



APRIL 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY—

Entrance: #710, Offertory: #673,
Communion: #407, Recessional: #713 v. 3



Today is Our Daily Bread Sunday – food donations may be placed under the center table in the foyer, cash donations may be placed in the container on the table.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 5, 5:00 -7:00 pm in the Church.

ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY: We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children – even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. Rice bowls may be returned during Holy Week.



FASTING. Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal—and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

ABSTINENCE. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation. . . ." They also stated: "we preserve for our diocese the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Betty Adkins, Larry Adkins, Dana Aubin, Paul Aubin, Denise Bell, Judy Berkowitz, Dolores Best, Cheryl Blalock, Sandy Brignac, Otto Browning, Aimee Burrow, Kristen Campbell, Earlyn Carmody, Doris Degenhardt, Ryon Degenhardt, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Robert Endris, Jean Ferguson, Peggy Gauthé, Donna Gunter, Peggy Harkins, Connie Haynes, Paul Howrilla, Deanne Hunter, Beverly & George Kehle, Debbie Killebrew, Kirk Ladner, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, John Mitchell, Gina Pfau, Inge Reep, Andy Reeves, Neil Rhodes, Charles Rhoten, Mary Schmidt, Paul Stevens, Hazel Strong, Jay Trimm, Lesa Waggener, Catherine Williams, Leon Williams, Robin Morris, Liz King, Warren Davis, Sheila Yeck, Patsy Hubert, Nicole McDonald, Josh McIntosh and our loved ones serving in the military.



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS FRANKLIN EKE: Contact Franklin with your prayers and best wishes at his email: franklineke@nds.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17.

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. When an allegation is found to be credible, counseling will be offered, so that the healing process can begin in accord with our present diocesan policy. We encourage any victim to contact Valerie McClellan, Victims Assistance Coordinator at (601) 326-3728.

OUR ANNUAL SEDER SUPPER will be held tomorrow - Monday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Seder Supper is a remembrance of the Jewish Passover, celebrated worldwide every year by people of the Jewish faith. The ritual, prayers, and traditional foods contained in the celebration tell the story of God's actions in history in a way that brings it out of the past and makes it a present reality to the people as if they were actually part of the original Passover. Jesus Christ (born and raised in the Jewish faith) was celebrating the Feast of Passover at the Last Supper. As we engage in this celebration, we link our Catholic Christianity back to our earliest roots. It is a beautiful FAMILY celebration – and it is a LOT OF FUN! If you are able to join us, please do so! We still have a limited number of spots available.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the church foyer.

Meetings & Events for the Week of April 2-9

Sun, April 2 – Mass (5:00 pm) (intention - † Mary Zita Pigott)
Mon, April 3 – Seder Supper, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Tues, April 4 – Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel (intention – †Jack Weseli)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:30 am, Chapel
Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
Wed, April 5 – Our Daily Bread Service, 11:30 am, Canton
Reconciliation, 5-7:00 pm, Church
Mass, 6:30 pm, Church (intention – †Emma Saleeby)
Fri, April 7 - 1st Friday Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm, Chapel
Sat, April 8 - Pro-life Rosary, Mary Garden, 9:00 am
Sun, Apr. 9 – Mass, 5:00 pm (intention – †Colton Pigott)

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

Seder Supper, Monday, April 3, 6 pm, Parish Hall
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday, Apr. 5, 5-7pm
Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 11, 5:45 pm, Cathedral - Jackson
Holy Thursday Mass - Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm
Good Friday Service - Friday, April 14, 6:00 pm
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm
Easter Masses - Sunday, April 16, 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Please note we will not have a 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please plan accordingly.

PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES: Please remember in your prayers Meg Case, our catechumen; and Marcia Boudreaux, Paul Bunch, Caroline Curro, Julee Fava, Denton Hartlein, Kate Holifield, Skip Holifield, John Lunardini, Joy Lundardini, Allen Phillips, Kelli Phillips, Portia Pride, Melissa Thomas and Stephen Thompson, our candidates, who are in the final stages of preparation to enter in to full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray that God will guide them on their spiritual journey and open their hearts and minds to do his will in all things.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to help provide the lilies for the altar at Easter in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name and that of the person(s) to be remembered and give it to Pam.

Weekly Readings

Mon, Apr 3: Dan 13:1-62; Ps 23:1-6; John 8:1-11
Tues, Apr 4: Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:1-21; John 8:21-30
Wed, Apr 5: Dan 3:14-95; Dan 3:52-56; John 8:31-42
Thur, Apr 6: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; John 8:51-59
Fri, Apr 7: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:1-7; John 10:31-42
Sat, Apr 8: Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

VOLUNTEERS for all ministries are needed for Holy Week and our Easter Masses -Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm and Easter Masses, Sunday, 8:15 am & 10:45 am. Please let Pam know if you are available.

MEN'S RETREAT: All men of the Parish – please join us for our annual Lenten Men's Retreat led by Father Kevin on **Saturday, April 8.** There will be coffee and a light breakfast beginning at 8:30 am with the retreat starting at 9:00 am. A delicious home-cooked lunch will be provided by our Knights of Columbus, sponsors of the Retreat.

ATTENTION: RELIGIOUS ED PARENTS – Please do not block the side covered entry to the church when dropping off or picking up your children from Religious Ed classes. For safety, the path between parking lots needs to remain open. We ask that you park your car and walk in to drop off or pick up your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



YOUTH MASS: Today, 5:00 pm (Youth Choir practice, 4:00 pm)
HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP - will meet Wednesday, April 5, 5-6 pm, Youth Center.

SOAP FOR HOPE (TOILETRIES) DRIVE: *Deadline for turning in items is TODAY.*

LOOKING AHEAD: we will need lots of help stuffing candy into Easter eggs on Wednesday, April 12, 5:00 pm until we're finished. Also, we need lots of teen volunteers to hide eggs Easter morning at 9:15 am before the Easter Egg Hunt. Contact Patti if you can help (601) 540-7635.

BEIGNET BREAKFAST: *We will need help preparing & serving beignets on April 20 beginning at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please let Patti know if you can help out.*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated here at St. Joseph for our candidates from St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on **Sunday, April 23** at the **5:00 pm** Mass. Bishop Kocacz will celebrate the Mass. Please pray for our candidates: Emma Adkins, Anna Baladi, Yael Basurto, Presley Baty, Maddie Bennett, Hayes Bishop, Georgia Blanchard, Frank Cordona, Meg Case, Kate Coffin, Reed Collins, Jace Corro, Emily Hinds, Ben James, Brooks Lacoste, Jack LeDoux, Matt Mills, Caroline Moran, Meg Rice, Roland Robinson, Julia Smyth, Michael Stack, Cameron Vice and Catherine Whitten as they take this important step on their faith journey.

OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS FOR 2017 ARE: Jack Brunini, Cristian Collier, Mollie Corley, Colin Didion, Elek Duhon, Katherine Dussouy, Preston Furr, Brody Hillhouse, Mattie Hodges, Meredith Holifield, Kehle Hutto, Luke Jordan, Harley McFadden, Jacob Milner, Parker Moity, Nate Muzzi, Graham Rafaella, David Luke Robertson, Luke Sheehan, George Schorr, Michael James Soucie, Bailey Sylve, Alexander Thompson, Cole Torricelli, Lexie Tripoli, Avery Trowbridge, Caitlyn Wagoner and Walker Wasson. They will receive **First Holy Communion** here at St. Joseph on **Saturday, April 29, 4:00 pm.** Please keep them, their parents and their teachers in your prayers.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for **students** for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard at 601-898-4812.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Alicia Baladi, Stephanie Brown, Frank Blossman, Jim Caskey, Mike Hepburn, Stephanie Word
FINANCE COUNCIL – Eddie Adkins, Krista Andy, Patrick Beasley, Susan Beebe, Mona Cobb, Whitt Whitten

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 2 –

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

(8:15) Dennis & Judy Strong
(10:45) Karen Worrell & Paula Bennett
Mike & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Larry & Vicki Moorehead

LECTORS

(8:15) Sara Weisenberger & Suzanne Danaher
(10:45) Leslie Ledoux & Brendan Sheehan
(5:00) Youth

HOSPITALITY

(8:15) Charles & Linda Strong
(10:45) Bob & Susie Kerley
(5:00) Youth

USHERS

(8:15) Nick Thomas & Louie Tran
(10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Youth

ALTAR SERVERS

(8:15) Mackenzie Danaher & Olivia Rabalais
(10:45) Meg Gordon & Emma Schirmer
(5:00) Youth

VOCATIONS

(8:15) Glenn & Gracie Wilson
(10:45) Brad & Jane Turbeville

Sunday, April 9 –

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

(8:15) Gracie Wilson & Adaire Young
(10:45) Anthony & Mindy Feritta
Chad & Kelly Hirn

(5:00) Andrew & Stephanie Brown

LECTORS

(8:15) Eddie Adkins & Allison Balducci
(10:45) Beth Schirmer & Matt Summers
(5:00) Susan Beebe

HOSPITALITY

(8:15) Dustin & Amy Pittman
(10:45) Eric & Lori Kimes
(5:00) Lott family

USHERS

(8:15) Glenn Wilson & David Danaher
(10:45) John & Kaye Kassel
(5:00) Ron Baldwin & Dustin Grubb

ALTAR SERVERS

(8:15) Damian Danaher & Madoc Roberson
(10:45) Brooks Rice & Amelia Agostinelli
(5:00) Bella Alimot & Whitney McCarter

VOCATIONS

(8:15) Dustin & Amy Pittman
(10:45) to be announced

Collection Report

Week of March 26, 2017

General: \$14,597.17 Building: \$50.00 MS Catholic: \$80.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$2539.00 Our Daily Bread: \$61.00