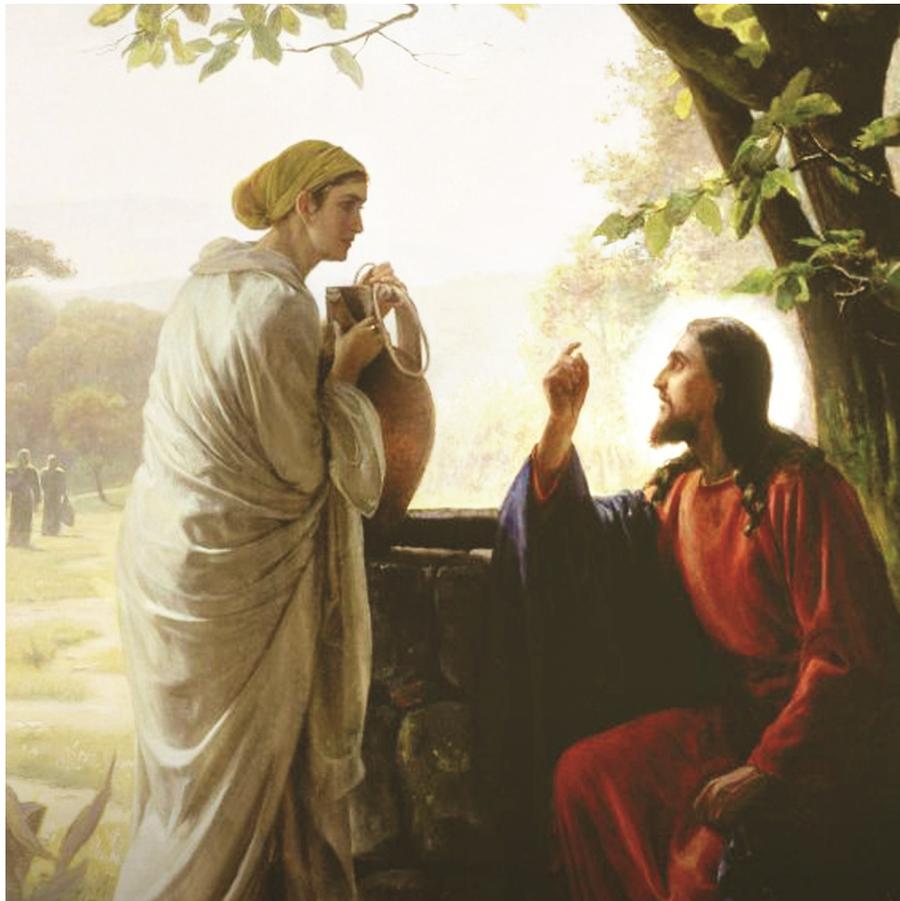


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

## MARCH 8, 2026

### “THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT”



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” - Jn 4:10

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am  
St. Joseph

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's  
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  
Or by appointment

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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.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday (Marh 7)**

Karl Krajewski By Barbara Jones

**Sunday (March 8)**

Ronnie McGivern By Corey & Charlotte Santo

**Monday (March 9)**

St. Joseph's Parish Family

**Friday (March 13)**

St. Joseph's Parish Family

**Saturday (March 14)**

Robert M. Halgas and Debra Cechnicki  
By Dave & Debbie Walendziak

**Sunday (March 15)**

Catherine & Richard Russell By Tony & Terry Russell

**Would you like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in honor of your loved one?**

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The intention and donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin. The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



**ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday (March 8)**

St. Francis Parish Family

**Tuesday (March 10)**

George M. St Peter  
By Dave & Yolanda Gifford

**Thursday (March 12)**

St. Francis Parish Family

**Sunday (March 15)**

St. Francis Parish Family

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY:** Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today we also celebrate the first scrutiny rite with those who are preparing for baptism, where they will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the life-giving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - March 8, 2026:** Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "**One sows and another reaps**" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit. This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others. **Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**Readings for the week of March 8, 2026**

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Observances for the week of March 8, 2026**

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent;  
 Daylight Saving Time begins  
**Monday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection 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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



# St. Joseph

## Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

St. Francis' office  
518-863-4736  
St. Joseph's office  
518-883-3774

**ST. JOSEPH FUNDRAISING DINNER:** We are selling tickets for a Chicken Penne ala Vodka meal from the Raindancer. This fundraiser will help offset costs to repair the stone wall in front of our Church. The dinner includes a fresh salad, entre, dinner roll, and parish-made dessert. Tickets are \$20 each, pre sale only, and are available before and after Mass, in the Church office, and at the thrift store. Meal pickup will be between 4 and 6 pm at the Fr. Smith Center, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### SAINT JOSEPH'S CLOSET THRIFT STORE



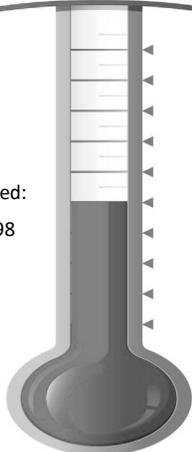
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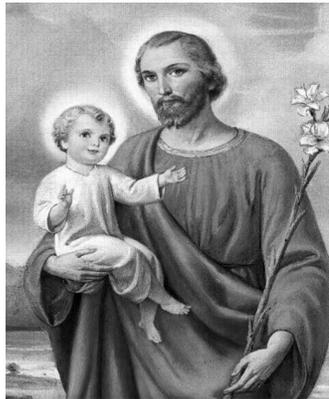
SJ Diocesan Appeal \$14,243

Received:  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary  
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary  
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting  
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
**Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross, SJ- Noon / SF 6:00pm**  
**Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal**  
March 19, Thursday, —**Feast of St. Joseph**— Mass at SJ at 8:30 am, followed by breakfast at the FS Center.  
March 25— SJ Chicken Penne ala Vodka Dinner, Pre-sale only  
March 22/April 26: Faith Formation Youth Mass as Class @ SJ



**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH:** Mass to honor our patron saint will be at **8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19. Please sign up for breakfast so we do not run short of food. Thank you.**

### Stations of the Cross Every Friday

St. Joseph—Noon  
St. Francis-6:00 pm  
Followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrificial Meal



## Diocesan Appeal

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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

### ONLINE GIVING (E GIVING)

SJ text 12025 to 73256

SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

<https://onrealm.org/StJosephsBoadalbin/Give>  
<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisiNorthville/Give>

Feb.14/Feb.15 Attendance	SJ 4:00 / 10:30 66 /92	SF 8:30 109
Contribution	\$645.00 / \$1,131.00	\$ 2,000.00
January E-Giving	\$931.83	\$ 1,079.77
Poor & Votive	NA	\$ 40.00

# St. Francis

**Mass Intentions:** Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may stop in or call the office.

St. Joseph's 518-883-3774 or St. Francis' 518-863-4736.

**Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing.** Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

## PRAYER REQUEST

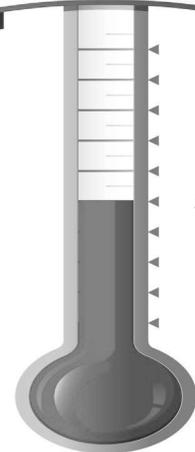
There are votive candles at the vestibules of SF & SJ Churches with the names of the students going to Emmaus Retreat. Please take one candle, light it and pray for the student whose name is written on the glass of the candle. The retreat weekend will be on March 13-15, 2026. Thank you.



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