

LENT

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
2 COR 6:2

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Infant Baptism – To arrange for instructions for the Sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick – In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call **Fr. McNew**, at the Parish Office at **614-879-8562**.

Marriage – Couples intending to marry must meet with **Fr. McNew** at least six months (preferably earlier) prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion Calls – Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is in the hospital.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary Makers614-878-2578
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Parish Membership consists of **two** parts:

Registration: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic Community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. *We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioners' standings. We can only do this if a person is a **registered, active and contributing** member in our parish.*

Participation: As a member of the Parish, you are accepting the responsibility of **weekly worship** as well as supporting God's work here **through giving of yourself, your time and talents**, and a **worthy Sunday offering** to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors and blessings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in the Spirit as Disciples
Fed by the Eucharist

Building unity towards the Kingdom of God

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 P.M.
live-streamed Mass

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

See Inside Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS

Following Wednesday Morning Mass

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 9 ❖ Vigil
 4:00 p.m. Jack Douglas Trombley (Gary & Barb Heiman)

Sunday, March 10 ❖ Fourth Sunday Of Lent
Day Light Saving Time Begins
 9:00 a.m. † Leslie Ungerott (Ed Pfau)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 11 ❖ Lenten Weekday
 NO Mass
 -Is: 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12 ❖ Lenten Weekday
 6:00 p.m. † Matt Huffman (Keith & Linda Collins)
 -Ez 47:1-9; 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13 ❖ Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
 J. William & Mary Alyce Nigl Family (Peggy Basel)
 - Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14 ❖ Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. † Deacon Hank Gundrum
 (Deacon Joe & Amy Knapke)
 - Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15 ❖ Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. † Jeannie Schreck (Keith & Linda Collins)
 - Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16 ❖ Vigil
 4:00 p.m. † Jane Gallagher (Kay Reid)

Sunday, March 17 ❖ Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. Joe & Kelly Breckler & Family
 (Michael & Maria Korson)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 -Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

† = Deceased

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 17, 2024	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	I. Humbert	K. Dulin
	M. McAnespie	L. Humbert	VOLUNTEER
	E. Schumaker	Q. Humbert	VOLUNTEER
Lectors	A. Cwiekalo	R. Moran	A. Knapke
	J. Haskins	K. Finnegan	A. Helderman
Ushers	M. Eberhart	D. Garner	B. Taylor
	R. Fitch	S. Garner	M. Taylor
	J. Dunham	J. Hofinger	
	VOLUNTEER	S. Hofinger	
EMOHC	M. Mandel	B. Creeger	M. Helderman
	M. Mesewicz	C. Manger	E. Talone
	W. Pickens	VOLUNTEER	
	J. Scofield	VOLUNTEER	
Sacristan	R. Cwiekalo	A. Penquite	VOLUNTEER

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EVERY TUESDAY: Eucharistic Holy Hour starting at **5:00 p.m.**
 with Confessions. Mass to follow at **6:00 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 10
 Fourth Sunday Of Lent
 Daylight Saving Time Starts
 Distributing Oakland Nursery Gift Cards
 at all Masses
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 a.m.
 Adult Choir Singing, 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir, 10:00 a.m.
 Jesus and the Eucharist Study, Social Hall,
 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
 Ukrainian Eggs Workshop
 First Session from 12:00-3:00 p.m.
 Session Two for Youth Group, from
 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11
 NO Mass
 Last Call Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12
 Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
 Jesus and the Eucharist Study, St. Charles
 Borromeo Room, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13
 RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14
 Pasta Dinner Set-up, 5:00 p.m.
 Rosary, 6:00 p.m.
 K of C Officer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Walking with Purpose, 7:00 p.m.
 (Babysitting provided)

Friday, March 15
 Parish Office Closed
 K of C Meatless Pasta Dinners,
 4:30-7:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16
 Distributing Oakland Nursery Gift Cards
 at all Masses

Sunday, March 17
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 CLOW, 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
 Jesus and the Eucharist Study, Social Hall,
 10:00-11:15 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 a.m.
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group Movie Night, 7:30 p.m.

The Third Sunday of Lent – MASS ATTENDANCE: 582



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

Carole Sheridan	Danielle Rohrbach	Amelia Hill
David Eberhart	Jennifer Kestner	Jason Moine
Maximus Werning	Grayden Thompson	Joan Denes
James Ricker	Nicholas Finnegan	Christian Humphrey
Claire Sterling	Tyler McArthur	Amy Forrest
Laurence Sussman	Abigail Stenger	Kylan Barber
Wayne Bubenchik	Marie Wurm	Tessa Frank
Heidi Frank		



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal **Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Lenten Message from the Pastor
4th Sunday of Lent
Fr. Dwayne McNew

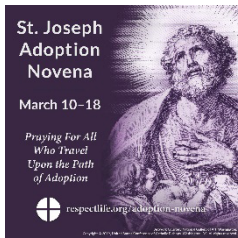


Dear parish family,

During my first visit to this parish as I was getting a tour, I was struck by the simplicity and beauty of the church. I have always had stain glass windows at my previous parishes, yet there is such beauty at looking out the window and seeing God's creation and seeing real deer grazing on the hillside. Then I looked above the altar and my heart stopped when my eyes met the eyes of Jesus on the Cross. His eyes are looking to the heavens still alive calling me to look at His love crucified.

Today's gospel offers a different version of the Cross. The Cross here is a pathway that can lead to belief, light, and eternal life. The Cross in the Gospel is lifted up over us. But instead of being a dark looming presence, it is a healing presence. The shadow that is cast over us is not of darkness or fear but of freedom and light. This Cross is what our journey to heaven is all about. This Lent as you stand beneath the Cross in our parish let Jesus set you free from your fears and chains. Allow His shadow of light to lift your spirit!

THANK YOU! For all of your efforts with the **Seminarian Fund** second collection! We've seen a great response from parishioners across the diocese. *In our own parish, we have received personal thank-you notes from the seminarians.*



ST. JOSEPH ADOPTION NOVENA: There are many people in our parish family who are connected to adoption in some way – they have adopted, they were adopted, or they are in the process of adopting now! Leading up to the **Solemnity of St. Joseph** on **March 19**, join us in praying the **St. Joseph Adoption Novena**. Invoking the intercession of **St. Joseph**, foster father of **Jesus**, we will pray the **Lord** blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption.

Visit respectlife.org/adoption-novena for the Novena, which begins **March 10**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET SALE: The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling **Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets** after all Masses the weekends of **March 10** and **17**. Tickets are **\$5.00** apiece and are good for a chance to win one of **25** different cash prizes totaling over **\$108,000.00!** Plus, if you buy **10** tickets, you'll receive **5 FREE!** Ticket sales support **Knights of Columbus** charities, with the potential for all but .50 cents from each ticket sold come back to our Parish Council. Last year, our Parish Council raised nearly **\$3,000.00** from charity raffle ticket sales, all of which went to local charities and the parish. Thank you and don't forget, buy **10** and get **5 FREE!!!**

OAKLAND NURSERY GIFT CARDS: Thank you to all who ordered gift cards from the **Women's Guild** for **Oakland Nursery**. The cards will be available for pick-up before and after each Mass the weekends of **March 9-10** and **March 16-17**. Our profit was **\$915.00**, which will be used for future purchases for the Church. Call **Laura Sanders** at **614-620-1486**, with any questions. Enjoy shopping.




THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: **March** will continue to be canned or dried soups, any kind except tomato. We've got plenty of that on hand and our clients enjoy a variety. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Questions, contact **Linda Collins** at **614-879-9186**.

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST LENTEN STUDY: This study includes prayer, video content and small group discussion to help us grow together in faith with our fellow parishioners. There are only two more sessions left. We would love to have you come and experience what we have experienced. This **Sunday March 17** from **10:00-11:15 a.m.** in the Parish Hall and **Tuesday March 19** from **6:30-7:45 p.m.** in the **St. Charles Borromeo Room**. Each session will be presented first on **Sundays** and the content will repeat the following **Tuesday**, so you are welcome to attend the session that works for you! Contact **Bonnie Creeger** at bcreeger@stsimonjude.org with any questions!

2023 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENT REQUEST: If you require, or would like to receive, a **2023** Giving Statement, please e-mail our **Financial Assistant Steve Gruzs** at sgruzs@stsimonjude.org or call the Parish Office. With the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" signed into law on **December 22, 2017** dramatically reducing the need for giving statements to complete **MOST** individual's tax returns, our office has found that fewer than **25%** of **SSJ's** members chose to request their Giving Statements last year. The office believes we can save much time, effort and expense by providing these statements "as requested." Thank you.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

- **THANK YOU** to all of the Youth who helped write and lead our **Stations of the Cross**. They offered a beautiful reflection for our parish and we are very proud of them! If you missed it and are interested in praying their reflections on your own time, email kjones@stsimonjude.org for an electronic copy of their **Stations of the Cross** booklet.
- Please continue to pray for our Youth – especially those receiving Sacraments this year. The prayers of our parish community are so necessary for our ministry with young people. The Youth are such a gift to our parish family and we love to show them how much we value them – prayer is a great way to do this!!! 
- On **April 13**, from **9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** and from **12:00-2:30 p.m.**, the **Youth Group** and the **Knights of Columbus**, along with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** will be making bunk beds for children who have no beds to sleep on. All **14** years of age and older may participate. Any youth ages **14-17** are required to have a parent present. Please sign up on **Flocknote** or contacting **Mark Mandel** at **614-800-1534** or email **Mark** at markmandel10759@gmail.com. If you participate, please dress appropriately. (Work Clothes and Closed Shoes) Please come out and support this noble cause – we can't complete it without your help!
- If you are not receiving **Youth Group** emails and you are interested in being added to the list, please email **Katie Jones** at kjones@stsimonjude.org to be added. We don't always have a lot of information in the bulletin but emails go out regularly with information on our schedule. We have some upcoming fun events being planned!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Brian Beal
 Fr. Brian O'Connor, Canal Winchester; St. John XXIII; Waverly, St. Mary
 Fr. Charles Cotton
 Fr. Charles Klingler
 Christopher Dixon, Seminarian
 Fr. Christopher Tuttle, Chillicothe, St. Peter, St. Mary; Waverly, St. Mary
 Fr. Christopher Yakkell, Military Chaplaincy

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH FOR NEW MARTYRS

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



PRAYER CHAIN: Don't forget, if you'd like to be added to our prayer notification list or if you have a prayer request, email **Katie Jones!** If you want to be notified when someone needs prayers, please indicate whether you want to be notified by email or text and provide the necessary information for your preferred method when you email **Katie** at kjones@stsimonjude.org. Thank you!

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