

MARCH 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We continue the work of Jesus Christ, to Unleash the Gospel and help everyone seek and experience the love and mercy of God.

Father Bogdan's Corner

I hope that you will make a quick adjustment to the Daylight Saving Time, where we lost one hour of sleep. In the fall we will gain it back. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we will reflect in the homilies "that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light..." (Jn 3:14-21). This fourth week of Lent is special to us because we can look for the intersessions of St. Patrick and St. Joseph in our journey of life and struggles. St. Patrick is the Patron of Ireland, who was able to convert thousands of people and begin building churches across the country. In our parish community, we have many people of Irish decent and I wish them a "Happy St. Patrick's Day".

On March 19th we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. For several bulletins we have written about St. Joseph in a special column. On Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. I am inviting all parishioners for a special talk on the Life of St. Joseph by Mrs. Catherine Lanni, the founder of The Divine Mercy Center. Please plan to attend this event. There will also be some religious ornaments related to the life of St. Joseph available for purchase.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to you on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and also I am extending the Sunday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until March 21st. On March 22nd we will have Reconciliation for our Religious Education Program students. Adults are welcome to come, but will be taken after the students. On March 26th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Vicariate Communal Penance at St. Martin dePorres Parish.

Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about our Mass in Polish Language that will begin on Palm Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Faustina Parish.

God Bless you, Fr. Bogdan

This Week: MASS

Monday, March 15th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

6:00 p.m.—Religious Education Classes

7:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 16th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, March 17th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday, March 18th

9:00 a.m.– No Mass 7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph Presentation

Friday, March 19th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20th

3:00 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. - Mass

9:30 a.m. - Confession

11:00 a.m. - Mass





Wednesday, March 17th 9:00 а.м.

⊕Deceased members of St. Faustina Parish

Friday, March 19th 9:00 а.м.

Mary Gabriel & Family req by Fernanda Gabriel



During the week of March 14, 2021

the candle next to the Tabernacle will burn in memory of

Richard & John Begziak

req by

Wife & Mother

Tune in each night at 7 p.m. for our daily devotion. Our You-Tube channel is:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

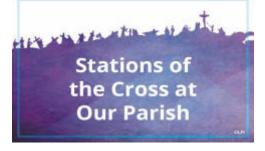
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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St. Joseph Presentation March 18 7:00 p.m.

Mass / Presider	Intentions
Saturday, March 20 th 4:00 p.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Mr. & Mrs. G. DeTurck req by Daughter⊕Magdalen Webster req by Mary Ann Lahr⊕Gerald Labiak req by Wife Geri⊕Laurie Loiacano req by Husband Sam⊕Jeff Loiacano req by Father⊕Rosalie Loiacano req by Brother
Sunday, March 21 st 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Soul of Marian Lane (1st Anniv) req by Husband Ken Lane
11:00 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	◆St. Faustina Parishioners



Friday March 19th at 6:30 p.m. Friday March 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Joseph— A Creatively Courageous Father

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had. As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage.

Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan.

So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative and to find solutions ourselves.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus (cf. Lk 5:17-26). Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends' boldness and persistence. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man, and "finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the idle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you'" (vv. 19-20). Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph and the child remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who today too risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider St. Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him (cf. Mt 1:24; 2:14, 21). Indeed, Jesus and Mary, his mother, are the most precious treasure of our faith.

In the divine plan of salvation, the son is inseparable from his mother, from Mary, who "advanced in her pilgrimage of faith and faithfully persevered in her union with her son until she stood at the cross"

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life but would always provide for her and her child.

"How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?"

In this sense, St. Joseph could not be other that the guardian of the church, for the church is the continuation of the body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the church. In his continued protection of the church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the church, continue to love the child and his mother.

That child would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, St. Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles the afflicted, the poor and the dying.

Consequently, the church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From St. Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the church and the poor. Each of these realities is always the child and his mother.

First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers.

send his messengers to them,

for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,

until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed

that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire,

and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon,

where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons

until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah:

"Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah,

the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,

both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth

the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people,

let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Eph 2:4-10

R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:
God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been
saved —,

raised us up with him,

and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come

He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works

that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

Verse Before the Gospel Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish

but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned.

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light,

because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light

and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,

so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration to follow until 10:00 p.m.

There will be no washing of the feet or procession.

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

12:00 p.m. - Private Prayer

12:30 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet 1:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. - Rosary

2:00 p.m. - Good Friday Formal Liturgy

Private Veneration of the Cross until 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

11:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Food

12:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Food

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass (This year there will be no

procession or use of the individual candles).

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass (Polish Language)

New Members Welcome!

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PANTRY UPDATE



During February, we were able to feed 28 families, totaling 68 people. Our pantry needs for this month are; spam, canned soup, cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned ravioli, rice, rice mixes, canned vegetables, boxed au gratin potatoes, canned fruit, jam/jellies, pudding, jello, hand soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, and toilet tissue. If anyone needs assistance, please call 586-773-9231. "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." ... St. Teresa of Calcutta

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Please pray for those in our parish family in prolonged sickness:

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MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 p.m. Or by appointment

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Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Registration

Parishioners may register in person, by phone, or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least six months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic. For more information call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Arrange at least six months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral Staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound regularly. Names of the sick should be reported to the Parish Office.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or send an email to stfaustina@comcast.net

St. Faustina is extending a personal invitation to you so that we can help with your spiritual needs.

If you have been baptized and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Bogdan to inquire about Confirmation.



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