

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

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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 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

Monday, March 18 ❖ **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 NO Mass
 -Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Tuesday, March 19 ❖ **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 6:00 p.m. † Jim Curtiss (Marvin & Marsha Phipps)
 -2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 20 ❖ **Lenten Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. Teena Gallagher (Lloyd & Bonnie Creeger)
 - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21 ❖ **Lenten Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. Bill & Jan Weeks (Lloyd & Bonnie Creeger)
 - Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22 ❖ **Lenten Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. † Matt Huffman (Chris & Vickie Brake)
 - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23 ❖ **Vigil**
 4:00 p.m. † Jim Barr Sr. (Jim & Jerinel Maynard)

Sunday, March 24 ❖ **Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**
 9:00 a.m. † Coletta Graham (Michael & Karen Smith)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 -Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

† = Deceased

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Distributing Oakland Nursery Gift Cards at all Masses
 CLOW, 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00-10:20 a.m.
 Children's Choir, 10:20 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.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 a.m.
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group Movie Night, 7:30 p.m. at WestPoint Theaters

Monday, March 18
 NO Mass

Tuesday, March 19
 Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
 Jesus and the Eucharist Study, St. Charles Borromeo Room, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20
 RCIA, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21
 Pasta Dinner Set-up, 5:00 p.m.
 Rosary, 6:00 p.m.
 K of C Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Walking with Purpose, 7:00 p.m. (Babysitting provided)


Friday, March 22
 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 23
 Confessions, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24
 Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – MASS ATTENDANCE: 532
Stations of the Cross: 70

THIS WEEKEND, OUR FEATURED ADVERTISER IS
HEAVEN'S GAIN MINISTRIES



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

THANK YOU! For all of your efforts with the **Seminarian Fund** second collection in past weeks. We've seen a great response from our parish as well as in the Diocese. Our parish raised **\$5,246.00**. We also have received many "thank-you notes" expressing their gratitude.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE: This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet **Tuesday, March 26** at 7:00 p.m. to discuss "*The Fourth Cup*" by **Scott Hahn**. If you have any questions, please contact **Katie Jones** at kjones@stsimonjude.org.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 24, 2024	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	A. Covert	C. Harey
	M. McAnespie	M. Covert	L. Long
	A. Penquite	W. Pickens	S. Rice
Lectors	K. Maggied	D. Palatas	K. Williams
	C. Saul		A. Knapke
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	L. Sanders	C. Jenson	M. Taylor
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	J. Banaag	R. Poletta	
	B. Daulton	M. Mesewicz	
Sacristan	B. Schneider	R. Cwiekalo	VOLUNTEER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Gloria Britain | Sam Maag | Kevin Courtright |
| Gerard Finnegan | Holly Langhurst | Michael Korson |
| Stephen Gruz | Joselyn Slaper | Philomena McAnespie |
| Kay Beattie | Betsy Daulton | Austin Buescher |
| Dave Monnin | Danielle Thomas | Danielle Turner |
| Gary Palatas | | |

**Lenten Message from the Pastor
5th Sunday of Lent
Fr. Dwayne McNew**



Dear parish family,

Ok, this will not make any sense unless you have read the Gospel for today. (John 12:20-33) Sometimes God just can't contain God's own self. It is like me sometimes when I get excited, I just open my mouth and let the words tumble out. God gets very excited and needs to speak and act. We see this at the first moments of creation when God needed to speak over and over again. Every time God spoke, there was another awesome dynamic creation – light, air, earth, animals, plants, seas, dragons, humans and even a Dwayne. During Jesus' prayer in today's Gospel, God once again can't hold back. God just jumps right in and yells out how much God likes what Jesus is saying and doing. It is like the theater owner jumping up before the performance is over and yelling, "Bravo! Bravo!"

What was Jesus saying that caused so much excitement in God? Jesus was speaking about exploding forth like a puffy dandelion held up to the wind. In one moment – the moment of Jesus' death – all creation would be changed! That should get everyone excited! Death would cease to be an ending and would become a new creation, like the first moment of creation!

No wonder God cheered!

Let this new law be written in our heart. The days of the new covenant have arrived. Even in our dying we will know the Lord. As we get closer to Holy Week let us all get as excited as God.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET

SALE: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets after all Masses this weekend, March 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 this weekend, 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: We invite anyone to join us for the last "Jesus and the Eucharist" session this Sunday, March 17 from 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This session will be repeated on Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the St. Charles Borromeo room. The topic is Bread for the Journey. Contact Bonnie Creeger at bcreeger@stsimonjude.org with any questions!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:

- Fr. Craig Eilermann, Lancaster, Basilica of St. Mary; St. Mark
- Fr. Cyrus Haddad, Washington Court House, St. Colman of Cloyne
- Colin Lee, Seminarian
- Daniel Colby, Seminarian
- Fr. Daniel Dury, Sunbury, St. John Neumann
- Fr. Daniel Millisor, Chaplain, Ohio Dominican University
- Fr. Daniel Ochs, Columbus, St. Timothy



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

- **THE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting at the Westpoint Theaters this Sunday, March 17, for the 7:30 p.m. viewing of Cabrini. Text Katie Jones, kjones@stsimonjude.org if you have questions. We pre-ordered tickets for sale if you'd like to join us! Let Katie know ASAP.
- 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, there will be two shifts 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 children 14 years of age and older may participate. Any youth, ages 14-18, are required to have a parent present. For safety reasons you **must be 14 years old**. There are **20 volunteers needed for each shift**. Please sign up on Flocknote (<https://sssimonandjude2.flocknote.com/signup/159468>) or contact Mark Mandel at 614-800-1534 or email Mark at markmandel10759@gmail.com. If you participate, please dress appropriately. (Work Clothes and Closed Shoes) If you have any questions or know someone willing to donate lumber, please contact Mike Myers at 614-582-8204. 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!

As we get closer to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19, check these out on FORMED.org. Our parish code is NZ2PDB.



"Saint Joseph" – a four-part series with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers who discuss the titles of St. Joseph as Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Universal Church. They will also compare the Joseph of the Old and New Testaments.



"St. Joseph: Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney" – in this episode, you will find fun and festive ways to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph with the whole family. This includes some amazing recipes!

As we continue our year of parish Eucharistic Revival, we will offer "The Rescue Project" on Wednesday evenings April 17 through May 29 from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in our Parish Hall. This study is very similar to the ALPHA program held at our parish many years ago, but this 8-week totally Catholic experience includes prayer, dinner, music, video content featuring Fr. John Ricardo, and small group discussion. Stay tuned for more information and sign-ups!

STEWARDSHIP			
<i>(July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year, Reported Monthly)</i>			
February (8 Months)			
	Month	YTD	Prior YTD
Offertory Gifts / Holy Day Gifts	\$ 32,347	\$ 320,094	\$ 311,410
<i>Other Gifts:</i>			
New Building Pledge Pymnts Rec'd	5,777	46,105	49,652
Food Pantries	272	4,855	4,143
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