

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: 02/07/2026 & 02/08/2026

3:45 PM: Teresa Millias, 10:30 AM: Theresa Olsen

Eucharistic Ministers: 02/07/2026 & 02/08/2026

3:45 PM: Denise Weber, 10:30 AM: Chris Gartung

Altar Servers: 02/08/2026

10:30 AM: Jayson Krueger, Brian Hogan

Greeters: 02/08/2026

10:30 AM: Samantha Hoecker

Ushers: 02/08/2026

10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

Readings for the week of February 1st, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4 /Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

February 1st, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Op. 528—Save Us, O Lord or 768 Gather Your People (new)
Psalm 146: “Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs!”

Off. 629—We Are the Light of the World

Comm. 828—Whatever You Do

Cl. 574—Glory and Praise to Our God

Weekly Offering Table

Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00

Jan 24th & Jan 25th, 2026

	Sat	Sun	Total
Regular	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,679.00

“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when
requesting a mass intention.”

Mass Intentions are \$15.00 each

Thank you for supporting your parish!

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal for 2025-2026 has begun!
Information has been sent to our parishioners.

Our assessment for the Diocesan Appeal is \$20,049.
Our contributions to date are \$6,499.00 from 17 of
our parishioners. Please be generous in supporting
our Diocese so that they can continue to help in
providing services to our parish.

Live Lent!

MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT
WHAT YOU DON’T DO!

During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving
yourself of some type of food or some form of
entertainment, join a small group for six weeks and
participate in Live Lent, an opportunity to read Scripture
and share your faith with some of your fellow
parishioners. Small groups will meet for 90 minutes once
a week at someone’s home. The faith-sharing also
provides meditations for you to use on the other days of
Lent. It’s a great way to make Lent a more meaningful
season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR LENT?

Maybe you’d like to meet new people. Maybe you’d like
to spend more time sharing your faith with others and
hearing them express their own faith. Maybe you’d like
to grow spiritually. Maybe you’d like to deepen your
relationship with God. Whatever your reason—it’s the
right one.

If you are interest in joining a small group, please call 607
-397-9373.

Celebrate Scout Sunday – Feb 8th!

Join us in celebrating Scout Sunday on
February 8, 2026! We invite all Scouts and
their families to wear their uniforms to the
10:30 am Mass as we recognize their
dedication to duty, service, and faith. We
thank our Scouts for living out the "Duty to God" and for
their service to our parish community.



Mardi Gras Hospitality

Please join our Discipleship Formation
Children at our pre-Mardi Gras hospitality on Sunday,
February 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Learn the connection with Mardi Gras and Lent and why
Catholics celebrate it. “Bring your favorite Mardi Gras
recipe to share.” Hope to see you all there!!

Can you help us financially?

Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your
donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will
we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering.
Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by
mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are
all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

WATCH ON FORMED!!

About this series



Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine
Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The
Transforming Power of Confession, A Lent to Remember
explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his
mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the
Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in
the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his
very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the
Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of
the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates
God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his
indescribable love this Lent.

Sincerest Sympathy—David Staruck

Fr. Joe and the parishioners of St. Joseph
would like to express our sincere sympathy
to the Staruck and Krueger families for the
loss of David. We pray for the repose of his
soul. May our Lord give him eternal reward!
May he rest in peace!



A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph’s
Catholic Church on Monday, February 2nd at 11:00 a.m.
with Fr. John Rosson.

Fat Tuesday

What do Catholics do on Fat Tuesday?

This day is commonly called “Fat
Tuesday” because it’s tradition to eat food
made with butter, eggs, and fat, such as meat and desserts.
It’s a day of celebration before many Catholics give up these
delicacies for the duration of the Lenten season.

Christian teaching and morals took root, but there always
remained a strong need to blend ancient Roman traditional
practices with the growing Christian faith. The blending of
tradition with new religious beliefs as a common practice in
the ancient world and it helped people to transition away from
paganism. In fact, there are a number of ancient Roman
Catholic Church’s to this day, where they continue to guide
the faithful.

Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to
indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason,
the last day before the start of the Lenten season. While Lent
is a season of self-sacrifice and repentance, it is not meant to
be a period of self-punishment or extreme hardship.

Saint Brigid of Ireland
Feast Day—February 1st

One of the biggest traps you can fall into in the spiritual life is thinking that holiness is about doing something extraordinary. But most of the time, holiness is just about doing the ordinary things of life with great love. And every time we do something with great love, that's a Holy Moment. Everything is an opportunity for a Holy Moment. Saint Brigid of Ireland found opportunities in every circumstance of life to collaborate with God and create Holy Moments. Brigid was the daughter of a pagan chieftain named Dubthach and his Christian slave woman, Broicsech (who was baptized by Saint Patrick). Brigid took her mother's faith and put it into action from a young age. Even though she was her father's slave, she would often take his valuables and give them to the poor. Dubthach became so infuriated that he tried to sell her to an Irish king. While Dubthach was speaking to the king, Brigid took her father's jeweled sword and gave it to a beggar who sold it to feed his family. That could easily have been the end for Saint Brigid, but the Irish king recognized her holiness and freed her from bondage. Brigid's holiness started in little ways. She found opportunities for a Holy Moment in every situation. The impact of these Holy Moments is symbolized in the legend of her cloak. The story goes that when she requested land from a local king to build her monastery and was refused, she asked for as much land as her cloak would cover. Upon laying her cloak on the ground, it miraculously expanded to cover acres for the monastery.

Small acts done with great love. They might not seem like much before you try them, but once you do, you'll realize each Holy Moment has miraculous power.

Everything is an opportunity for a Holy Moment.

Do I actively look for opportunities throughout the day to collaborate with God and create Holy Moments? What Holy Moment can I create today?

Feast Day: February 1

Feast Day Shared By: Bl. Ludovica Albertoni

Patron Saint of: Ireland, Babies, Farmers, Sailors, and Children Without Married Parents

Symbols: Brigid's Cross, a Lit Lamp, and Livestock

(Reprinted from Catholic Online)



Palm Collection

We are collecting palm from last year to be used for our Ash Wednesday Service. There will be a container that you can place your palm in in the parish hall. Thank you!



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GREECE PILGRIMAGE
In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isle Cruise
Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

“The world is a book and those who do not travel Read only one Page.”
Set a goal to travel with Fr. Joe to Greece.
October 30th—November 9th, 2026
For additional information, please visit <http://www.206Tours.com/cms/frarockiasamy>

Prayer Remembrance

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients! Pray for all of our veterans and soldiers and especially for all the soldiers who are in war zones!! Special prayers for Arthur Verity, Maryann Legaspi, Ean Shirm, Joseph Fedor, Alfred Staudohar, Judy Staruck, JoAnn Barnhart, Grace D. Leggio, Frances Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock, Sean Filipowski, Rick & Wade Lewis, Ed Serdy, Anne Tiner, Caleb & Kelly, Gene Rothe Ed Hillenbrand, Adrian Origen, Alvira Braga and Matt Mantione for a speedy recovery.



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Mission Statement: To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.

Vision Statement: St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

Who Are the Happy People?



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

Secretary: Joan DeBenedittis

Cemetery Manager: Kelly Daniels

Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children: Corinne Connington

Music Director: Terry Hait

Bookkeeper: Mike Argiras

Trustees

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Cheryl Jory

Finance Chairperson

Amy Muehl

**Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church”
in your Last Will?**

February 1st, 2026

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening: 3:45 PM

Sunday Morning: 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday: Mass 9 AM

Friday: Adoration 11 AM—Mass 12 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM –3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements for wedding should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call our Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Please call the Parish Office

All are Welcome to St. Joseph!