

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE:
WEEKDAYS: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)
SATURDAYS: 4:00 pm **SUNDAYS:** 10:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
First Tuesday of the Month
Following 8:00 am Mass with
Benediction at 10:00 am
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday from 3:15—3:45 pm
BAPTISMS:
First Sunday of Each Month
By Appointment with Pastor
MARRIAGES:
Arrangements Must Be Made with
The Pastor 6 Months Prior to
Proposed Marriage



ST. ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FRENCH VILLAGE, MO

Mass Schedule:
SUNDAY: 8:00 am
Baptisms—By Appointment with Pastor
Reconciliation—Before Mass
Organist: Jim Wagner



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	08	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	09	8:00 a.m.	Steve Rosener
Wed.	10	8:00 a.m.	Ted Mueller
Thur.	11	8:00 a.m.	Paula Pace
Fri.	12	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	13	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	14	10:00 a.m.	M/M Homer Daugherty
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH	
SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:00 PM <i>March 13, 2021</i>	
Lector	Janie McCormick
Altar Servers	Landon Stotler
Ushers	M/M Jacob Stotler
ST. JOSEPH	
SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM <i>March 14, 2021</i>	
Lector	Marcy Mueller
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers	Mike Lukachick Gerald Stanley
ST. ANNE	
SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM <i>March 14, 2021</i>	
Lector	Ron Schmidt
Altar Servers	Patrick McDowell Audrey McDowell MaryKathryn McDowell
Ushers	V.Bender, R. Byington



Lenten Fish Fry - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry dinner at their meeting hall every Friday in Lent starting February 19, 2021, 3:30 pm – 6:30 p.m. The meal includes baked and fried catfish, walleye, breaded baked cod, mac & cheese, green beans, stewed tomatoes, slaw, and dessert, and the proceeds help our parishioners offset the costs of Catholic education. Please come out to pick up a good meal and help support these families. **There will be carry out only.**

Reminder
St. Joseph Cemetery
St. Anne Cemetery

With Easter not very far away, we ask that you please remove Christmas/holiday decorations from the graves. Thank you.



We will have the Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings during Lent at St. Joseph Church.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Anne Church after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for those who wish to attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten confession opportunities will be offered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at:



St. Joseph Church in Bonne Terre

Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 8:30 am to 10:00 am and 6:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church in Farmington, MO on Friday, March 12, 2021, 9 am - 6 pm

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Cross

There is so much to reflect upon in the readings today. First, we can reflect on the Ten Commandments in the proper way and what their true nature is: they are guideposts to living in authentic freedom for goodness. They are not mere restrictions against fun as the world often tells us. Second, Paul reminds us that we must preach Christ crucified and never offer less than the truth about our faith to others. Christ's Passion shows us that we too must endure suffering in order to enter into glory. Finally, the Gospel shows the righteous anger of Christ and foreshadows His Resurrection from the dead. We are called to walk the road to Calvary with Christ and enter into the mystery of His suffering. archstl.org/dynamic

Your Gift to God February 27 & 28, 2021

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$2,994.00	\$815.00
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Ash Wednesday	30.00	
Church Restoration	180.00	

2020-21 Budgeted Amounts
Envelopes/Loose
St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804
for 52 weeks

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St. Anne Church

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Anne Folle and Jean Hejlek

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who clean our sacred space each week.

Reflection

Love Delivers

Return, O Israel, to the Lord, your God.

Every Lent, that springtime for the soul, Hosea invites us to be (not only fall) in love again. God promises us: “I will love you freely . . . I will be like the dew for you . . . You shall blossom . . . strike root . . . put forth shoots . . . bear fruit.” God’s love delivers.

And that’s the point Jesus makes when asked which was the first commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the endless circle of love: God first loves us, and we respond, loving God directly and loving our neighbor, even when an enemy. This is how God’s kingdom comes into the world.

God’s love, freely and forever given, delivers us from and to. Love delivers us from fear, anxiety, anger, and hatred. When we allow ourselves to receive God’s love, living every day aware of it as gift, we gradually come to a place of inner peace, trusting God will never stop loving us and will give us the strength to love in return. We breathe in the life-breath of the Spirit and breathe it back out into the world.

God’s love is a force moving us forward into the future, depending on our self-emptying and self-giving, in imitation of Jesus, culminating in ever-deepening communion. Teilhard de Chardin wrote that love is the “only force that can make things one without destroying them.” Love delivers us to our final destination: immersion in the mystery of God’s love. Fr. James Wallace

James A. Wallace, CSSR, is a member of the Redemptorist Evangelization Team located in Washington, DC, and author of Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart and The Ministry of Lectors. Give Us This Day

Diaper Drive

During the weekends of March 13-14 through Sunday, March 21, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and bring them to **boxes in the vestibule**. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's.

A Message from Archbishop Rozanski

This Lenten season, we are led by the Spirit to take a step back from all the heartbreak and loss in order to focus on transformation. Not just transformation for ourselves but for the entire world. All of God’s Children are hurting and we must let the spirit lead us, just as it led Jesus. We need to reflect on this past year to find a new perspective for our Lenten journey, one that is targeted and well-earned. Too many times we dwell on the negative but if we instead dwell in the Lord then we can begin restoring our lives by letting the spirit lead us toward the first steps of a transformed world.



Joseph Donders

Missionary of Africa (1929–2013)

As a boy growing up in Holland, Joseph Donders, who

was known as Sjeff, dreamed of traveling the world as a missionary. As soon as he could, he entered the seminary of the Missionaries of Africa—then known as the White Fathers—and was ordained a priest in 1957. After pursuing a doctorate in Rome he was sent in 1970 to Nairobi, Kenya, where he taught for fifteen years at the University of Nairobi while also serving as a chaplain. A collection of his sermons there, *Jesus the Stranger*, was later published in the United States, where it became an acclaimed best seller. It was followed by many other books.

In Africa, Donders came to understand just how much his own version of Christianity was shaped by Western assumptions. His missionary training, he saw, had focused on saving individual souls—an approach rooted in the individualistic spirit of the West but which was jarring to the African sense of community and peoplehood. The experience of reading the Gospel through African eyes, described in his book *Non-Bourgeois Theology*, changed his perspective in many ways. In 1984 he moved to Washington, DC, to serve as the first director of the Africa Faith and Justice Network, organizing relief efforts and advocating for a transformation of U.S. policies toward Africa. But he remained always a missionary, struggling to find new language to transpose the Gospel from its original setting in Palestine into a wider world. He died on March 7, 2013.

Please Pray

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paula Pace**, who passed away on February 25, 2021. May her soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.

Ladies of St Joseph

Our meeting will be held on March 9, following the morning Mass. We will be planning for the yearly events. Please come join us. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.



When I was sent to my previous parish in St Charles, I was the recipient of my predecessor’s good stewardship in encouraging a group of handymen who came every Thursday morning and contributed about 3 or 4 hours work to the parish. They had the interesting name, the “**ya-yas**” (I can’t really say how they got the name, but it stuck). There were ideally about a dozen parish men in the regular group, but usually I could figure about 6,7, or 8 there each week. Typically, they worked in teams of 2. During that time, they would work on what was needed around the campus. Some might be tearing up some flooring, others rewiring something, still others some paint project or plumbing. They had a running list of projects and over the year, we would meet a couple times each year to see how progress was heading with multiple tasks. After they worked in the morning, most would then go out to lunch. Frankly they enjoyed their labor, and they probably identified with the parish more because they had a real stake in it. I can tell you they probably saved the parish funds in the hundreds of thousands of dollars! They are still very much an active parish group, replacements have come and gone, and most of the charter members are resting in the embrace of God.

We have been greatly blessed to have had the labors of a couple in our parish who have assisted us in such a fashion. I am so grateful for the **many years** that Jim and Betty Novotny have contributed to doing a lot of voluntary repair work around here. There many, many hours over the years has been a real contribution to the parish. **Thank you to both!!** Nonetheless, they have decided to step away from further projects. With that in mind I would like to encourage some of our fellas (this would be a men’s fellowship effort) to join together and regularly donate a morning of repair and labor (maybe Thursday). This would be a good thing for retired fellas. Like so many things, you never start seeing what needs to happen till you get in there and do it. And so I’m asking for a good dirty dozen men. Can you help me?

Fr. Steve Bauer, Pastor

Name _____

Contact Number _____ Email _____

Area of Expertise _____

Days Available _____

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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