




Mass Intentions for the Week


- 3-31 Mon 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 4-1 Tues 9:00 AM Richard Ciborowski
By Paula Ciborowski
- 4-2 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 4-3 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 4-4 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 4-5 Sat 4:00 PM Fred Schuck
By The Family
- 4-6 Sun 10:30 AM Gabriel & Hilda Rivera
By The Family

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

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



Corporal Works of Mercy show charity toward others. You can assist in "Clothing the Naked" by participating in Sock It To Me and Undie Sundays during our Lenten journey. Live your faith by donating new children's, men's and women's socks and undergarments for the needy. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule. Thank you.



Mass Intentions
Weekend Mass intentions are filling quickly. If you have a specific weekend that you would like a Mass intention please contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591, as soon as possible. If the weekend date you would like is not available, there are weekday Masses that your request can be scheduled for.

4th Sunday of Lent, (Laetare Sunday)
God seeks us out and embraces us with open arms

Today is Laetare Sunday. It marks the midpoint of our Lenten journey. "Laetare" is a Latin word that means rejoice. We rejoice because we are getting closer to the solemn celebrations of the paschal feast. All three readings for today's liturgy talk about the joy of reconciliation and returning home from our exile of sin to God. The readings focus on God's boundless love and unfathomable mercy for us. In the first reading, the Israelites celebrated their joy upon reaching the land that God promised them and their forefathers. With joy and gratitude, the chosen people ate from the bounty of the Promised Land. They acknowledged God's great love for them for removing the reproach of Egypt from them and ending their time of wandering and struggles in the desert.

The responsorial psalm echoes the theme of joy by calling us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

In the gospel, Jesus used the parable of the prodigal son to teach us the depths of God's love and mercy for us sinners. Jesus spoke about a father who had two sons. The younger son asked his father for the share of his inheritance. The father granted his son's request and he left home to a far distant country to squander all his wealth in a reckless living. After a while, the prodigal son found himself in a desperate situation and he came to his senses. He decided to come back home to ask for pardon and mercy. While the prodigal son was a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and he ran to welcome him with open arms. The father accepted him back not as a slave but as a true son. He organized a reception for the return of his prodigal son. Sadly, the elder brother was unhappy when he heard of the return of his younger brother and the welcoming party. He got mad at his father and refused to join in the joyful celebration. Jesus told this powerful parable to challenge the Pharisees and the Scribes to overcome their hypocrisy and self-righteousness. The Pharisees and the Scribes criticized Jesus for welcoming and eating with public sinners such as tax collectors, and prostitutes.

The parable of the prodigal son provides great lessons for all of us. We can all identify ourselves with the two brothers. Like prodigal son, we mess up and cause pain to ourselves and the people in our lives. Sometimes we go wayward or stray from the right path and alienate ourselves from God and others. Other times, we behave like the elder son by being close-minded and judgmental. We succumb to our human impulses, to anger, bitterness, resentment, envy, and jealousy. We fail to forgive and reconcile with those who hurt or offend us. The example of the merciful father teaches us to love and to forgive the flaws and mistakes of one another. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that we are a new creation in Christ. Saint Paul tells us that through Christ, we are reconciled to God and given a ministry to flood the world with the beauty and goodness of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

As we reach the midpoint of our Lenten journey, let us all grow in our desire to repent of our failings and return home to God. Rise and approach the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation Let us, to ask for forgiveness, renewal, and for grace to do better.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of April 5th & 6th, 2025

First Reading-Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading- Philippians 3:8-14

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gospel- John 8:1-11

Saturday 4:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Chris Berkeley-Hartjen
- Eucharistic Ministers** Nancy Kahane
- Altar Servers** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Kerri Green
- Paula Ciborowski
- Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from March 22nd & 23rd, 2025 Regular collections,\$2002.00; Fuel, \$26.00 ; Religious Education, \$25.00, Easter Flowers, \$70.00



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

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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!

Altar Servers



The new schedule for April to June has been emailed. Please notify the office if there are any errors. Altar Servers are need for Holy Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 PM. Also servers are needed for the

Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM and Easter Sunday at 10:30 AM. Please speak to Father Ben if you are able to volunteer for any of these Masses.

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (The Gospel of Life 95)

Communal Penance Service



The celebration of the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place this **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!

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.

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 Duquay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, 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, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Stephen

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