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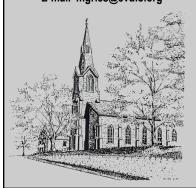
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday—5 PM Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



And all this was topped off with a great meal and some wonderful times sharing the day with others.

Thanks to Chick Duncan and the other members of the planning committee: Amelia Hartz, Joan Inkenbrandt, Darlene Appler,

Donna Blankenberger, Toni Askins, Susan Helmer, Jean Duncan and Greg Head. Thanks to all the folks who came last Saturday morning to help set up the gym and for all the folks who stayed after the dinner to put everything away. From start to finish, it was just a great job!

And the icing on the cake has to be that our long awaited carpet has finally arrived and is scheduled to be installed this week. You can help with this as well. Today (Sunday) we will gather in church at 12:30 to take all the chairs back to the storage room off of the gym. We will also be bringing all the pews from the storage building to church. If you can help, just show up. Once they have installed the carpet in the center aisle of the church we will begin to install the pews. We don't have an exact time for this, but if you are willing to help, call Bob Fehrenbacher (812-453-0669) and let him know.

Once all the pews are installed we can then get the exact measurements for the new kneelers. It will likely take some time for them to be manufactured and sent to us for installation. With those projects complete, the only remaining items to be completed on the church are the installation of the new handrails along the handicapped entrance to the west side of the church, the installation of the main louvers in the steeple and the reinstallation of our reguilded cross. All these projects are in the works and we are just waiting for good weather for the final installation work to be completed.

Now we are continuing the Season of Lent. Here is something I read in my daily prayer. Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not. Lent is the grace to grieve for what we should have done and did not. Lent is the opportunity to change what we ought to change but have not. Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. Lent is a summons to live anew.

The first challenge of Lent is to open ourselves to life. When we "rend our hearts" we break them open to things we are refusing for some warped reason to even consider. We have refused for years, perhaps, to even think about renewing old commitments that we've allowed to go to dust-spending time with the children, visiting our parents, exercising, taking time to read good books. We've closed our minds, maybe, to the thought of reconciling with old friends whom we have hurt. We've refused to put the effort into reviving old spiritual practices like visits to church, meditation in the morning, the memorization of the psalms, that we allowed to die in our youth but failed to substitute for as we aged. We've failed to repent old abrasions, quick words, harsh judgments made in haste and expiated never. We have closed the doors of our hearts, as time went by, to so many of the things we need to live full and holy lives.

Lent is the time to let life in again, to rebuild the worlds we've allowed to go sterile, to "fast and weep and mourn" for the goods we've foregone. If our own lives are not to die from lack of nourishment, we must sacrifice the pride or the sloth or the listlessness that blocks us from beginning again. Then, as Joel promises, God will have pity on us and pour into our hearts the life we know down deep that we are lacking.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

Thanks so much for all your birthday greetings, cards and special goodies you sent my way. Thanks to all the students who sent me birthday cards as well. You made my day!

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3 PM Fry Fish 4 PM Package dinners

7 pm Cleanup

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Cyrilla Reker, Nicholas Bauer (1865), Christina Effinger (1899), Sr. Ildephonsa OSF (Anna Wolf, 1942), Edward Whiting (1958), Frank (1960) & Theresa

Maurer, Jim (2011) & Dolores Niemeier

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Matthew Kares, Linda Elpers, Ray Fischer, John Reckelhoff, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Mike Schaeffer, Bill Bennett, Don Burkam, Basil, Marie, Ali, Luke & Dennis Mehringer

10:30 AM MASS: Michael & Dick Wittgen, For the people of our parish, Rosina Effinger (1886), Margaret Hillenbrandt (1902), Judy Barnett (1953), Donald Flick (2013)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 PM: Thomas, Sophie, Jerry, Mike & Ed Kelle, Katherine Ziliak, Mary Jo Wentzel, & Thelma Mitchell. Francisca Rosa Bergwitz (1877), Maria (1913) & Nicholas Kissel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Frank (1956) & Bertha Gerteisen, Francis Gries (1987), Elsie (1995) & Albert Hillenbrand, Millie (2006) & Earl Hoefling (2006)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Larry, Rosa, Joseph, Lillian, Rosemary, Joe, Fred, Leo & Ed Schultheis, Joseph Rexing (1876)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

NO MASS: Joseph Fogel (1921), Lucille Angermeier (1992)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 LENTEN WEEKDAY

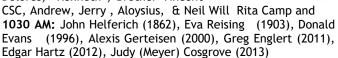
7:30 AM: Adam Hillenbrand (1865), John Weis (1909), Leo Dillman (1969), Betty Gries (1985), Carl (2013) & Madeline Rexing (2013), Frank Will (2021)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM: Rudy Montejano, Raul, Carmen, & Ross Montejano For the People of the Parish, Henry Helferich (1862)

SUNDAY, FEBERUARY 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: Phil, Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Melinda Paul, Frank, Andy, Teresa, Dolores, Kenneth, Brother Vincent





Please remember in your prayers **Rudy Montejano**, the wife of Linda Montejano and brother-in-law of Beverly Jones who died recently. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with his family and friends.

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 NUMBER OF PLEDGES
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 AVERAGE PLEDGE
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Thanks to the following for returning their pledge card Chris and Jessica Wallace

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FEB. 19: Jonathan Eickhoff, Nick Helmer, Frank Hertel, Cameron Lappe, Owen Traylor

FEB. 20: Rob Ennis, Natalie Kassenbrock

FEB. 21: Srtephanie Bates, Joyce Lewis, Julie mar-

ket, Connier Niemeier, Andrea Orth

Feb. 22: Diane Evans, Renee Pace, Vince Werner

Feb. 23: Macey Adler, Bayleigh Burress, Troy Gerteisen, Cambell Murray, Shari Powers, Jessica Werner

Feb. 24: Leona Englert, Kristan Gilles, Russell Stratman, Jackson Traylor

Feb. 18: Paul & Karen Stewart

Feb. 20 Gene & Marianne Ritter (70 Years)

Feb. 22: Don & Debra Baumgart

Feb. 24: John & Gail Maurer



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DAY OF PRAYER FOR HAITI ON FEBRUARY 26.... We

know that our brothers and sisters in Haiti are going through very difficult times. On Monday, February 26, we invite you to join us for a day of prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. That is our regular day for Eucharistic Adoration, so join us anytime from 7 am to 6:30 pm to spend some time in prayer in church. We will conclude the day with mass at 6:30 pm.

AS WE CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY WE CONGRATULATE THESE COUPLES WHO ARE CELEBRATING SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR

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WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17-18

5 PM MASS: L: Mike Reffett EM: Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier 8 AM MASS: L: Josh Baehl EM: Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey, Tom Folz, Dolores Folz

10:30 AM MASS: L: Shane Wessel EM: Angie Will, Jane Scheller, Diane Bassemier, Danielle Welage Becky Dosher, Shane Wessel, Steve Jung

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24-25

5 PM MASS: L: Sis Jarboe EM: Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch & Linda Feulner 8 AM MASS: L: Marcia Frey EM: Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers Rodney & Paula Baehl

10:30 AM MASS: L: Jane Scheller, EM: Paul Hillenbrand Al Debes, Jena & Shane Wessel

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IT'S LAWN MOWING TIME. It's time to start planning for the lawn mowing season in our parish. We're looking to add some people who can help mow the large areas of our campus with our riding mowers. And we are looking for folks who can join some of our existing lawn mowing crews. These crews mow the lawn around the rectory,

church, school and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, and refreshments for the workers!).

Maybe you could be one of these people. Call the parish office (812-963-3273) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. Not only can you help the parish save money, but you can also help in keeping our grounds looking nice, and it's great exercise!

ST JOE COMMUNITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL NEWS

Sign Up now, for the 2024 St Joe Community Baseball & Softball teams. http://www.leaguelineup.com/stjbaseball. Questions? Call Jon Eickhoff at 812-455-3361

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February 17th after the 5 pm Mass. We will meet in the St. Joe Meeting room after the 5:00 Mass. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff for the podcast information.



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