

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Tom Morton by Joanne Chamberlin  
 + Betty Norman by The Family  
 + Brian Clements by Dave & Theresa Clements  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:30 AM** + Henry Nicholas Sanna by Debi & Henry Sanna  
 + Jack & Carolyn Muehl by Amy & Bernie  
 + Beatrice Sarter & Eddie Christopher Sarter by Catherine Snyder and Family  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 AM** No Mass

**Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**11:00 AM** No Adoration  
**12:00 PM** No Mass

**Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Vigil**  
**3:45 PM** + Bob Hermanowski & Leon Hermanowski by Karen Hermanowski  
 \* Bill Morgner\* Success of Cancer Treatment by Jim & Joan Tiner  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:30 AM** + Joan Parkes by John & Shea Fencik  
 + Dan Twomey by Rosemarie Twomey & Family  
 + Arcangelo & Angela Barricella by Antoinette Competiello  
 \* For an End to Abortion\* by Bill & Lu Colin

**My Parish App**

Have you signed up with My Parish App in order to communicate with St. Joseph's Church and follow all of the activities and latest news that is happening!

\*For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.\*  
 Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978 Password: 104215

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: 02/14/2026 & 02/15/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Bill Fredette, 10:30 AM: Janet Wenner**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 02/14/2026 & 02/15/2026**  
**3:45 PM: Joe Polisenio, 10:30 AM: Helen Reilly**  
**Altar Servers: 02/15/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Tallulah Kelley, Jasper Cole**  
**Greeters: 02/15/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Helen Siems, Joan DeBenedittis**  
**Ushers: 02/15/2026**  
**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder, Natalie Provencher**

**Readings for the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 448—Holy, Holy, Holy or 761 Table of Plenty  
 Psalm 112: “The just man is a light in the darkness to the up-right.”  
 Off. 828—Whatever You Do  
 Comm. 818—Here I Am, Lord  
 Cl. 566—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Weekly Offering Table**

	<b>Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00</b>		
	<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup> &amp; Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026</b>		
	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$ 772.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,669.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,441.00</b>
<b>Candles &amp; Poor</b>		<b>\$ 23.00</b>	

“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 \$6,710.00 from 20 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.

**St. Joseph’s News**

Over the past year, we had a couple of improvements at our parish. In November, we replaced the barn/garage roof that was in dire need of repair. Also, with a contribution made to the church, we were able to purchase a new commercial refrigerator/freezer for the parish kitchen.

We are anticipating more improvements to be made at St. Joseph’s. We will keep you updated on our progress.



**Mardi Gras Hospitality**

Please join our Discipleship Formation Children at our pre-Mardi Gras hospitality on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. Because each episode comes with a discussion guide with references, Elements of the Catholic Mass is ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion.

**Remembering Our Journey Through Lent**

*Lord, give me strength for the journey,  
 Strength enough to bear all my burdens.  
 And when I see my neighbor stumble,  
 As You did under Your cross,  
 May I see and bear his burdens as my own.*



*Lord, grant Your mercy upon me,  
 For what I have done and failed to do.  
 Help me to see as with Your loving eyes  
 All those who feel forgotten or in despair.  
 Give me mercy enough, Lord to share.*

*You have blessed me, O Lord,  
 With enough for my needs;  
 With two coats, of which one is my own.  
 For it is You who shivers outside in the cold,  
 And my second coat truly is Yours.*



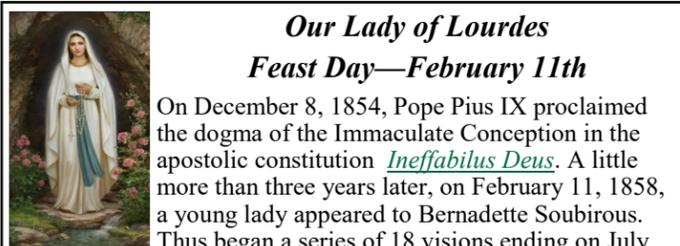
*Your gifts, Lord, remain in the form of gifts,  
 Given that they will be shared.  
 For all that I have, Lord  
 And all that I am,  
 Comes from You, and to You it returns.*

**Amen!!**

**Thank You**



We would like to thank Fr. John Rosson for coming to our parish to celebrate mass while Fr. Joe was away. **Hope to see you again soon!**



**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Feast Day—February 11th**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Thus began a series of 18 visions ending on July 16, 1858. During an apparition on March 24, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary, conceived without sin."

During the interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word aquero, a dialectic term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address for the word "you" (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. Pilgrims renew their faith and find healing in the waters of the grotto's spring. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the reverential honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was first celebrated worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more, of faith. Church authorities have recognized over sixty miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith, this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus's healing miracles — now performed at the intercession of his mother.

Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film, *The Song of Bernadette*: (reprinted from *Holy Cross Catholic Church Durham, NC*)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**St. Joseph's Church—9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Vincent de Paul's Church — 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Service)**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Origon, Alvira Braga and Matt Mantione for a speedy recovery.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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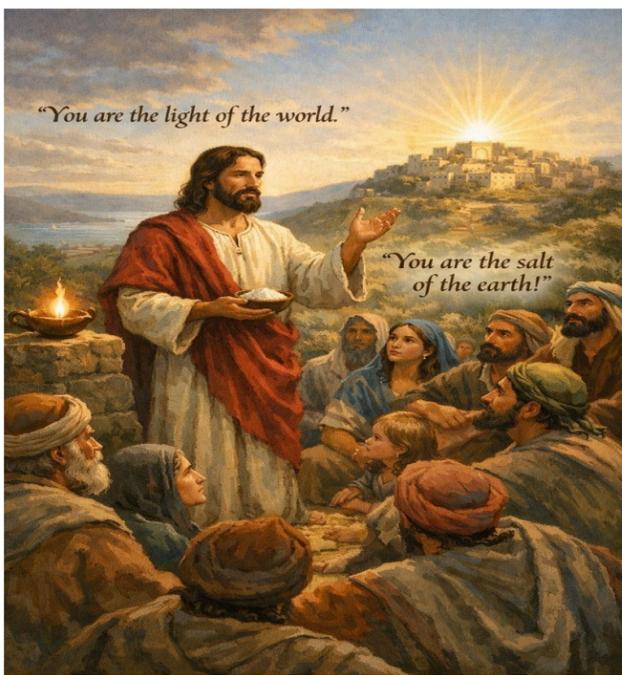
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**Mission Statement:** To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.  
**Vision Statement:** St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

*Light Should Shine: Salt Should Make Tasty*



**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**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

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**Will you please remember "St. Joseph's Church" in your Last Will?**