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

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**



**ST. FRANCIS & ST. JOSEPH LENTEN  
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
with individual Confession and  
Absolution**

**March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
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## 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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## 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.

### St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

#### Saturday (24) 4 pm

Kathy Snocker Mueller + MaryEllen Downs

#### Sun (25) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Pat Ottati  
Healing of Terri Marshall + Marybeth & Thomas Moran

#### Mon (26) 8:30 am

Rev. John B.P. Lefebvre, Rev. William F Lenahan, Rev. Frederick H Duffy, Rev. Joseph E Keyrouze

#### Fri (1) 8:30 am

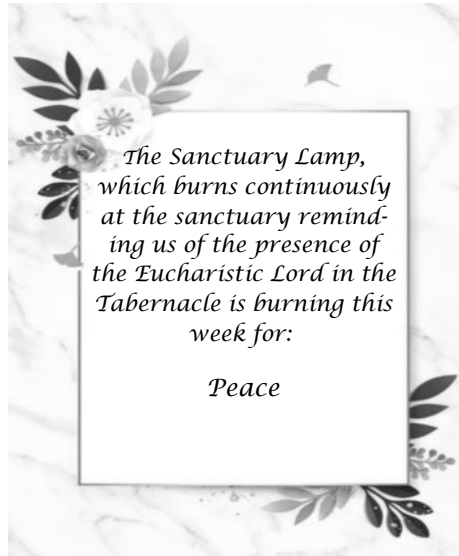
Salvatore Gatto & Emil Iaconis + Mary Pisanti

#### Saturday (2) 4 pm

Our parish family

#### Sun (25) 10:30 am

Erma Blackwood + Joan Raven  
Happy birthday Joe Furman & Fr. Jun + Barb & Joe Furman



### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Sun (24) 8:30 am

Our parish family

#### Tuesday (27) 8:30 am

Bill Bogle + David & Yolanda Gifford

#### Thursday (29) 8:30 am

Msgr. Michael J Looney, Rev. Raymond J Doran

#### Sun (3) 8:30 am

Julia Scifo  
+ Julie & Todd Whitney

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ ""We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** ~ As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. **Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love - Isaac - and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. ~ *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ "The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent [usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024** ~ Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10; Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38; Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12; Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28; Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31; Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46; Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SJ Lector

3/2/24 D Walendziak

3/3/24 J Raven

SF Lector

3/3/24 C Lott

February 16 - March 22  
12:00 Noon

**Stations of the Cross**

**St. Joseph**

Exposition and Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

"Sacrificial Meal"

CRS Operation Rice Bowl

*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  
 March 10 - SJ - 10:30 Mass as a class grades 1-5  
 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  
 April 21 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5  
 May 5 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5

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6:00 PM

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**SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER** In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately - due to the changing climate - the rain has been coming later than it used to & is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding & ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf & Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm & fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.



**Diocesan Appeal**

**"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." PSALM 51:14** A willing spirit – these times and circumstances are a test of that spirit but if we individually & collectively call on the Lord to restore that yearning & joy for salvation, we are able not only to bear the burdens but thrive & promote God's Kingdom on earth! The current complexities of the greater Catholic Church distract from devotion to the pure & beautiful mission of your parish – & the Diocese as its partner – to cultivate & nurture the Lord's disciples. It is by serving you, our family of faith, our sisters & brothers, Children of God the Father & of Mary, that our parishes have hope and light for the future. Collectively we as individuals and as communities are the spark that will inspire a renewal of our Catholic practice of faith!

**Parish Partnership** – Of course ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well. This is where the parish leans on the Diocese for that assistance--the principal role of the Diocese--via 30 specialty departments with 57 full-time & 23 part-time staff ([www.rcda.org/offices](http://www.rcda.org/offices)). Donor gifts to the Diocesan Appeal underwrite the cost of these shared parish services relieving that expense from the parish. (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 per your intent as a donor to the Diocesan Appeal.)

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 Wed: 10am - 1 pm  
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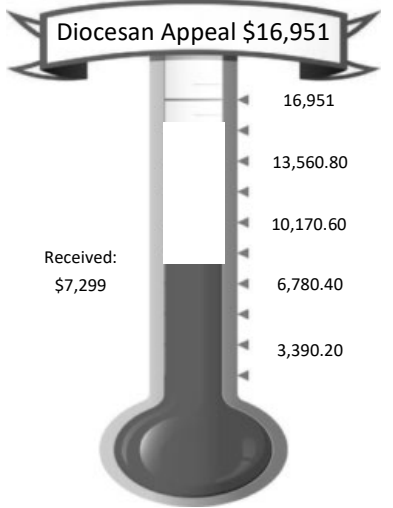
**Faith Formation**

Grades 1-5: **2/25/24** Class  
**3/3/24** Class  
**3/10/24** Mass as a Class

Grades 6-10:

**2/26/24** Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45  
**3/2/24** Confirmation Class 12:30-5 @ Holy Spirit in school building  
**3/4/24** Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45  
**3/11/24** Grades 6-10 Class 6:45 - 7:45

**The Village Wide Garage Sale** weekend will be the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup>. We are 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 are hoping to continue, but cannot do so without help.



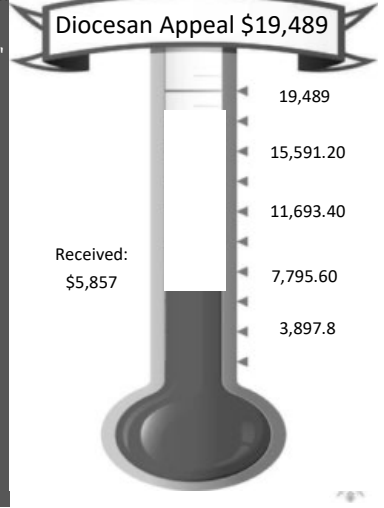
*Our Giving:*

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

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<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisNorthville/Give>

	<b>SJ 4 / 10:30</b>	<b>SF 8:30</b>
2/11/24 Attendance	44 / 113	90
Contribution	\$569 / \$780	\$938
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