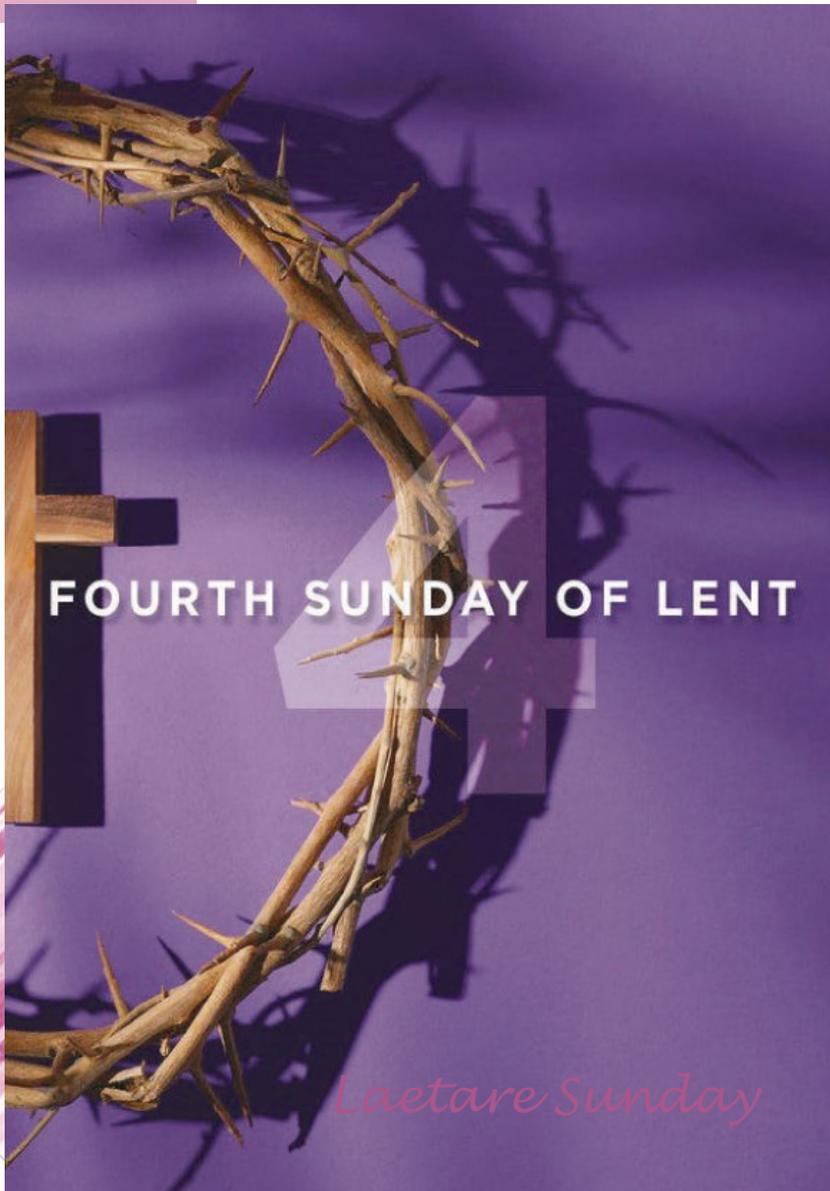


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# ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ LAETARE SUNDAY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Laetare Sunday*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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### St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

#### Saturday (9) 4 pm

Karol Krajewski + Barbara Jones

#### Sun (10) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Penny Szumowski  
Gary Olmstead + Jim & Diane Jankowski

#### Mon (11) 8:30 am

Our parish family

#### Fri (15) 8:30 am

Rose Lyons + Myrna Lyons

#### Saturday (16) 4 pm

Our parish family

#### Sun (17) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Roxy Aery

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Sun (10) 8:30 am

Healing of Liam Boyd + Ginger Driscoll

#### Tuesday (12) 8:30 am

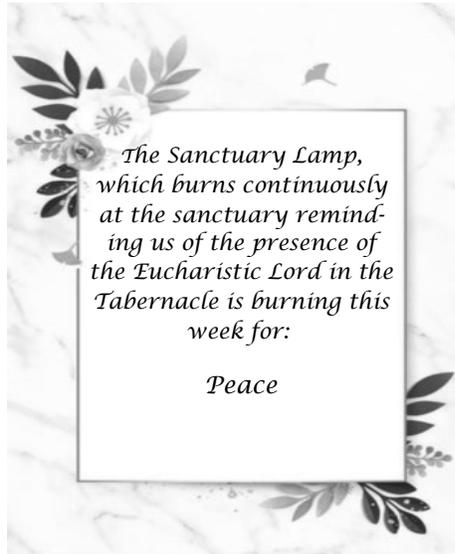
Rev. William McNamara, Rev. Edward T. Reilly,  
Rev. James H Curley

#### Thursday (14) 8:30 am

Rev. John McPartland, Rev. James F. Dolan,  
Rev. F. Merrill Sulzman, Rev. Francis Drzewiecki,  
Rev. Carl A Urban

#### Sun (17) 8:30 am

Br. Gregory Galligan, CFX + Betty Richardson



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this *Laetare* ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28).

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** ~ Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn. ~ *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024** ~ Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38; Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54; Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16; Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30; Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47; Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30; Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53; Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

SJ Lector

3/16/24 S Bleyl

3/17/24 J Fenzl

SF Lector

3/17/24 J Morrison

Fridays  
February 16 -  
March 22  
@ noon

**Stations  
of the  
Cross**

**St. Joseph**

**Exposition  
and  
Benediction  
Of the  
Blessed  
Sacrament**

**"Sacrificial  
Meal"**

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*Upcoming Events*

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary  
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary  
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting  
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting  
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Each Friday in Lent Stations SJ @ noon; SF @ 6pm  
Sacrificial Meal SJ @ 12:30; SF @ 6:30  
March 10 - SJ - 10:30 am Mass as a class grades 1-5  
March 19 - SJ ~ 8:30 am Patron Saint Mass followed by breakfast in FSC  
March 28 - **Holy Thursday** - SJ - Potluck @ 5pm, Mass @ 7pm  
March 29 - **Good Friday** - SJ - 7 pm  
March 30 - **Holy Saturday** - SJ - 8PM  
March 31 - **Easter Sunday** - SF 8:30 am SJ 10:30 am

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 **Diocesan Appeal** Best Practices

- Create & maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving annually
- Use online giving options or bill-pay tool through your local bank
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5% to the local parish & 5% to other Church needs & charities that serve the greater community

(NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments to the Diocesan Appeal per your intent as a donor.)

**St. Joseph's Feast Day welcomes you!**

You are invited to join our Parish Family to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint. There will be a Feast Day Breakfast in the Fr. Smith Center, following morning Mass on Tuesday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Freewill offerings are welcomed at the breakfast. Please RSVP by calling the office of St. Joseph's Church at 518-883-3774.

Fulton County Office of the Aging is offering  
**"Powerful Tools for Caregivers"**  
from 4/10/24-5/15/24.

If interested in attending this 6 week class, call  
Laura Sturgess, OFA Caseworker/Class Facilitator  
at 518-736-5650

In 6 weeks, caregivers develop a wealth of self-care tools to reduce personal stress, negative self talk, communicate needs to family & healthcare/service providers, make tough decisions, a copy of The Caregiver Help book & much more.

**How to Fast for Lent** 

The Catechism invites Catholics ages 18-59 to abstain from meat and to fast during Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, as well as abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. Preparing meatless meals—like the ones we collect from countries around the world—is a great Lenten activity for families, offering an experience of global solidarity.

In addition to meatless Fridays, Catholics are also invited to offer daily sacrifices. By giving up little things—like coffee or candy—we make room for God to act in our lives in new ways, & we have the opportunity to meatless meals to those most in need.

**NEW SYNOD SESSIONS** ~

Dioceses all across the US are being asked to hold a new round of synod listening sessions focusing on church structure, organizations, leadership & church life.

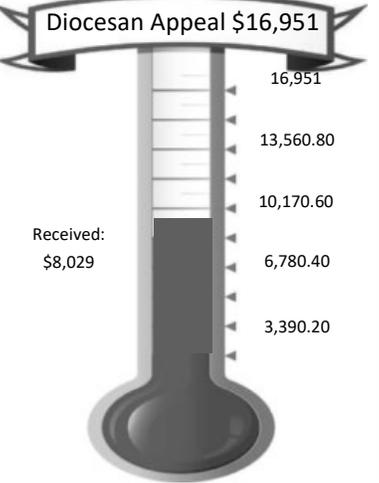
For more information & to register, please go to:  
[www.rcda.org/synod](http://www.rcda.org/synod)

**Faith Formation**

Grades 1-5: **3/10/24 Mass as a Class**  
**3/17/24 Class**  
**3/24/24 Class**

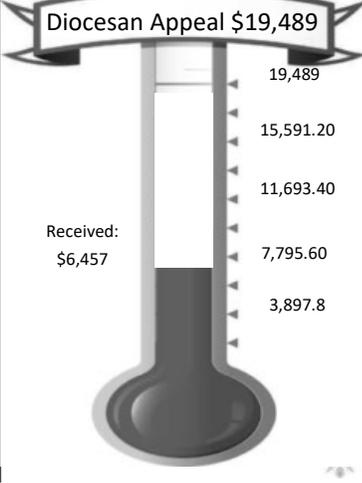
Grades 6-10:  
**3/11/24** Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45  
**3/18/24** No Class-Emmaus Retreat weekend  
**3/25/24** Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45

**The Village Wide Garage Sale Weekend** will be the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Francis is looking for someone to chair our garage sale on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please help us with this fundraiser. In the past this has been a successful event and we are hoping to continue, but cannot do so without help.



*Our Giving:*  
*"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."*  
*Matthew 6:21*

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<b>2/25/24</b>	<b>SJ 4 / 10:30</b>	<b>SF 8:30</b>
Attendance	50 / 104	89
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