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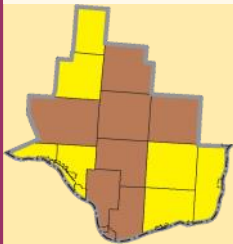
March 9, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent



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Prayer for a successful Parish Mission

Heavenly Father, we plan to embark on this parish mission, we humbly ask for your grace to fill our hearts with your love and the power of your Holy Spirit. Guide Fr Joseph's words and actions, that through this time of reflection and renewal, all members of our community may experience a deep encounter with your mercy and truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN


A PARISH MISSION ENTITLED

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March 9 —12 2025
St. Joseph Church, 501 Chestnut St—Ironton

PRESENTED BY



Fr. Joseph Aytuna, CPM



The mission will cover:

- The Holy Eucharist
- God's Infinite Mercy
- The Church: Mother & Teacher
- The Universal Call to Holiness
- Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration & Confessions
6-7pm

Mission talk & Benediction
7-8pm

Fr. Wayne Morris, Pastor
wmorris@diosteub.org

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C O N F E S S I O N

- Any Time by Request
45 min before Sunday Masses
SA – 5:30 Wednesdays
SJ – 6pm Wednesdays

A D O R A T I O N

SJ – Wednesday's 2-5:15 pm
SA – Wed's 5:15pm & Fri's 8:45am

Rosary

SA – Saturday @ 4:30pm

Baptism—Call rectory for info.

Marriage 6 months advanced notice.

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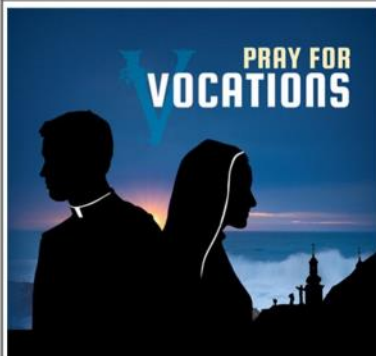
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New this week: Bruce Brown, Patrick Gagai, Robbi Messenger. Mike Miller & Mark Tomondi, Rich Whaley

If there are people who should be taken off this list, please let the office know.

CWC News:

CHESAPEAKE—3rd Thursday Book Club at 1pm Chesapeake library

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IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST —ST. JEROME

LUKE 4:1-13

Reading closely

1. Do you think Jesus wants to go to the desert?
2. What do you think it's like in the desert?
3. How do you imagine the devil approaching Jesus and talking with him?
4. Discuss each temptation.
 - a. What seems acceptable about each one?
 - b. What seems wrong?
5. How does the story end?

Living the word

6. What are the biggest temptations you face?
7. When are you most likely to be tempted?
8. How might Jesus respond to the various things that tempt you?
9. What happens when you yield to whatever tempts you?
10. What happens when you resist such lures?

Bringing about God's reign

If Jesus has come to establish God's reign, now's his chance! An offer's on the table. Instead, Jesus points out that this victory would be a false one because the devil, not God, would really reign.

Moreover, these kingdoms are based on political and military might. God's peaceful reign is based on forgiveness, not force. Jesus will win people over by showing them God's love, not by dominating them.

Taking a leap of faith

Now the devil changes tactics; he quotes scripture, too. He urges Jesus to ask God for a sign of his love. If God is his father, then God will quickly come to his rescue.

Jesus won't make God meet these terms; he won't force God to prove his love. Instead, he'll devote himself to God and his mission, even to the point of death. God will show his love for Jesus then.

Until we meet again

Jesus withstands these tests of faith, but the hardest one is yet to come (v.13). At the final confrontation, when Jesus faces crucifixion, he will again act as God's spirit-filled, obedient Son.

THE GOSPEL READING

Alone in the desert

Because deserts were dangerous places physically, they came to represent dangerous places spiritually. Jesus enters the desert soon after he hears God calling him his *beloved Son* (3:22). Now he explores the kind of Son he will be.

A human struggle

Although Jesus is God's Son, he is also a human being who experiences temptation. His challenge, dramatically portrayed in this passage, is to choose how he will best fulfill his role as God's Son. The devil makes suggestions that aren't obviously bad, but Jesus discerns the underlying problem with each one.

Turning stones to bread

Jesus' ancestors wandered for forty years in the desert, where God provided them with manna. It seems reasonable that God's Son can provide bread for himself. Besides, no one would know.

Jesus replies that spending time in the desert teaches a person to trust God, a lesson the Israelites never quite learned. Unlike those sons of God, Jesus will trust God in everything.

PRAYER

by Mark Link, SJ

Give us your strength, Lord,
because sometimes things get tough,
and we are ready to quit.

Give us your love, Lord,
because sometimes people reject us,
and we are tempted to hate.

Give us your eyes, Lord,
because sometimes life gets dark,
and we lose our way.

Give us your courage, Lord,
because often we are put under pressure,
and it's hard to do what is right.

Give us yourself, Lord,
because our hearts were made for you,
and we will not rest until we rest in you. Amen.



We pray for:

*Karson, Malahai,
Timothy, Alice,
William, Ethan*

and all of our Spiritual Adoption Babies.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you, spare the life
of the unborn baby(ies),
that I have spiritually
adopted,
Who are in danger of
abortion. Amen
*by the Most Rev
Fulton J Sheen*

Adoration *a time to commune with our Lord:*

SJ Wednesday's—2-5:15
SA Wed.'s—5:15-6:15
Fri 8:45-9:45



SA Bible Study Mondays @ 6pm & Tuesdays @ 1pm. All are welcome to come and join us!

SA Meatless Soup Dinner will be at 6:30pm following the 6pm Stations of the Cross at St Ann. Our 1st night will be March 7th. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church to volunteer to bring your meatless soup.

Passion of Christ Bible Study at SA is a biblical walk-through of the Passion. Meeting 3/9-4/13 after the 9:30 Mass. Edward Sri's program is called *No Greater Love*. Please signup in the back of SA Church. Info 740-867-4964 or email: ajhsr@zoominternet.net.

The Knights of Columbus is looking for you. Joshua 24:15 states "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*" The Knights of Columbus promote a family first household that will serve the Lord in everything we do. Do you want to continue that journey with us and be a part of that? Go to kofco.org and click 'Join Us'. For more information contact: Worthy Grand Knight, Mr.

Mike Hacker at 740-547-8496

Diocesan CWC Lenten Retreat—A Lenten Day of Spirituality for all woman of the Diocese will be held on Sat. March 22 @ St Mary Church in St Clairsville OH. Speaker will be Fr David Cornett. Reservations can be made through the local CWC President. Or call Dede 740-632-3372. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch.

MEN'S Day—The Diocese of Steubenville will hold its annual Men's Day of Renewal, March 22nd at St Stephen in Caldwell (1036 Belford St, Caldwell OH). Registration and coffee being at 9am. The program will begin at 9:45am, continuing through with the celebration of Mass at 4pm to fulfill the Sunday obligation. The featured speaker this year is Michael Gormley and the theme of the conference is "*The Eucharist and the Biblical Vision of Men*". Information and to register visit: <https://athenscatholic.org/steubenville-mens-day>

SOMETHING NEW During this year's Lenten season, we are going to try something new. Each week, we will be hosting a special live stream Rosary and evening prayer. This will ONLY be a live stream, it will not be taking place in person. You can join us from the comfort of your own home. Our

normal time will be at 7 p.m. each Thursday, except for Holy Week when it will move to Tuesday. Fr. Morris, Fr. Peter, and Tom Pinkerton will rotate weeks of leading the Rosary and prayer. Please consider joining us for this extra opportunity for prayer throughout the Lenten season.

Men & Women Silent Retreat—Seek solace with God at these retreats where you can reorder your thoughts & self toward God. Retreat has: daily Mass, confession, adoration, and a speaker to help guide you. ♦ MEN'S—3/27-30
♦ WOMEN'S—4/3-6 or 4/10-13
<https://afc.org/catholic-silent-retreat/>

Natural Family Planning in the Waning Years: Are you approaching the end of your fertile years and trying to use NFP? Are you struggling to apply fertility rules that once seemed so simple? Could you use some encouragement? Bring whatever charting method you use (or wish you used!) and come talk about it with Heather Keimig, an experienced NFP teacher with her own waning fertility, in-person at Triumph of the Cross parish in Steubenville in the Marian Room and via Google Meet. Two



Prayer for Priests

Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood.

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3/9 Fr Tom Nau
3/10 Fr Chet Pabin
3/11 Msgr Fred Pasquinelli
3/12 Msgr Tom Petronek
3/13 Fr Joseph Safranec
3/14 Fr Sam Saprano
3/15 Fr Tim Shannon

	3/16	5:15 SL	5:30 SA	9am SJ	9:30 SA	Noon SL	Noon SM
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cumulative classes will be on Tues, March 18 and Tues, April 1, from 6:30 -8:30pm. Google Meet login is available upon request. Heather can be reached at 301-233-2210 or teamkeimig@gmail.com.

Catholics at the Capitol:
March 25th in Columbus

Activate Your Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is providing Catholics across Ohio the opportunity to meet with elected officials and advocate for policies that respect life, focus on the poor and vulnerable, and recognize families as the central social institution of society. The event is free to attend, and lunch will be provided.

Diocesan coordinators will help set up meetings with legislators and provide talking points. There will also be opportunities to attend Mass at the St. Joseph Cathedral – *all within walking distance!* **Visit**

www.ohiocathconf.org

to learn more and register by March 21st.

Please contact Joseph Schmidt

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or 740-516-9270 [call/text]) with questions.



Fr Peter's Reflections

Dear friends, In the first reading, Moses and the people of Israel recounted the difficulty they had in the land of Egypt. The book of Exodus 12:40 made us understand that the Israelites lived in the land of Egypt as slaves for 430 years. But now they cried to the Lord for rescue. God came and resettled them on their own land, the land filled with milk and honey, they tilled the ground and were able to produce fruits, they returned back to God with thanksgiving. That was why Moses told them that "the priest shall receive the basket of their offerings from them and set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God".

We are in the season of Lent; it is a journey of hope for salvation. It is a time when we sit down and recollect ourselves, it is a time when we make some sacrifices so that we will rise and praise God with Christ on Easter Sunday. Just

like the Israelites in the first reading who had suffered in the hands of Egyptians as they journey to their own land, but when they succeeded, they returned back with praise and thanksgiving to God. So, as we make some extra sacrifices in this season, let us be hopeful that we will reap a bountiful fruit on the day of resurrection.

The season of Lent is a time we remember Christ's suffering and death. Christ came primarily to reconcile us back to God. He never wanted any of us to get lost. He went to the extent of sacrificing himself for our salvation, for the salvation of all humanity irrespective of tribe, language, or nationality. That was why St. Paul in the second reading boldly mentioned that there is no distinction between Jews and Greeks, because the Lord is Lord of all. He enriches all who call upon him for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

will be saved
 In the gospel reading, we saw Jesus who is God and man being tempted by the devil. After Jesus's baptism, he entered the wilderness for recollection, for the discernment and preparations for His mission. There He prayed and fasted. Satan took the advantage that Christ who had fasted for forty days will actually be hungry, and this is time for him to confuse Christ about His mission since anyone who is hungry for such a number of days will do anything to eat. Unfortunately for the devil he did not succeed. The response of today says, "be with me Lord when I am in trouble", Christ who is God was tempted to sin, what about us who are filled with sins and have fallen short of glory of God? Romans 3:23. At the time of our temptations, let us call on the Lord and he will come to our rescue just as he came to the rescue of Israelites from

Our 2025 Lenten Mission speaker is:
Father Joseph Aytona, CPM

Fr. Joseph was born in 1981 in Los Angeles, California and grew up in the suburbs of Southern California. In 2003, Fr. Joseph joined the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy and was ordained to the Priesthood in May 2010. He is a 2010 graduate of Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, a Master of Divinity Degree, and a Master of Arts in Theology.

Along with being a full time missionary, Fr. Joseph is founder of the Spiritual Motherhood Sodality as well as founder of Family Vocation Ministries, an apostolate that promotes vocations through the sanctification of families. He has appeared on "EWTN Live" and "Life on the Rock" Catholic programs during which he discussed the importance of the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has also been interviewed by Catholic Newspapers and Periodicals such as the National Catholic Register and Religious Life Magazine.



<p>9 SJ 8:15 Conf. Mass at 9am SA 8:45 Conf. Mass at 9:30 SL 11:15 Conf. Mass at Noon SM 11:30ish Conf. Mass at Noon SJ 4:15 Conf. Mass at 5pm PARISH MISSION 6pm Adoration/Confession 7pm Mission Talk</p>	<p>10 8am—SJ Mass</p> <p>PARISH MISSION 6pm Adoration/Confession 7pm Mission Talk</p>	<p>11 8am—SJ Mass Noon—SA Mass</p> <p>PARISH MISSION 6pm Adoration/Confession 7pm Mission Talk</p>	<p>12 8:00—SJ Mass 10:30am—SL Mass 2-5:15 Adoration SJ 5:30pm Mass—SJ 5:15-6:15 Adoration SA 6:30pm Mass—SA</p> <p>PARISH MISSION 6pm Adoration/Confession 7pm Mission Talk 8pm Light Reception in Mother's Chapel</p>	<p>13 8am—SJ Mass 10 am—SJ Mass Noon—SA Mass 12:30 SA Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>14 8am—SJ Mass 8:15—SA Mass 8:45-9:45—Adoration SA 10:30 am Stations—SLES @SL 3pm Stations—SL 6pm—Stations—SA 6:30—SA Soup Supper 7pm—Stations—SJ</p>	<p>15 9am—SJ Mass</p> <p>SL 4:30 Conf. Mass at 5:15</p> <p>SA 4:45 Conf. Mass at 5:30</p>
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the land of Egypt. Pope Benedict XVI in his Lenten message of 2021 reminded us and made us to know that "the devil is at work and never tires even today of tempting whoever wishes to draw close to the Lord, but Christ has emerged victorious to open also our hearts to hope and guide us in overcoming the seductions of evil". Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us always remember to call him anytime, any day we are facing difficulties for He said in Isaiah 59:1 that *"the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save us nor*

his ear heavy that it cannot hear us".

Dear friends, let us ask for God's help in this season of lent, let us set aside anger, jealousy, betrayal, dishonesty, and vain glory including pride and selfishness in this holy season of lent. Rather, let us prioritize alms giving, prayer, love, hope, charitable acts, uprightness and reading of scriptures in this holy season of Lent.

We believed in Him, let us be assured that He will not put us to shame. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/9 10:30 1st Comm Parents Mting—SL Ch
- 3/9-12 PARISH MISSION**
6pm Adoration/
Confession
7pm Talk/
Benediction
is livestreamed,
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address.
- 3/13 SA Lunch & Learn
7pm Evening
Prayer/Rosary
Livestream
- 3/14 10:30 SLES Stations
3pm SL Stations
6pm SA Stations
7pm SJ Stations
- 3/16 2nd Collection
for the Poor
2pm Rite of
Election in
Marietta
- 3/17 4:30 School Board
Mting
- 3/18 Ironton Parish
Council Mting—
PLC
- 3/19 10:30 Joint SLES/
SJHS Mass for St
Joseph, Husband
of Mary
7:15 Chesapeake
Parish Council—
Hall
- 3/20 7pm Evening
Prayer/Rosary
Livestream
- 3/21 10am SJHS
Stations
3pm SL Stations
6pm SA Stations
7pm SJ Stations
- 3/24 5pm ICS Tech
Meeting—HS
- 3/27 6:30 Ironton CWC
mting—SJ
- 3/27 7pm Evening
Prayer/Rosary
Livestream
- 3/14 10:30 SLES Stations
3pm SL Stations
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EdCHOICE RENEWAL APPLICATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN

The student application period is now open for EdChoice renewals and applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Do not forget that ...



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- Families can continue to apply for EdChoice for the 2024-2025 school year until June 30, 2025. When entering the application schools need to indicate which school year P125 or P126. You will also want to make sure that your school families are using the correct application form for the corresponding school year.
- We have created a Income Verification resource document that you can share with your families.
- 25-26 Income Verification Instructions - digital copy to share electronically
- 25-26 Income Verification Instructions - Print Copy

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by Vicki Edwards

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Official Mass Calendar for the week
No other published Mass times in the bulletin are to be believed.

Sat. 3/8	SL—5:15 pm SA-5:30pm	Dick Rice (Nick/Mary Beth Weber) Health of Kara Stapleton & baby
Sunday 3/9	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ — 5 pm	Barbara Waginger (Shannon Litton & Spencer Waginger) Charles J. Paese (Sera/Steve Nester) Joanne McKnight Rambacher (Nathan McKnight) Fr. Charles Moran People of the 4 Parishes
Mon. 3/10	8:00 am—SJ	Special Intention (Tim & Rae Ann)
Tues. 3/11	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA	Floyd Steed (Art & Holly Chavez) Special Intention (Rutherfords)
Wed. 3/12	8:00 am—SJ 10:30 am—SL 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA	June Gagai (Suzanne Shaffer) June Gagai (Catherine Sutton & family) Jim Reinhardt (Class of 1950) Transalpine Redemptionists-Most Holy Rosary House
Thur. 3/13	8:00 am—SJ 10:00 am—SJ Noon—SA 2pm—MP	Fr. Charles Moran Julie & Jacob Fugitt (St. Mary's OR) Healing of Mother Maria Marta (Daus of Holy Mary) Helen Motycka (Family)
Fri. 3/14	8:00 am—SJ 8:15 am—SA 10:30—HH	Polly Urian (Bonnie McGoron) Enemies Lewis Motycka (Family)
Sat. 3/15	9:00 am—SJ SL—5:15 pm SA-5:30pm	Barb Waginger (The Gajdosik Family) Kevin Dufore(4th Anniv.) (Mary Ann & children) Brent Gool (A friend)
Sun. 3/16	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ — 5 pm	Fr. Joseph Huang (Thuy Nguyen) Billie Lee Slone (Tracey, Adam & Billie) Howard Waller(1st Anniv) (Children) Patricia Kleinman(25th Anniv) (Joe) People of the 4 Parishes

Daily Readings

3/9—1st Sunday of Lent—Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2 10-11 12-13 14-15, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

3/10—Lv 19:1-2 11-18, Ps 19:8 9 10 15, Mt 25:31-46

3/11—Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4--7 16--19, Mt 6:7-15

3/12—Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4.12-13.18-19, Lk 11:29-32

3/13—Est C:12 14-16 23-25, P138:1-3 7-8, Mt 7:7-12

3/14—**Abstinence day from meat 14+** - Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2 3-4 5-7a 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26

3/15—Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2 4-5 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

3/16—2nd Sunday of Lent—Gn 15:5-12 17-18, Ps 27:1 7-8 8-9 13-14, Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 or 3:20 -- 4:1, Lk 9:28b-36

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