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2023

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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome!

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
(July 1 - Labor Day)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

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

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Our Mission

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."
Jn 8:12*

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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (18) 4 pm

Sandra Krajewski + Barbara Jones
Polly Slezak + Carm & Maria Greco
Healing of Judy Munn + Thrift Store staff

Sun (19) 10:30 am

Rev. Aurelius Garipey + Penny Szumowski

Mon (20) 8:30 am

Rev. Patrick Ahearn, Most Rev. Bernard J Mahoney, Rev. John M Curley

Fri (24) 8:30 am

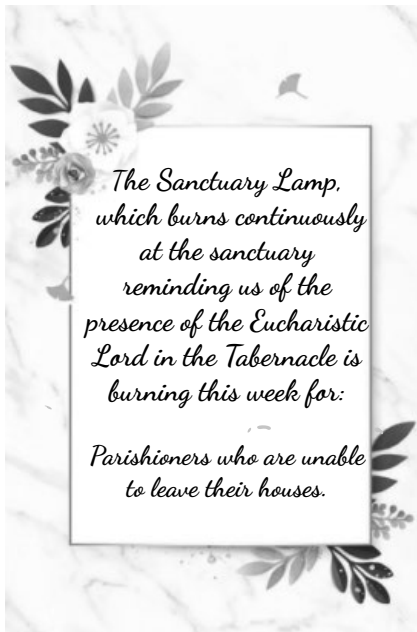
Rev. John McDermott, Rev. Michael A Farano

Sat (25) 4 pm

Corinne Barlow + George & Carol Pifko
Dorothy Naple Jacobsen + Carm & Maria Greco

Sun (26) 10:30 am

Billy Eglon + Jim & Diane Jankowski
Happy 80th Birthday Corey Santo + wife & family



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (19) 8:30 am

Genevieve Koval + Rick Koval
Roy & Esther Edwards + Cynthia & Bill Cromie
Don Ferguson + SF Knights of Columbus
Len Forgette + Joe & Cathy Capobianco

Tuesday (21) 8:30 am

Pedro Flores + Myrna Lyons

Thurs (23) 8:30 am

Msgr. J Francis McDonald, Rev. Eugene F Willis, Dcn. Lee Hanson

Sun (26) 8:30 am

Wayne Stever + Marlene Junquera
Leonard Forgette + Jackie Junquera
Virginia Pawluk + Marlene Junquera

Introduction to the Liturgy of the day ~ Today, having reached the halfway point of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. This Latin word, pronounced lay-TAR-ray, means "rejoice." We rejoice in the knowledge that the cross does not end in death, that Jesus' story does not end in the tomb. The Church also celebrates the second scrutiny today, a significant step for catechumens but also an opportunity for all of us to look into our hearts for the sinful habits & tendencies we may not even see. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. More significantly, he can heal our blindness to sin as well. Let us rejoice!

Word of Life ~ "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

Gospel Meditation ~ God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

Father John Muir ©LPi

Live the Liturgy ~ The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself. ©LPi

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023: Sunday: 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a ; 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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38; Next Sunday: 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

3/25/23 J Raven
3/26/23 M Doyle

SF Lector

3/26/23 Y Gifford



Stations of the Cross are every Friday at noon during Lent followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sacrificial meal will be in the Fr. Smith Center immediately following.

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
 Stations of the Cross on each Friday during Lent
SJ Noon followed by Sacrificial Meal in the Fr. Smith Center
SF 6 pm followed by Sacrificial Meal in John Paul II Hall
 3/20 - SJ 8:30 am Feast of St. Joseph Mass; Breakfast in Fr. Smith Center immediately following Mass - please sign up
 3/22 - SJ 6:30 pm - Festival meeting
 3/26 - SF - 6pm - Teen Mass & social hour
 4/6 - SF - 5:30 pm - Pot Luck Supper
 7 pm - Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass
 4/7 - SF - 7 pm - Friday of the Passion of the Lord
 4/8 - SF - 8pm - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
 4/9 - SF - 8:30 am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 SJ - 10:30am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 6pm during Lent followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sacrificial meal will be in the John Paul II Hall immediately following.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 March 20, 2023



Mass: 8:30 am in the Church,
 Fellowship Breakfast in Fr. Smith Center for the pre-registered

Annual Summer Festival

It's time once again to begin planning our Annual Summer Festival. Our first meeting will be on March 22nd @ 6:30 pm. Please plan on joining us for this meeting, as the festival is our largest fund raiser. Andrew Roth is our Chairperson.

Thank you

to everyone who participated in St. Francis' fund raiser Pasta Dinner in memory of Arianna Lanzi last Sunday. Like last year, Sport Island Pub graciously donated the profit to St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you Anthony & Mary Lanzi & staff.

The Diocesan Appeal has begun! Why should you contribute?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.
- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself - rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish allowing us to focus on ministry.
- It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to

Diocesan Appeal 2022-23

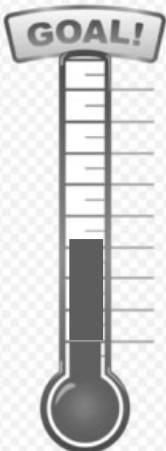


fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants.

- It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese - that is powerful!

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, Who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life.

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church - support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!



St. Joseph's Diocesan Appeal

Assessment: \$19,185

Paid: \$8,218

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

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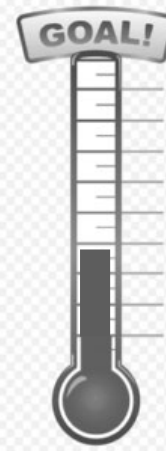
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3/5/23
 Attendance
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SJ 4 / 10:30
 41 / 81
 \$791 / \$1,186
 \$1,424.42
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SF 8:30
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St. Francis Diocesan Appeal

Assessment: \$20,261

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