "the Church presents herself as she is and as she wishes to be: the Church of all and in particular the Church of the poor."

The intense efforts of Pope John XXII, the bishops, theologians and experts concerned with the renewal of the Church gave the Council a new direction. The centrality of Christ in these considerations both on a doctrinal and social level would prove fundamental. Many Council Fathers supported this approach, as eloquently expressed by Cardinal Lercaro in his intervention of 6 December 1962: "The mystery of Christ in the Church has always been and today is, in a particular way, the mystery of Christ in the poor." He went on to say that, "this is not simply one theme among others, but in some sense the only theme of the Council as a whole." The Archbishop of Bologna noted the following: "This is the hour of the poor, of the millions of the poor throughout the world. This is the hour of the mystery of the Church as mother of the poor. This is the hour of the mystery of Christ, present especially in the poor."

There was a growing sense of the need for a new image of Church, one simpler and more sober, embracing the entire people of God and its presence in history. A Church more closely resembling her Lord than worldly powers and working to foster a concrete commitment on the part of all humanity to solving the immense problem of poverty in the world.

At the opening of the second session of the Council, Pope Paul VI took up this concern voiced by his predecessor, namely that the Church looks with particular attention "to the poor, the needy, the afflicted, the hungry, the suffering, the imprisoned, that is, she looks to all humanity that suffers and weeps: she is part of them by evangelical right." In his General Audience of 11 November 1964, he pointed out that "the poor are representatives of Christ," and compared the image of the Lord in the poor to that seen in the Pope. He affirmed this truth with these words: "The representation of Christ in the poor is universal; every poor person reflects Christ; that of the Pope is personal... The poor man and Peter can be one in the same person, clothed in a double representation; that of poverty and that of authority." In this way, the intrinsic link between the Church and the poor was expressed symbolically and with unprecedented clarity.

The Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* states that "God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity...In their use of things people should regard the external goods they lawfully possess as not just their own but common to others as well, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as themselves. Therefore, everyone has the right to possess a sufficient amount of the earth's goods for themselves and their family... Persons in extreme necessity are entitled to take what they need from the riches of others... By its nature, private property has a social dimension that is based on the law of the common destination of earthly goods. Whenever the social aspect is forgotten, ownership can often become the object of greed and a source of serious disorder." This conviction was reiterated by Pope Paul VI in his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. There we read that no one can feel authorized to "appropriate surplus goods solely for his [or her] own private use when others lack the bare necessities of life." In his address to the United Nations, Pope Paul VI spoke as the advocate of poor peoples and urged the international community to build a world of solidarity.

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