

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 3, 2019

## Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Wick Family
	10 A.M.	Jimmie Ray Culak
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Marvin & Genevieve Matussek
	8:05 A.M.	Joe N. & Magdalene Steffek
	6:30 P.M.	Bennie Stary
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Allie Ferry
	10 A.M.	Agnes Indorf
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Estelle Hanna
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	9 A.M.	Chris Hoelscher
	11 A.M.	Susie Estrada

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Joe Charles.

## Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or  
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

## Your Gift to God: February 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,755
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,710
Building Fund	\$130
Online Giving Building Support	\$25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$754
Online Giving	\$130
Building Fund	\$125

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

## Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins **next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 A.M. Be sure to set your clock **forward** before going to bed Saturday.

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	6:30 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Bennie Stary Family
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Lloyd Hanna
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Allen & Carolyn Migl

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Cindy Jemelka, Georgia Kutach
	6:30 P.M.	Raquel Gomez, Susie Barrera
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dorothy Zabransky, Gloria Lerma, Annie Rodriguez
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Debra Villa
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Heriberto Castillo Virginia Amaro, Susana Trujillo

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Tom Chilek, Charlie Migl
	6:30 P.M.	Robert Barrera, Gabriel Espinosa, Elsa & Jorge Resendiz
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Charlie Proschko, Ron Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Bruce Chilek, Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Alan Migl, Robbie Hagan, Blaise Dreitner, Henry Janak
	11 A.M.	Miguel Trujillo, Jose Martinez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

### Altar Servers

<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Chase Heller, Rileigh Chumchal, Tyler Ferry
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Reagan Respondek, Macanon Eggemeyer Konner Dismuke
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Grace & Aaron Migl, Cameron Villa
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo Jorge Castillo

## **Ash Wednesday: March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
6:30 A.M.; 8:05 A.M.;  
6:30 P.M. (Bilingual)

## **Miercoles de Ceniza**

Misa y Distribucion de Ceniza  
6:30 A.M.; 8:05 A.M.; 6:30 P.M.

## **For Your Information**

Due to the Mass for Ash Wednesday, the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Confessions **will not be heard this week.**

## **Ash Wednesday Collection**

The collection at the Ash Wednesday Masses is for the Church in Eastern Europe.

## **CCD/Faith Formation**

There will be **NO CCD** classes held on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) so that families can attend Mass.

## **Atencion: Calendario de Doctrina**

No vamos a tener clases de Doctrina el miércoles 6 de Marzo (miércoles de ceniza). Estudiantes y sus familias deben venir juntos a la Misa a las 6:30 P.M.

## **Prayer: Little Black Book**

The Lenten Devotional, Little Black Books, can be found in the baskets at the Church's entrance. This simple and easy devotional keeps one focused on the journey that Lent invites us to experience. Take advantage of this easy and concise booklet--pack it with your lunch, keep it in your purse, in your car to use before starting up the engine--it's brief and a great way to set aside a few moments and engage your faith a little extra--the very heart of our annual Lenten season!

## **El Librito Negro**

El devocional cuaresmal--El Librito Negro--puede estar encontrado en las entradas de la Iglesia

## **Experience God's Mercy**

There is no better way to delve deeper in faith during Lent than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday, except Ash Wednesday, the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

## **Lenten Program – “Forgiven”**

### ***The Transforming Power of Confession***

The parish is offering a Lenten video study ‘Forgiven’ on Monday evenings at 5:30 P.M. beginning March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Family Center. Cost for the study which includes a workbook is \$10 and is due at the first meeting. For more information contact Sharon Janca at 361-293-8367.

FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love. By looking at God’s revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## **Programa de Cuaresma "Perdonado"**

### **el poder transformador de la confesión**

*Perdonado* te guía a través de la gracia y sanación, que se ofrece en el Sacramento de la Confesión. Estudiando la revelación de Dios de Su misericordia en las Sagradas Escrituras, y viendo paso a paso el rito del sacramento, *Perdonado* transmite el mensaje de la invitación de Dios a cada uno de nosotros, para experimentar Su amor indescriptible—sin importar lo que hayamos hecho o por cuánto tiempo hayamos estado lejos de Él. Juntamos todas los domingos de cuaresma a las 12 P.M. en el cuartito de juntas en el salon parroquial. Comenzamos el 10 de Marzo (Primer Domingo de Cuaresma).

## **The Way of the Cross**

Each Friday, except March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. we will observe Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **SJS: Stations of the Cross**

St. Joseph School students will have Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M. on Friday’s during Lent except during Spring Break (March 15<sup>th</sup>). Parishioners are welcome to attend.

## **Easter Flowers**

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in the church entrances. All memorial/donations will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.

### **CDA Meeting**

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 P.M. at the Family Center. Hostesses are: Jenny Heller, Joyce Harper, Janis Hermann, Nancy Brown and Helen Janak.

### **Altar Society Meeting**

Altar Society members will meet Wednesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. Deacon Dennis Kutach will present a program on Lent. Hostesses are Helen Manning, Bea Welfl, Mertes Culak, Marie Terreo, Elaine Dornak and Theresa Belicek.

### **Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat March 7-10, 2019**

Registration forms for the Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat are available at the entrances of the church. What better way to begin the Lenten Season than by renewing yourself by attending the retreat!

### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

### **St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration**

Our annual celebration of our patron saint will be observed on **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning with Mass at 6:30 P.M. followed by a fish fry at the Family Center.

### **Marriage Anniversaries**

Those observing special wedding anniversaries this year (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) and who plan to be present at our Parish Feast of St. Joseph celebration on March 15<sup>th</sup> are invited to call the parish office and add their name to the list. Deadline is Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

*"Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord."*

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

This year we are observing the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the establishment of St. Joseph Parish. Our celebration will center on the first weekend in August with our Annual Alumni Reunion and Parish Picnic. Bishop will be joining us for this momentous event. To begin our planning, we will have a meeting on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the Meeting Room of the Family Center. All are invited...and needed!

### **KJZT 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

KJZT Family Life will be celebrating 125 Years at our District Social on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** and want you to join us! Registration begins at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Parish Family Center with a meal to be served at noon. We will be giving away some great prizes. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend! Hosted by KJZT Society No. 1, Yoakum.

### **Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day 2019:**

The Diocese of Victoria will be participating in the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day, March 26, 2019 at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas. Participants from the Diocese of Victoria will join with thousands of Catholics, from the 15 dioceses in Texas, to advocate for policies promoting life, justice, charity, and religious freedom and to educate our legislators and other state leaders in a better understanding about what we believe as Catholics. A select group of volunteers will also be prepared to visit with the elected state legislators who represent the ten counties of the Diocese of Victoria. **If you are interested in participating please go to the Diocese of Victoria website to register.** <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/advocacy-day-registration>

### **"Shades of St. Ann" Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars...Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>...for the St. Ann's, co-sponsored by KJZT #37, "Shades of St. Ann" (solar screens) fundraiser featuring a homemade, delicious (8 oz) Kettle Fried Steak Dinner. The event will be held at the St. Joseph Family Center. Plates-to-Go only. More information in coming weeks.

## Give it some thought...

Lent is around the corner--beginning on March 6th, Ash Wednesday. Most of us are familiar with our annual traditions--what we give up, what we are going to do, etc. Why not give something "new" a second thought and moment of consideration. Daily Mass attendance provides a simple and enriching opportunity to an individual as they start their day with Jesus--Word and Sacrament. The old biblical practice of offering the "first fruits" is symbolized by bringing ourselves at the dawning of the day to experience the Sacrifice we remember and celebrate with a special focus during Lent. Yes it's early for some--6:30 AM (there's also most weeks a 10 AM Mass at both nursing homes and during school a Wednesday 8:05 AM)--but that's just it...we have ample opportunity to attend daily Mass if we but simply make the resolution. What better way to make Lent the most meaningful season of your life than by entering into the mystery of Christ's salvific suffering and death in the Sacrifice of the Altar. Give it some thought...and if you're seriously looking for something "new and different" for a change in the annual routine...try daily Mass for Lent!

## Almsgiving: Operation Rice Bowl

Each Sunday of Lent the parish will take up a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl. This is a way where we give to the needy from what we sacrifice ourselves. The offerings are divided between national charitable organizations that serve the less fortunate and a percentage is returned to our region for local charitable help.

## Deanery Penance Services

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph – Moulton

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sacred Heart - Hallettsville

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Cyril & Methodius –  
Shiner

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph – Yoakum

***All Services Begin at 5:30 P.M.***

*“Shine like lights in the world as you  
hold on to the word of life.”*

## Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

***Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019.  
The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations  
are, as follows:***

1. Fasting and abstinence from meat, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those fourteen years of age and older.
3. The law of the fast means only one full meal may be taken during the day. Two light meals are permitted, but are not to equal one full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.
4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.
5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of which is turning away from sin and returning to God, includes some form of penance, in order for a Christian to remain on the narrow path and be saved. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has written: “Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

Apart from the special Lenten activities of individuals and parishes, Lent also affords a special opportunity for families to grow deeper in their commitment to Christ. Within the family, penitential practices and devotions can be conducted, including the use of Scripture, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other forms of family prayer and devotion.

## Ven y Sígueme: Primer curso al discipulado

Están invitados a venir al segundo curso de Ven y Sígueme.

Vengan y aprenden más sobre su fe Católica.

- ❖ Sesión 3: Jesús y Su Comunidad: Ayer y Hoy – **el 13 de abril**
- ❖ Sesión 4: Sacramentos, Liturgia y Devociones – **11 de mayo**
- ❖ Sesión 5: Desarrollo de Liderazgo - **8 de junio**

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### Para más información:

Diocese of Victoria/Sister Rosario:  
361-573-0828 ext. 2216  
Heriberto Castillo: 361-208-5014

## Baptismal Preparation Additional Option

We are very fortunate in that our parish offers both English and Spanish Baptismal Preparation. Due to scheduling conflicts that sometime arise with coordinating between parents and godparents, there is another option to complete the course for Baptismal preparation. The option is available online at [www.catechismclass.com](http://www.catechismclass.com) and is a one-time session via the internet. However, one must register and pay the \$29.95 (FYI, the parish classes are free--the parish receives none of the fee for the online course). After the course is completed a certificate will be emailed which can be presented at the parish. It is available in English and Spanish.

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

## Attention: High School Students

### Rocky Mountain High Retreat July 13 - 21, 2019

This unique, week long retreat, in the heart of the San Juan Mountains in Southern Colorado, is an opportunity for high school age young people to take time away from their daily routine. They will experience the wonder and grandeur of the great outdoors (courtesy of Sonlight Camp) spending time reflecting on important issues of life, faith, family, and friends. A trained staff of qualified adults, from throughout the diocese, offers caring relationships to assist our youth on their journey. Small group discussions, presentations on key topics, unique prayer and liturgical experiences, plus a wild and crazy rafting trip on the Animas River in Durango (river levels permitting), help make this an unforgettable week.

### COST IS \$750.00 PER PERSON\*

#### Fee Includes:

- Food
- Lodging at Sonlight Camp
- Transportation by chartered bus
- Rafting trip
- Diocesan t-shirt

\*A \$75.00 non-refundable deposit is required to secure space.

For more information visit the diocesan website: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on Ministries. The information can be found under Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries/Rocky Mountain High Retreat. Registration forms are also available at the Pastoral Center.



## **“Life of Jesus”**

**by Francisco Fernandez-Carvajal**

The *Life of Jesus* will take you on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as an onlooker, as if you were in the Holy Land.

The Person of Christ unfolds page-by-page, pointing the way for each of us through his words, actions, Passion, Death, and the importance of his message for human existence. Over forty maps and charts assist the reader in placing him or herself in the synagogues, towns, homes, fishing villages, rivers, seas, and much of the Holy Land as it appeared two millennia ago.

This book is ideal for private meditation and a great reading source during this Holy Season of Lent. If interested in purchasing a copy, please stop by the Pastoral Center during regular business hours. Cost is \$28. A limited number of copies are available.

## **A Note from Principal Mooney**

**Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgy – 8:05 A.M.

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross – 3:00 P.M.

**Spring Break – March 11-15**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Early registration for 2019-2020 begins

From the Desk of the Principal:

Warm greetings as we continue this Lenten season. I am pleased to once again be able to sit down and write this letter telling all of you in our parish's and school's family the wonderful things that are happening here.

We had our annual gala weekend before last, and it was an even greater success than I could have possibly hoped. The theme this year was “Livin’ on a Prayer,” and the event was colorfully and creatively decorated in an 80’s theme. We had a wonderful meal catered by Werner’s Catering and plenty of dancing to live music courtesy of Legal Limit. Our live and silent auctions were very lucrative, and I can say all who contributed were pleased with the items they purchased. (I was able to acquire a few new things myself, even if I did once again fail to walk out with any of the fantastic firearms in the raffle.) To all who helped put on

our gala--especially our PTC parents--as well as our generous gala attendees and sponsors, I cannot express how grateful I am for your continued dedication to our school and Catholic education.

Basketball season concluded with solid results. While we did not notch another division championship this year, our boys’ and girls’ teams were still very successful, and our players had a great time playing as they did so. We have now turned our attention to track season. We had our first track meet last week at Sacred Heart on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and our student athletes walked away with several ribbons and medals. I will be sure to let you know how all of our athletes fared in their upcoming events this month.

In addition to competing athletically, our students are also gearing up for the academic competition season. This year, our interschool Academic Invitational Meet (AIM) has been completely reworked to spread out several smaller events over a broader period of time. Our students will be competing in writing competitions at the end of this month, a Math Meet in El Campo in April, and a Science Knowledge Bowl in Port Lavaca in May. And, to add to the new and exciting format, we are planning on hosting a Social Studies competition at our school in September, making AIM a year-round affair. We are very excited to compete, and I will let you all know of our successes at each turn.

March is a very important time for our school as we begin our Lenten journey and await the resurrection of our savior. We will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:05am. We will conduct Stations of the Cross each Friday at 3pm in the church, and we invite you to join us. In addition to enriching our faith, our students will be enriching their minds. All our grades will be going on multiple field trips to places like the Alamo, the USS Lexington, and many other trips and exciting events that make attending our school so much more than simple classroom education.

Please look us up online for more information about what we are doing at St. Joseph’s. You can stay connected by visiting our school website at [www.stj Catholicschool.com](http://www.stj Catholicschool.com) or “Liking” our Facebook Page. Please stop by if you would like to visit with me--my door is always open. I look forward to getting to share more of the good news at St. Joseph School with all of you next month. Until then, keep us in your prayers, as we certainly continue to keep you in ours.

God Bless,

Sean Mooney, Principal