

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Debbie Nelson + by Anita Carroll

Sunday, April 2

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Juan Ortiz Family + by St. Joseph Parish Family

Monday, April 3

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Larry Sanders + by Marj Sanders
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. John Whitman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Thursday, April 6

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 7

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Ralph & Connie Nichter + Wedding Anniversary in Heaven by Joanne & Marianne Nichter
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper (In the Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross


Saturday, April 8

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 9

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion-

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Davey Gruss by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by their Children


 Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Dolores Borton, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Dennis Heyne, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Krissy Pogue, Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Larry Dustman, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Gary Cook, Michael Green, and George Bitzer.

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT, APRIL 2ND 2017 "YR. A"

From the Pastor's Desk:

THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION: IS THE DEFEAT OF SIN, SUFFERING, PAIN AND DEATH.

Remember: 1. The Lenten Penance Service, Confessions, Reconciliation is on Monday April 3, 2017.

2. The confession is for all in our parish including the Religious education students/the youth, who did not join their class when they had Lenten Confessions last Sunday. However, there will be still Confession for them next Sunday 4/9/2017.

3. The "Story of the Two Bottles Vs Two Souls. Dust off from your soul the dust of sin".

Jesus is our Resurrection and life, because He has given us the Spirit. We are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. Fore, in Jesus there is fullness of redemption.

In the 1st Reading today; Ez 37:12-14: from Prophet Ezekiel, God promises us the resurrection. It is raising us from the defeat of the slavery of sin, from humiliation and from despair; to hope of the resurrection. It reads: "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves I will put my spirit in you that you may live ... " This is the promise the Lord made to us, if we strive and obey him.

Thus, if we persevere and overcome sin and its consequences, which Paul talks of in the 2nd reading; Rom 8:8-11: we shall really be the people of God. Pray and overcome all sins such as - hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outburst of anger, selfishness, envy, drunkenness, immorality, impurity, etc. If we overcome these and many others of their kind, then we live in the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc. This is life in the spirit. This is the hope of Resurrection.

In the gospel; Jn 11:1-45: Lazarus was raised from death to life by Christ Jesus. He also raised the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official, and the son of a widow of Nain, Lk 7:11-17. In the Acts of the Apostles, 20:9-10 a sleeping boy during homily fell from 3rd floor and died. He was raised to life by Paul. So be careful do not fall asleep during homily so that you do not fall from your seat as Eutychus fell. These are not real Resurrection of the dead itself but they showed the hope of the resurrection. So, we need to persevere in our struggle over sin which causes spiritual death and thus deprives the sinner the life and joy of the Resurrection into life. Think of the farmers how they endure the pain and suffering of planting. They first till the ground, sow the seeds, weed the farm, water the farm and wait for some time. Then they harvest the crops, and only then we have food on our tables. To eat, someone must suffer in the kitchen cooking the food and then comes the joy of eating and drinking. So, you must persevere in suffering and endure the pains in life, doing good in order to rise to joy of the resurrection, when we shall possess glorified bodies, like that of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Master.

Remember: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Hechukwu

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 3 - Fifth Week of Lent - Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

Tues., April 4 - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

Wed., April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest - Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/ Jn 8:31-42

Thurs., April 6 - Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Fri., April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest - Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-49

Sat., April 8 - Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

Sun., April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Mk 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION,
HOMEBOUND MINISTERS, LECTORS AND CANTORS**
Please mark your calendars for the Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, June 13th. This important meeting is for ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors. We will meet in the social hall for dinner 6:00 - 6:35 p.m. then go to the Church for Evening of Reflection 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
Tuesday, April 4
Rosary at 6:40 p.m. / Meeting at 7:00**

*People who deal with life generously and large-heartedly
go on multiplying relationships to the end.*



**St. Joseph Lenten Penance Service
Monday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m.**


There will be several Priests here ready to hear your confession! The Religious Education Students who did not go to confession during class, please use this opportunity to make a confession before Easter!

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR


- Mon., Apr. 3– St. Joseph Lenten Penance Service– 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 4– Knights of Columbus Mtg.– Rosary 6:40 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 6– All Day Adoration after Mass- 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Evening Prayer– 6:30 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/ Benediction– 6:45 p.m. /Mass– 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 11– Chrism Mass– Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne– 7:30 p.m. - All are invited!
- **Thurs., Apr. 13– Holy Thursday– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Midnight.**
- **Fri., Apr. 14– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Good Friday (the Passion of the Lord) Service– 1:00 p.m. / Stations of the Cross– 7:00 p.m. / Confessions– 7:45-8:15 p.m.**
- **Sat., Apr. 15– Holy Saturday– Rosary & Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. / Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies 8:20 a.m. / Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 p.m.**
- **Sun., Apr. 16– Easter Sunday– Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.**
- Fri., April 21– Confirmation at St. Mary’s, Decatur– 7:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 23– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by Knights of Columbus.**
- Wed., Apr. 26– New Evangelization Team Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 3– Parish Council Meeting– 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 7– First Communion Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 20– Appreciation Dinner– 6:00 p.m. (after 5:00 Mass)
- Sun., June 11– Graduation Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 13– Evening Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors– 6:00 - 6:35 dinner in social hall; 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. reflection in the Church.**
- Sun., June 18– Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday– 8:30 a.m.
- Sun., June 18– TINCAPS game– Parkview Field– 1:05 p.m.
- Sun., June 25– June 29– Vacation Bible School
- Fri., June 30– VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. Pool– all are invited and welcome!

WEEKEND OF APRIL 8 and 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday Weekend)


CANTORS:

-  **5:00** Nichole Decker
- 7:30** Mike Morrissey
- 10:00** Tammy Horn


LECTORS:

-  **5:00** Stacey Coulardot, Michelle Paxton
- 7:30** Barb Ault, Geoff Frank
- 10:00** **2 LECTORS NEEDED**


EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **5:00** **3 NEEDED**
- 7:30** **3 NEEDED**
- 10:00** **5 NEEDED**

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **5:00** Nathan/Missy Huss Family
- 7:30** Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00** Todd Hartman, Chris Reifsteck, Andrew or Anthony Hartman, Logan or Grant Reifsteck)

SERVERS:

-  **5:00** **3 NEEDED**
- 7:30** **2 NEEDED**
- 10:00** Eve/Gabe McElhaney, **1-2 NEEDED**

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to help fill these slots!

***Collection for Weekend of
March 25 & 26, 2017***

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,550.00
- Child Envelopes- \$8.91
- Loose- \$202.10
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$80.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$45.00
- Easter Flowers- \$289.00
- Votive Candles- \$72.55
- Total- \$4,247.56**

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

**The amount needed each week
to make budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$868.84 behind budget from last week and \$611.34 behind for the month of March.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$420.00

Diocesan Special Collection-

Catholic Relief Services-
\$827.00

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under Safe Environment,

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.