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#### From The Archives

Fr. John Kersten, Pastor of St. Joseph Church announced his retirement, Mar. 5, 1995, effective Sep. 24. Since no priest was available to take Fr. Kersten's place, a meeting was held Mar. 29, with Bishop Houck in attendance to listen to suggestions and ideas on how the two parishes could strengthen their relationship. It was the beginning of what we now call the Catholic Community of Meridian.



#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	(St. Patrick):	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	(St. Joseph):	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	(St. Patrick):	11:00 a.m.
Sunday	(St. Patrick):	3:00 p.m.

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	(St. Joseph)	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	(St. Patrick)	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	(St. Patrick):	8:30 a.m.
Friday	(St. Patrick):	12:05 p.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before all Masses/11A-12N—  
First Friday/4P—Every Saturday/930A—  
2nd & 4th Saturday's—NAS Meridian  
Chapel or by appointment.

#### Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 12N—6P —St. Aloysius  
Chapel/Parish Center

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m. (M-F)

Vespers/Rosary 4:45 p.m. (M-F)

Dial-In Phone Number is 769-206-1927

#### **Mass Schedule, Intentions, and Readings for February 24<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

Monday	No Mass	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Communion Service	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	12:05 p.m. Communion Service	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	8:30 a.m. <b>Jane Stroble Miller</b> /Offered by Martha Mazingo <b>Janet Stephens</b> /Offered by Pam Walston	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday	12:05 p.m. <b>In Honor of Katie Rutledge</b> /Offered by Bob Connor <b>Dr. Mones Thomas</b> /Offered by Dr. Nunie Thomas	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	5:00 p.m. <b>Felipa Calvadores</b> /Offered by Lucia Hodge	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	8:30 a.m. <b>Maurice LaBiche</b> /Offered by Teresa "TC" Labiche 11:00 a.m. <b>Poky Murphy</b> /Offered by Grace & Billy Mitts 3:00 p.m. Catholic Community	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a); 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### Every Life Is Precious!

In our world today, you don't have to look far to see a lack of respect for human life. War, mass shootings, abortion, and capital punishment make a mockery of what should be a basic principle for us all: every life is precious. Let us keep in mind what Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians in the portion of his letter that we hear today: we shall bear the image of Christ in heaven. Every human life is precious if only because every life holds the promise of resurrection and the heavenly image of Christ. We come together today to thank God for all human life and the promise of eternal life.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule is as follows: March 5th—  
St. Patrick Church—7:00 a.m.,  
9:00 a.m. (School Mass) and 6:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph—12:00 Noon.



### **Circle your Calendars!!!**

Save the Date—Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Countdown 2025! Tickets will go on  
sale the first week of March!

## **Laissez le bon Temps Rouler!!!**

Let The Good Times Roll!!!

**The Catholic Community Mardi Gras Party will be held at St. Joseph (Kehrer Hall) Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6P—10P. The "Adult" Catholic Community is invited to come celebrate and just have fun! The Knights of Peter Claver is sponsoring the party. There is no admission charge. However, the KPC are raffling off a beautiful Gift Goody Basket to help defray expenses. Tickets are available from any KPC member (\$1 each).**

## **Children's Choir!**

All K-8th grades are welcome to join the Choir. Choir practice will be every Wednesday (530P-615P) in Room 214 (1st classroom on the left) in the FLC.

The Choir is being led by Mrs. Sarah Pogue and this is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their musical talents and participate more actively in the liturgy.

### Stations of the Cross Schedule

March 7th—St. Patrick—Catholic Women of St. Patrick (CWO).

March 14th—St. Joseph—Hospitality Committee/Servants of Mary—Fish Fry.

March 21st—St. Patrick—St. Patrick School.

March 28th—St. Joseph—Knights of Peter Claver/KofC—Fish Fry.

April 4th—St. Patrick—Catholic Youth—Soup/Sandwiches served at no charge.

April 11th—St. Joseph—St. Joseph/St. Patrick Pastoral Councils—Tentative—Fish Fry.

April 18th—St. Patrick (5P)—Hispanic Community.

Each evening will start at 6P except as noted above. There will be fish fry's after each Station at St. Joseph for a nominal charge per plate. The CWO will provide a meal to be determined after the March 7th & 21st Stations at St. Patrick (again for a nominal charge). The Youth will serve their meal at no charge on April 4th.

### Catholic Women Organization of St. Patrick

The CWO is inviting anyone interested to join the Goodwill Committee and help with lunches/receptions after Funeral Masses. Please contact Christi Jones at [cbjonez@comcast.net](mailto:cbjonez@comcast.net) to join the Committee and also for more information.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes continue each Sunday, (9A-1030A) in the Father Vally Room.

**February 23rd**—Sacraments of Holy Orders & Anointing - Facilitator—Father Carlisle.

**March 2nd**—Sacrament of Penance/How to make a Confession—Facilitator—Father Carlisle.



Lucious Abrams	Ava Cayer
Dan Gorgas	Barbara Rogers
Helena Wells	Theresa Franklin
Shawn	Beckett Ethridge
Hannington	Elois Fleming
John Stone	Richard Moody
Richard Harris	Lydia Polichnia
Reagan Gorgas	Robert McDaniel
Michael Berryhill	Adam Ethridge
Jacques Stoute	Lizabeth del
Howard McCarty	Angel
Alberta Mosley	

## **What's Happening**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> —KPC will be selling Raffle Tickets for the Gift Basket. Bottles will be distributed for the KC Baby Bottle Drive for the Meridian CPC.**

**February 26th—Wednesday Night Dinner—5P—6P in the FLC. Children's Choir practice 530P-615P in Room 214 (1st room on left) in the FLC. PSR continues with the students meeting in St. Patrick Church at 615P. CCM Health Ministry will be offering free Blood Pressure checks (5P-6P) in the FLC.**

**February 27th—Adult Bible Study (The Holy Spirit) in the Fr. Vally Room (10A).**

**March 1st—Men's Group meets at 9A in the Father. Vally Room. KPC Mardi Gras Party—6P-10P in Kehrer Hall at St. Joseph.**

**March 6th—First Downtown Lenten Service—12N—St. Patrick Church.**

**March 7th—1st Friday Healing Mass—12N—followed by lunch (provided by the ACES group) in the Fr. Vally Room.**

**Wednesday Night Dinners continue February 26th. Dinner is served 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The menu will be a mystery! To find out, you will have to come on down and eat! Plate Cost is \$6 Adults), \$3 (Children under 10) with a \$25 maximum per family.**





**Youth Group** will meet this Sunday, February 23rd at 4P in the Youth Room. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 9th at 4P. For more information, please contact Angela at the Parish Office.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze."  
St. Catherine of Siena

**The Catholic Community Health Ministry** will be conducting free blood pressure checks (5P-6P) each Wednesday during February in the FLC. For more information about the Health Ministry, please contact Pam Tvarkunas at 601 513 7566.

#### Travel With Father Carlisle in the Fall of 2025

Dates: October 4—15, 2025  
Details: Pilgrimage will take you to Rome and surrounding areas including Assisi and then continuing to Lisbon where the trip will end in Fatima.  
Cost: \$5,799.00 per person (includes airfare from anywhere in the U.S.)  
Contact Information: Pat Nause 601-604-0412, Proximo Travel (855) 842 8001 or proximotravel.com.  
Please mention Trip #1181.

## Weekly Collections

#### St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$4,428.00  
February 9<sup>th</sup>: \$1,776.00  
Online (February 10<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>): \$67.00

#### St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$15,869.00  
February 9<sup>th</sup>: \$6,727.00  
Online (February 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>): \$750.00

#### Spanish Mass

February 9<sup>th</sup>: \$457.00

Special Collection this weekend (February 22nd & 23rd) is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Upcoming special collections include Church Repairs for both St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church—March 2nd & 3rd.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS COUNCIL 802 / ASSEMBLY 1251

*The Knights will be sponsoring a baby bottle drive to support the Meridian Center of Pregnancy Choices (CPC). Bottles will be distributed at all Masses, this weekend (February 22nd & 23rd) and then collected next weekend (March 1st & 2nd).*

The Men's Group of St. Joseph & St. Patrick will meet Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Father Vally Room. All adult men or older sons welcome!



The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 208 will be raffling off a beautiful Gift Basket just in time for "Fat Tuesday." Tickets are \$1 each and available from any KPC member. There will be a table (with the Goody Basket displayed) for ticket sales set up after each Mass this weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at both St. Joseph & St. Patrick churches.



**Parish Lenten Mission**  
*("Hope in Mercy") upcoming March 23<sup>rd</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> (6P-730P each evening) featuring our very own Tim Mowdy, Scott Owen and Ken Woodward as the keynote speakers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (5P-6P).*

February is Black History Month and in 1962, St. Joseph Church suffered a tragic loss of the High School that had educated thousands of students over 50+ years. In 2000, a memorial known as the Meditation Garden was erected on the grounds where the school building was located. Today it continues to be a tribute to dedicated Alumni and members of St. Joseph Church of the excellent education that was received by all who attended the school.

The Thursday morning Adult Bible study "Holy Spirit" continues February 27<sup>th</sup> in Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center, 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

## OUR LADY'S CORNER

Our Lady's Corner Store will be open this Sunday and March 2<sup>nd</sup> (10A-1045A and after the 11A Mass) and Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (430—615P).

To shop by appointment, please contact Pat (601) 479-0920 or John in the Parish Office.

#### Downtown Lenten Schedule

March 6<sup>th</sup>—St. Patrick Catholic Church  
March 13<sup>th</sup>—First Baptist Church  
March 20<sup>th</sup>—First Presbyterian Church  
March 27<sup>th</sup>—St. Paul Episcopal Church  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>—Central UMC  
April 10<sup>th</sup>—First Christian Church

Each service will start at 12 Noon and last 30 minutes followed by lunch. Donations received during the lunch at St. Patrick will be donated to the Meridian CPC.



**Family & Friends:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Payne (cousin of Rose Schultz) and Joan Rains (family member of Bridget & John Harwell).

**Parishioners:** Please pray for JoAnn Mack, Dr. David Newell, Rosie Leflore, Barbara Holscher, Billy Mitts, Mel Brumfield, Teresa LaBiche, Martha & Larry Mazingo, and Dianne Hall.

**Family & Friends:** Please pray for Lee Feldman (friend of Bridget & John Harwell), Erin Lewis (daughter of Mary Harrington), Dalton Kyle (friend of Pam Walston), Mary Urbeck (SIL of Pat Risch), Paula Ramagos (cousin of Les Pogue), Shirley Chapman (sister of Irma Alexander), Suzie McWilliams Pool, Marie Conway (cousin of Rose Schultz), Leo Kushnir (great nephew of Rose Schultz), Adrian Hill and Bill Watson (friends of Rose Schultz), Samson Beck and John Eugene Morgan (son & grandson of Helen Beck).


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