

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 20 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm + Leo Sullivan by Dee Wygant

Sunday, March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Ann Lemaire by Family

10:00 am † Evelyn Cutshall by Bob & Kathy Valkner

12:00 pm † Most Rev. James A. Murray by St. Joseph Parish 2:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome Burmese

5:00 pm † Rosa Araiza Olai by Roselita Araiza Olai

Spanish

Monday, March 22

8:00 am † Joseph Losinski by Marilyn Strobel

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 am Eric Symko & Family by Neil & Nancy Haack

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 am Spiritual Renewal & Conversion of Our Nation

Thursday, March 25

8:00 am Lee White by Bill & Diane Bogan

5:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, March 26

8:00 am † Carol Ankley by Fr. Chris Ankley

8:30 am Adoration

5:00 pm Stations & Benediction Burmese Stations & Benediction Spanish 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Mary's Way of the Cross English

Saturday, March 27

8:00 am † Robert McCowen by Family

3:30 pm Holy Hour for Life 3:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, March 27 - Vigil: Palm Sunday

5:00 pm † Nelson Prast by Jonny & Frank Skeltis

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome

10:00 am Kristine Short by Family

12:00 pm † Josephine Elizondo by Elizondo & Stark Family 2:00 pm For the Burmese People in Myanmar Burmese

5:00 pm † Tercer aniversario de difunta Maria Inez Velasquez

Talavera by Griselda Spanish

Readings For: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-12

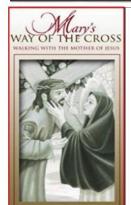


Adoration of the **Blessed** Sacrament

- Monday 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church Spanish
- Wednesday 9:00 am Saturday 9:00 am in St. Philip Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the Seton Center
- Thursday 5:00 to 6:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
- Friday 8:30 am Benediction 4:45 pm in St. Joseph Church
- Saturday 3:30 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Life in St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph: To sign up for a Holy hour or to be on the sub list for Friday Adoration, please call Marlene: 962-8641 and leave your name and phone number.

St. Philip: Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the St. Philip Seton Center, Wednesday 9:00 am to Saturday 9:00 am, call Betty Dillard: 962-8255 to sign up.



St. Joseph Church presents Mary's Way of the Cross

March 26 at 7:00 pm

This in place of the Stations of the Cross that are normally presented.

You are invited to join in the beautiful mediation from Mary's perspective of the Way of the Cross.

Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of ebreviary.com. Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer are available for every day.



Minister Schedule

March 27 & 28

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12:00 PM
Cantor	Annette Kukla	Robert Valkner	Bernadette Heldt	Annette Kukla
Reader	Pat Squires	Anthony Wojcik - rd 1 Donald Keyes - rd 2	Andrew Cutshall - rd 1 Eleonor Stark - rd 2	Rhonda Washington
Usher	Jeremy Gallaway Lucinda Gallaway	Shari Wojcik John Bizon Rita Wahmhoff	Ellen Hallacy John Hallacy	Michael Olson Shirley Youmans

St. Joseph, Pray for Us

From Fr. Christopher Ankley

Dear Friends,

During my first semester of seminary we had a course in early Church history. This course was taught by the Dean of Studies, Fr. Palardy. Fr. Palardy was a brilliant scholar earning his undergraduate degree from Harvard in just three years before entering the seminary and he was also a diehard Red Sox fan. You always knew when the Red Sox were playing because on game days you could see red socks poking out from beneath his black He did that to goad the pants. Yankee fans in our class. And they were goaded. Very early on in the course when we were beginning to learn about the Church Fathers he brought in an icon of St. Ignatius of Antioch. This icon, he told us, hung above his desk and it showed St. İgnatius standing between two lions. One lion is biting into Ignatius' neck while the other lion is biting into his leg, **not very** inspiring. On tough days, however, Fr. Palardy told us that he would look at this icon and think to himself, "It's not so bad." Maybe we all need this icon.

St. Ignatius was a disciple of St. John the evangelist. He learned the faith from the man who rested his head upon the heart of our Lord. Ignatius was the Bishop of Antioch for forty years before being arrested and martyred for being a Christian. After his arrest he was interrogated and at this questioning he was asked, "Do you worship as God this Jesus who was crucified under Pontius Pilate?" Ignatius immediately answers, "Yes" and then he added, "By his death Jesus has crucified both sin and its author, and has proclaimed that all malice of the devil should be trodden under foot by those who bear Him in their hearts." This prompted the government official to ask, "Do you really carry this Jesus about within you?" Ignatius answers, "Yes, for it is written that Jesus said, 'I will dwell within them and I will walk with them." For this testimony and for refusing to worship the false gods of Rome, Ignatius was sent to Rome to be killed by wild animals.

He was to be killed for the entertainment of the Roman crowds. He would later say, "I am God's grain and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts that I may be found the pure bread of Christ."

This statement of Jesus which Ignatius repeats to the interrogator. "I will dwell in them and walk with them" was prophesied by Jeremiah 700 years earlier at the time of Jerusalem's destruction when its leading citizens were forced into We heard it in the first reading, "The days are coming says the Lord when I will make a new covenant... I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." This passage from Jeremiah has sometimes been called the Gospel before the Gospel and it's a landmark in Old Testament theology.

Jesus fulfilled this new and everlasting covenant the night before he died and we hear His words at every Mass. When I'm bowed over the chalice I repeat the words of Jesus saying, "Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the Chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." This is a pledge of mutual love and a wedding vow is being made, our Lord is saying to each and every one of us with this covenant, "I'm yours and you're mine."

The Jewish people of the Old Testament found it hard to follow the law. They couldn't live up to it. And they repeatedly failed. But Jeremiah predicts that one day God will write the law on their heart and then they'll be able to fulfill the law. Jesus speaks this new covenant at the Last Supper speaking the words over the cup of his blood, the cup of his life. Jesus Christ is the Law made flesh. And every time we take Him into our bodies, every time we take him into our souls we are becoming more and more conformed to the Law which is being more and more written into our hearts. The

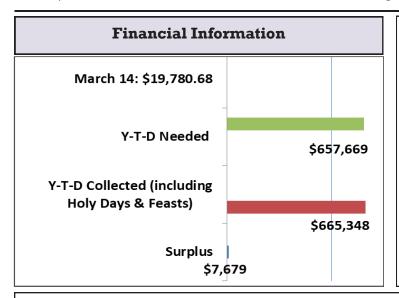
Eucharist Christifies us, the Eucharist conforms us to His life. When we consume the Eucharist we are not only taking in our Lord, we are also taking into ourselves the Law made flesh and He now dwells within our hearts.

The law that was once written on tablets of stone but now through Christ it's being written within the flesh of our hearts and we carry this law wherever we go and this gives us a responsibility. St. Ignatius was a writer and we still have seven of his letters. And they're very important letters giving us a glimpse of early Christianity. At the time the Canon of the Bible was being assembled some thought his letters should be included. I urge you to read them. To the Ephesians Ignatius wrote of the Holy Eucharist, calling it the flesh of Christ, the Gift of God, and the Medicine of Immortality. And to receive the Eucharist is to make us beholden to our neighbor. And he wrote this about our neighbor: "In face of their outbursts of wrath be meek; in face of their boastful words be humble; meet their reviling with prayers; where they are in error be steadfast in faith; in face of their fury be gentle. Be not eager to retaliate upon them. Let our forbearance prove us their brethren. Let us endeavor to be imitators of the Lord that no rank weed of the Devil is found in you. But in all purity and sobriety abide in Christ Jesus in flesh and in spirit." Let Christ live within your heart.

St. Ignatius was martyred within a Roman amphitheater in the year AD 107. He was killed by hungry lions as the crowds cheered. But he lives on not only in his letters but more importantly he lives on in the eternal bliss of Heaven where he praises God and intercedes on our behalf.

Let us be great Saints,

Fr. Christopher J. Ankley



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- Think of a name for your spiritually adopted baby.
- mail us at <u>prolifeministrybc@yahoo.com</u> or call 968-4639 with your name, your baby's name, and your parish. We will fill out a heart to post on the board in your parish.
- Pray a short prayer daily from the Annunciation to Christmas (the same nine months Jesus was growing in the womb of Mary). You will be emailed this prayer and also receive monthly updates on how your baby is developing. (Prayer cards and hearts are also available at all three parish offices.)
- Donate a baby item at the end of the program in January.

A gift of flowers and decorations for the Easter season

You can remember family and friends by making a donation for flowers and decorations to St. Joseph Church. Your donation will be used to enhance our worship space by purchasing decorations and keeping flowers and plants fresh throughout the Easter Season. Please fill out below and place it in the collection basket by March 28. Remembrances will be printed in a bulletin insert during the Easter Season.

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From Fr. Maximilian Nightingale

The Virtues of Saint Joseph: Love for Jesus and Mary

The greatest of all the virtues is the theological virtue of love, which is also called charity to distinguish it from less noble forms of love. "So faith, hope and love, these three abide, but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). It is the practice of this virtue that fulfills every commandment, for "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Rom 13:10).

What is this virtue of love? It is to love another, not merely for one's own sake (the way we might love food or wealth), but to desire the good for the other. In particular, this virtue of love seeks God's good above all things, and extends to the love of neighbor for God's sake. Since God loves and wills our good too, and comes to dwell within us, it is a mutual love and so some even define this virtue as the friendship of man with God.

In St. Joseph, his **natural love of his family** perfectly integrates with his **supernatural love of God**, so that everything in his life became an occasion for living out his love for God. In showing love for his wife, he showed love for the woman through

whom God united human nature to His own divine life. In loving Jesus as his own son, St. Joseph's own daily life was more completely ordered to God than even the life of a priest or a nun. When we spend time in the presence of Jesus, whether at Mass or in Eucharistic Adoration, we do so with the hope that this will increase our love for Him. This is a reasonable hope. Whereas each of us may spend an hour each week (or each day!) in the presence of Jesus, St. Joseph spent entire years of his life in the presence of Jesus, and his love would grow accordingly. The greatest proof of the sanctity of Joseph is that his entire life was more closely bound up with Jesus and Mary than was possible for any other saint.

Though St. Joseph received an extraordinary privilege in his closeness to Jesus and Mary, we too have privileged means of approaching Jesus and caring for Him as St. Joseph did. I mentioned above how the Eucharist brings us into the presence of Jesus, but Jesus himself teaches another way: "The King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. [...] Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:34-36, 40).

In any of these works of mercy, we mystically take Jesus into our own hands and care for Him as St. Joseph did for so many years. There is no shortage of persons who are hungry, thirsty, sick, imprisoned, or in need of a home. (In the United States alone, there are hundreds of thousands of children without a permanent home.) St. Joseph was the first man to welcome Jesus into his home, but he was not meant to be the last. Ask for his intercession, that you may love Jesus hidden in the poor. This is the love that endures forever.

St. Joseph, foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.

Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

Geri Bateman, Chris Bradley, Chuck Brown, Peggy Crane, Melody Dulyea,
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Betty Wezensky, Leon White, Sara Wixson, Dee Wygant, Christine Ybarra, Marion Zull

Prayers for the Deceased

Donald Van Geison

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a REFLECT Day of Reflection at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 10, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$45 including continental breakfast and lunch. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.





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Parishioners should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Eucharist Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact our Schools or our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you or someone you know has a vocation, contact a parish priest for assistance.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

In case of an accident, surgery or other emergency, call 962-0165.

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