

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY—
Entrance: #134, Offertory: #376,
Communion: #336, Recessional: #131 vs.1 & 5



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY, MARCH 5 -
 Black & Indian Missions



Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 12, 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.

Stations of the Cross begin Wednesday, March 8, 6 pm in the Church. Led this week by our Knights of Columbus.



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."

LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION & PURPOSE is presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly. Join us this **Saturday, March 11, 2:00-6:30 pm at Madison Central High School Auditorium.** Tickets are \$39 each and include all retreat materials. See Pam or call the Parish Office 601-856-2054 for tickets.

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 Gauthier, 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 and our loved ones serving in the military.



ENCOUNTER LENT: Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from your Parish TODAY and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Meetings & Events for the Week of March 5-12

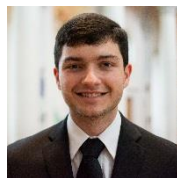
Sun, Mar. 5 – Our Daily Bread Sunday
 Adult Bible Study – 9:30 am, Room 106
 Youth Mass (5:00 pm) (intention - †Buddy Harrison)
 RCIA Classes – 6:00 pm, Room 106
 Tues, Mar. 7 – Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel (intention – †Shay McNamee)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:30 am
 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
 Wed, Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, Church
 Mass, 6:30 pm, Church (intention – †Tri Van Tran)
 Sat, Mar. 11 – Pro-life Rosary, 9 am, Mary Garden
 Sun, Mar. 12 – Mass, 5:00 pm (intention – †Bob Newell)

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.

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS: Congratulations to Patrick Beasley and Susan Beebe who were elected to the Finance Council and to Alicia Baladi, Jim Caskey and Stephanie Word who were elected to the Pastoral Council. *We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each of those who allowed their names to be placed in nomination. We also express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing members of our councils: Vicki Moorehead, Louie Tran and Natalie Hutto.* We are looking forward to working with the new councils as we look toward the present and future needs of our faith community!



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS TRISTAN STOVALL: Contact Tristan with your prayers and best wishes at his email: tstovall@sjasc.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!

Weekly Readings

Mon, Mar 6: Lev 19:1-18; Ps 20:8-15; Matt 25:31-46
 Tue, Mar 7: Isa 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; Matt 6:7-15
 Wed, Mar 8: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Luke 11:29-32
 Thu, Mar 9: Esther C:12-25; Ps 138:1-8; Matt 7:7-12
 Fri, Mar 10: Ezek 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Matt 5:20-26
 Sat, Mar 11: Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Matt 5:43-48

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF JACK THARPE, father of our parishioner Penni Davis, who died recently. Penni, Chris, Peyton, Jake and all of Jack'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: Matthew & Angela Geyer. 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 Sunday, March 12 or Sunday, March 19 due to Spring Break. Classes resume March 26.



HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP – Wed, March 8, 5-6 pm, Youth Center.

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, 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

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 5 –
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 (8:15) Nicole McDonald & Tammy McKinney
 (10:45) John Kassel & Laurie McCarley
 (5:00) Eddie Adkins & Paula Bennett
LECTORS
 (8:15) Susan Dupont & Eddie Adkins
 (10:45) Mark Doiron & Frank DeLalla
 (5:00) Youth
HOSPITALITY
 (8:15) Jack & Mary Dennis
 (10:45) Brad & Jane Turbeville
 (5:00) Youth
USHERS
 (8:15) Joe Montalbano & Charles Strong
 (10:45) Bob & Susie Kerley
 (5:00) Youth
ALTAR SERVERS
 (8:15) Anna Crout & Reily Lobrano
 (10:45) Brooks Rice & Augusta Hirn
 (5:00) Youth
VOCATIONS
 (8:15) Louie Tran
 (10:45) Alonso & Jennifer Tripoli

Sunday, March 12 –
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 (8:15) Cassie Mendrop & Linda Strong
 (10:45) Whitt & Kim Whitten/Karen Worrell & 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) Volunteer & Mabry Hirn
 (5:00) Bella Alimot & Anna Meyer
VOCATIONS
 (8:15) Doug & Judy Varney
 (10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn

"If you are silent, be silent out of love. If you speak, speak out of love." - St. Augustine

Collection Report
 Week of February 26, 2017
 General: \$12,610.70 Building: \$120.00
 MS Catholic: \$365.00