



**MARCH 12** - Second Sunday of Lent

**HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY—**

**Entrance: #394, Offertory: #677,  
Communion: #357, Recessional: #442**



**Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 15, 6 pm in the Church. Led this week by our KC Ladies Auxiliary.**



**ENCOUNTER NUTRITION:** We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**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, Stephen Ingram, 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 and our loved ones serving in the military.



**OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS ADOLFO SUAREZ:** Contact Adolfo with your prayers and best wishes at his email: [asuarez@nds.edu](mailto:asuarez@nds.edu). Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!



**WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH ALTAR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19, BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES!** This is a tradition begun in the Middle Ages in Sicily to show gratitude for the end of a severe drought and famine. **Everyone is asked to bring something for the altar - traditionally no meat is included - but breads, fruits, pastries, and anything else you might want to bring are welcomed.** The altar will be blessed and we will enjoy this reminder of our many gifts and blessings! *The Ladies Auxiliary will be working to set up the altar on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.* We need lots and lots of fresh flowers to adorn the altar, so please bring your flowers on Saturday and assist with the setup! *We will also be collecting nonperishable food items and cash donations for Our Daily Bread in Canton.* Please join us for fellowship and to give alms as part of your Lenten observance. For more info, call Anthony or Mindy Fertitta at (601) 842-9515 or (601) 826-1405.

**Meetings & Events for the Week of March 12-19**

Sun, Mar. 12 – Mass (5:00 pm) (intention - †Bob Newell)  
Mon, Mar. 13 - KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Tues, Mar. 14 – Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel (intention – †Julia Madere)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:30 am  
Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall  
Wed, Mar. 15 – Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, Church  
Mass, 6:30 pm, Church (intention – †Lois Pfau)  
Sun, Mar. 19 – Mass, 5:00 pm (intention – †Juan Noriega)

**LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday, Apr. 5, 5-7pm*  
*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.*

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

**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.

**Weekly Readings**

Mon, Mar 13: Dan 9:4-10; Ps 78:8-13; Luke 6:36-38  
Tue, Mar 14: Isa 1:10-20; Ps 50:8-23; Matt 23:1-12  
Wed, Mar 15: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-16; Matt 20:17-28  
Thu, Mar 16: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 16:19-31  
Fri, Mar 17: Gen 37:3-28; Ps 105:16-21; Matt 21:33-46  
Sat, Mar 18: Mic 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-12; Luke 15:1-32

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF STEPHEN INGRAM,** brother of our parishioner Shawn Ingram, who died recently. Shawn, Dana, Brody, Brinkley and all of Stephen's family are remembered in our prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:** Herwig & Meghan DeBeukelaer and children Shiloh & Miles; Andrew & MariBeth Smith and children, Bella & Philip. We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will find a true home here at St. Joseph.

**RELIGIOUS ED & CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will not meet today or next Sunday, March 19 due to Spring Break. Classes for K-Gr. 8 resume March 26. High School resumes April 2.



**HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP** - will not meet Wednesday, March 15 due to Spring Break.

**ABBEY YOUTH FEST** - Sat, March 25, Covington, LA. The bus departs St. Joseph Catholic School parking lot at 5:30 am.  
**SOAP FOR HOPE (TOILETRIES) DRIVE:** During Lent our Confirmation Class is collecting items to donate to Hope Haven Residential Home (a therapeutic crisis center for teens) as their service project. Please help us fill the caddies! **Deadline for turning in items is Sunday, April 2. Items needed include:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Body Wash, Body Sponge/Loofah, Deodorant, Hairbrushes/Combs, Shaving Cream and Disposable Razors. (Both men's and ladies' items are needed.)

Please keep our Confirmation and First Communion candidates, teachers and parents in your prayers as they prepare for these very important Sacraments.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. You may pick up an application at the school or go online to our website, [www.stjoebruins.com](http://www.stjoebruins.com), under the Admissions tab. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard at 601-898-4812.

**TEACHERS - Saint Joseph Catholic School** fosters a school community rooted in the values of Catholic education. If teaching in a Christ-centered environment is calling you, Saint Joseph is currently accepting applications for faculty positions for the 2017-18 school year. If interested, please email a resume to [djones@stjoebruins.com](mailto:djones@stjoebruins.com)

**ASSISI EARLY LEARNING CENTER:** Registration for the 2017/18 School Year will be open to area Catholics. Please come by Assisi Early Learning Center (4000 W. Tidewater Lane, Madison) on Wednesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 am to complete an application form. You must bring a letter from your pastor/Lay Ecclesial Minister stating that you are an active member of that parish. For more info, call (601) 856-9494.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE** - Saint Joseph Catholic School is seeking the following positions: Director of Mission Advancement; Associate Director for Events. Please email your resume and a letter of interest to: [tmiracle@stjoebruins.com](mailto:tmiracle@stjoebruins.com) No phone calls please.

**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, March 12 –

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

(8:15) Cassie Mendrop & Linda Strong  
(10:45) Whitt & Kim Whitten  
Eileen Keller & Dara Bariola  
(5:00) Mart & Ginger Bisek

**LECTORS**

(8:15) Jack Price & Larry Moorehead  
(10:45) Anthony Fertitta & Belinda Gordon  
(5:00) Mart Bisek

**HOSPITALITY**

(8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl  
(10:45) Juan & Belinda Vargas  
(5:00) Robbins family

**USHERS**

(8:15) Joe Jones & Louie Tran  
(10:45) Eric & Lori Kimes  
(5:00) Andrew & Stephanie Brown

**ALTAR SERVERS**

(8:15) Damian Danaher & Andrew Didion  
(10:45) Augusta Hirn & Mabry Hirn  
(5:00) Bella Alimot & Anna Meyer

**VOCATIONS**

(8:15) Doug & Judy Varney  
(10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn

Sunday, March 19 –

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

(8:15) Denson & Mary Etta Robinson  
(10:45) Jeannie Barrier & Paula Bennett  
Joe Best & Katrina Blossman  
(5:00) Carolyn Callahan & Richard Johnson

**LECTORS**

(8:15) Judy Strong & Eric Price  
(10:45) Norman & Susan Brown  
(5:00) Andrew Brown

**HOSPITALITY**

(8:15) Duane & Felecia Stevens  
(10:45) Jeannie Barrier & Eric Schirmer  
(5:00) Vice family

**USHERS**

(8:15) Nick Thomas & Glenn Wilson  
(10:45) Jason & Melanie Rice  
(5:00) Danny & Carolyn Callahan

**ALTAR SERVERS**

(8:15) Volunteer & Madoc Robertson  
(10:45) Dylan Wasson & Meredith Jordan  
(5:00) Clayton McCarter & Cameron Miller

**VOCATIONS**

(8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl  
(10:45) Frederick & Teka Day

**Collection Report**

Week of March 5, 2017

General: \$17,241.00 Building: \$2052.00  
Our Daily Bread: \$125.00 MS Catholic: \$65.00  
Black & Indian Missions: \$2142.00