

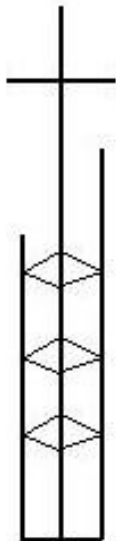
St. Joseph Congregation

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February 2023

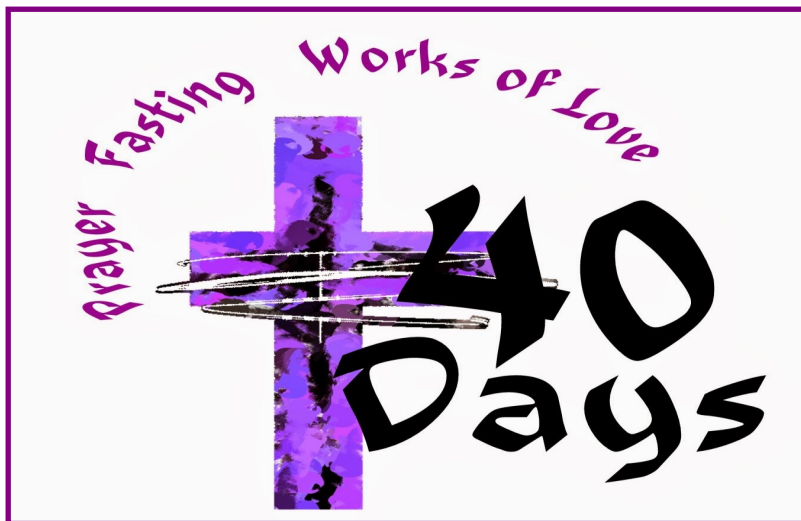
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St. Joseph Chapel

The Chapel is open
Monday– Friday
7:00 am–7:00 pm.



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LENT 2023

Our Lenten Journey

This Lent we are collecting food each week for different food pantries in our community. Please watch the bulletin, website, and social media for specific items asked.

Week 1	Feb 25/26	St. Catherine
Week 2	March 4/5	Hadley Terrace
Week 3	March 11/12	Tosa Cares
Week 4	March 18/19	St. Rose
Week 5	March 25/26	Bethany Lutheran

Monetary donations also appreciated!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: November 16, 2022

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Jerry Leveille, Joe Herro, Joe Schueller, Audrey Szews, Alanna Wilgus, Sandy Schmitt, Padge Haas, Carol Polivka, Suzanne Silman, Julie McKendry, Duane Filtz, and Deacon Peot

Excused: Jose Gallegos and Tony Mallinger

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with an opening prayer where everyone present said something they were thankful for.

The agenda was approved

Continuing Business: Jerry thanked the committee members for attending the meeting. He commented that having them attend the meeting leads to lots of sharing and good discussion.

- A. Carol Polivka reported for the school. She said they will be having nice Advent projects. Julie McKendry gave an update on the parking lots. She pointed out that the East and West lots are different. Right now, they are working getting the East lot done. They have found some problems but the good side is that they are being corrected. They are working on getting lighting up and running and working with the city on requirements.
- B. Prayer and Worship: Suzanne reported the committee has been very busy this month. Also they are preparing for Advent and Christmas which will be very busy.
- C. Athletics: Amy Ford reported that they have 10 – 12 teams in place for the season. They are working on having a TV for security.
- D. Stewardship: Duane Filtz reported that the committee has been working with the Love One Another campaign especially involving the financial part of the committee's work. They will be doing a follow up after Advent with the time, talent and treasure commitments.
- E. "Love One Another" Capital Campaign: At the present time the parish has reached 81% of their goal. They will continue getting information out and hope to get full participation and reach 100% of their goal.

- F. "Come To Me" Evangelization Program: Audrey Szezs said she is happy there are young families with new ideas. She is working on a social event to get families to come back. She would like to have the Community – Faith connection. She feels the new Facebook page will be good. She reminded everyone that Breakfast with Jesus will be held on December 10th. This program has been going on for 40 plus years. It is great for families.
- G. Helping Hands: Jerry reported that 140 people attended the event on November 13th. 20,000 meals were prepared and packaged for Africa. This is a wonderful service project. It would be nice to have this be a regular (once or twice a year) event.
- H. Bible Study/Prayer Group List: The parish would like to have a list of everything (day, time, contact person, description, etc.) available in our parish and area, so that people could find something that would work for them. Father Adam said it would be great if there was something every day/night of the week.
- I. Parish Mission: Jerry said he wants our parish to do an analysis of where we are. This is a three part process to find our strengths, weaknesses and where we want to go in the future. The first phase will be for the Pastoral Council and representatives of parish committees to talk about what is right, what is wrong and what could be done better at St. Joseph. The second phase will be for the school and parish staffs to do the same thing. After these two groups meet a questionnaire will be developed for parish members and school families. The goal is to have this done by May. At that point we will identify the top three things that need to be addressed. This is an opportunity for people to get involved and be part of the decision making process. The first step will be the Pastoral Council Meeting on January 18, 2023 when the Council and Committees will gather for a larger and longer meeting.

New Business

- A. Pastoral Council Members: There was a suggestion of writing about the Pastoral Council members in the bulletin so that people got to know them. They could share what they do on the council and at St. Joseph. Hopefully this is a way to encourage more people to become interested in joining the Pastoral Council. The council needs more members!
- B. Financial Statement: Julie McKendry passed out the Financial Statement of June 30, 2022
- C. Jerry Leveille stepping down: Jerry said he would like the January 2023 Pastoral Council meeting to be his last as chairman. He will stay on the planning committee where he feels he can be of more help. It is time to think about a new PC chairman.
- D. Announcements: Announcements for the weekend need to be in by Thursday.
- E. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Father Adam led the group in a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

LENT AND LOVE (I)

Dennis Sylva, Adult Minister at St. Joseph

As we prepare to celebrate Lent this year, how many of you associate the season of Lent with love? We celebrated St. Valentine's Day on February 14. I suspect that for many of us, though, Lent appears to be less a time focused on love and more a dour and somber liturgical season: a time of focusing on the sufferings and death of Jesus, of fasting and abstaining from meat for adults ages 18–59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and on abstaining from meat on Fridays for adults and teenagers beginning at age 14. (Health concerns provide, though, exceptions to fasting and abstinence, as we will see later).

But I ask you to pause and think about the most special moments of your life . . . At those moments, didn't all other things fade into the background except that particular moment? There are times when we recognize how much we are blessed. At those times, the blessing itself becomes our focus. I would suggest that these are moments when we recognize how much we are loved.

So this Lent let's look at how the season shows us how much we are loved. The Scriptural readings in Lent and the practices of Lent will be opportunities to discern how thoroughly we are loved and by so doing enrich our love for others.

ASH WEDNESDAY

LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This year it is on February 22. Ashes are a sign that we have sinned, and sin is a turning away from God. Ashes were a sign of repentance in biblical times.

As a means for a healthy and sincere repentance on Ash Wednesday, it may be a good idea to reflect on who God is and how much God loves you. What has God done for you in your life? When we love someone dearly, we wish to repent for having offended them.

The ashes this Ash Wednesday will come from burning the palm branches from last year's branches. While placing the ashes on the congregations' foreheads, the priest will say, 'As people approach the priest, he puts the ashes on their forehead and says either "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or some version of "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Both sayings function to help us turn to what is most important in our lives: the life of love to which God calls us. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," calls us to remember that our greatest longing is for an eternal life of infinite love. "Repent and believe in the Gospel" points the way to this life: by turning away from our sins and focusing on the gospel guidelines on living a loving life. We need these exhortations and opportunities to renew our commitment because of how busy life can become. These words and the ashes are a call to us to keep things in perspective.

LENT AND LOVE

BEING INFINITELY LOVED

How do you know you are loved? One of the greatest ways is by knowing that you are forgiven. And forgiveness doesn't always come easy from others, does it? Hurts can take a long time to heal, sometimes leading to grudges. To be forgiven for what you have done or said shows the depths of the other's feelings for you. The natural reactions when we feel offended against is to lash out verbally or to turn away from the one who did the wrong: a social version of the fight or flight response.

Aren't we glad that no one person has experienced all of our ungenerous thoughts, misspoken words, or misdeeds? Who could love us, we may think, if they knew how many times we have not been as we should have been? But those who love us most, forgive us soonest. Their love for us compels their forgiveness.

God knows all about us and simply asks that we turn back to God. What God wants is to be with us, and that love of God's overcomes our sinfulness if we acknowledge we have turned away from the all-good God and ask for forgiveness. Now that's being loved. The practices of Lent, to which we now turn, are ways of turning back to God.

LENT AND LOVE

THE BASICS AND THE FIRST DISCIPLINE OF LENT

Although there are 46 days in Lent, we say there are 40 days in this season. The Sundays are not counted. Why 40 days? Forty is a number that at times signifies preparation to meet God in a *renewed* way in the Bible. For 40 days God renews the possibilities for human existence when we have sinned (Genesis 7:4; 8:5–6). For 40 days Moses was a shepherd in the wilderness before God called him (Acts 7:29–30). On Mount Sinai, Moses underwent 40 days of fasting before God gave him the commandments (Exodus 34:28). Elijah the prophet was in the desert for 40 days before he met God there (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus went to the desert for 40 days (Mark 1:12–15) to prepare preparation for his ministry.

Lent prepares us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This is a celebration of God's victory for us of an eternal life of love conquering death. Lent is principally a time to become aware of the infinite love of God for us as shown in Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Lent is a recognition of, and a *response to*, how much we are loved.

The first way we respond to this love is by prayer: the first discipline of Lent. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advises seeking "the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture." Why such a practice during Lent? The Scripture that we read during Lent tells us about the supreme manifestations of God's love for us in Jesus, who loved us so much that he willingly suffered and died for us before his resurrection.



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March 4, 2023



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Thank you for your support of the 2023 St. Joseph Parish Auction!

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Ash Wednesday Feb. 22nd at 12:10pm & 7 pm

Please Join Us

The Bereavement Committee is looking for additional members. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Our goal is to pray for the members of St. Joseph parish who have passed away and provide comfort to the families of those members. We also plan and help with the parish Mass of Remembrance in November. Please call Cathie Papen 262 789-1752 or Padge Haas 262 784-5952 or email silmans@stjoetosa.com with any questions. Thank you.

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