



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 3-24 Mon 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-25 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-26 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-27 Thurs 9:00 AM Frances Zieno
By Tom Zieno & Marge Aebi
- 3-28 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 3-29 Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Schuck
By The Family
- 3-30 Sun 10:30 AM Emanuel "Zeke" Zieno
By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi

The Story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis

A zoom scripture study from the Dominican Retreat house will be held on 3/25, and 4/1, 8, and 15 from 10:00 AM until noon in the Parish Center. See Paula Ciborowski for more information.

Next week our Parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection will provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring **Christ's love and mercy** to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



"Let us do good for all people" We will be collecting **BOTH** underwear and socks for men, women and children. The need is great, please consider a generous gift for the needy and poor. There is a receptacle in the vestibule for your donation. Thank you.

Bishop Scharfenberger is planning a Special 11 Day Pilgrimage May 1st -11th. For further information check the bulletin board in the vestibule.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Repent and bear abundant fruit

We have travelled quite a few weeks on our spiritual journey towards Easter. Hopefully all of us are making the most of this sacred time and allowing it to nurture and reshape our lives.

On this third Sunday of Lent, our readings teach us to turn to God in repentance and bear the fruits of love, concern, and kindness in our lives. The readings urge us to be compassionate and generous in our thoughts, and actions. When we look more closely at our lives, we each can admit that sometimes we fail to be charitable and sympathetic to others. We can find moments when we put ourselves in the judgment seat and condemn other people as bad and deserve the consequences of their actions.

In today's gospel, some people in the crowd asked Jesus about the horrific incident in which Pontius Pilate ordered his soldiers to brutally murder some Galileans and mingle their blood with their sacrifices offered in the temple. The people in the crowd linked human misfortune or suffering to personal sinfulness. They interpreted the tragic incident as a divine punishment for the transgression or sin of the victims. Jesus rejected their erroneous notion by stating that suffering or personal misfortune is not always the result of sin. He referred to another calamity where the tower of Siloam collapsed and crushed eighteen people to death. Jesus made it clear that the victims who perished in this natural disaster were no worse sinners than anyone else.

He cautions us against complacency and calls us to repent so we do not perish like others did. Jesus uses the parable of the barren fig tree to teach us to reform our lives and bear abundant fruit. In this parable, the owner of the vineyard provided all the necessary care and attention that the fig tree needed yet it failed to bear fruit. The owner was disappointed and threatened to cut the fig tree down, but the gardener pleaded with him to give it another year. The gardener promised to dig around the fig tree and manure it in the hope that it will produce abundant fruit in due season.

The parable of the barren fig tree refers to all of us. We fail to bear fruit in our lives, but God does not cut us down. God is always patient with us and gives us a chance to repent and change for the better.

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The responsorial psalm acknowledges God's graciousness and tender mercy toward us despite our iniquities and guilt. In His kindness God rescues us. He forgives our sins and heals our infirmities.

In the first reading, God demonstrated His generous love and kindness for the people of Israel who experienced suffering, oppression and misery in Egypt. God heard the cry of His people, and He spoke to Moses in the burning bush to rescue them. Just as the Lord delivered the Israelites from misery and guided them on their journey to the Promised Land so He does for us. Through Christ, God frees us from the slavery of sin and brings us to His peace. As we enter the third **week** of our Lenten journey, let us all make the most of this sacred time by turning God for repentance and conversion. As spiritual fig trees in God's vineyard, let us turn a new leaf and bear abundant fruit in our daily lives.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of March, 29th & 30th 2025

First Reading-1Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading- Ephesians 5:8-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel- John 9:1-41

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Servers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Fr. Ben

Sherri Youngs

Carole Ostrander

Anderson & Garrett Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Kristin Reuter

Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Offerings from March 15th & 16th, 2025 Regular collections, \$2,628.00; Fuel, \$5.00; Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$20.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

3/23/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10th
 3/30/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

Weekday Mass Schedule Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM
 Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.
 Stations of the Cross Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

What are you giving up for Lent?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1-**Mortify your will through the practice of obedience**-do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2-**Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3-**Embrace annoyances**-when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4-**Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5-**Check impulsive actions**-will this action really help anyone?
 ~from The Catholic Company

Communal Penance Service



The celebration of the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 30th at 4:00 PM in the church. Additional Priests will be here to hear individual confessions at this service. Individual confessions will also be available on Good Friday 12:00-1:30 PM. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

LADIES RETREAT

“Come away and rest awhile’ MARK 6:31

Join us for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center the weekend of May 16th through the 18th. The weekend offers time away for reflection, spiritual growth and community. For a flyer and additional information contact Paula in the Faith Formation office or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259. Reserve your spot now!

Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart. Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by **May 11, 2025** to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

Third Sunday of Lent



Easter Flowers

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Easter flowers. There are also Easter flower envelopes in the vestibule for those who do not use envelopes. If you wish to contribute in memory/honor of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the collection. Your loved ones will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Olivia Ross & family Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Guglielmo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Saldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Bill McChain, Stephen

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual

