



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ
and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS Please register in person at the Parish
Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please
return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES	Saturday	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
	Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
	Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
	Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
		Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday
at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal
Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of
each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome
to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo*
en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo.
Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro
Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Third Sunday of Lent
March 11 and 12, 2023
11 y 12 de Marzo del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 13

No Mass

Readings: 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Ruth Fox

Readings: 238: Dn 3:24, 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15

8:15 a.m. Lorrie Phillips

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16

8:15 a.m. Anne Leibfarth

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 240: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17

8:15 a.m. Tony Ginnetti

Readings: 241: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18

The Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Father Lowe

Sunday, March 19

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Loretta and Felicia Capozella

11:00 a.m. Jack Beckman

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 31: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23/

Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 14 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, March 15 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, March 16 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, March 17 – 8:15 a.m. – Mike Finley

March 18, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Joseph Miller

March 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jeannine Kennedy – 1st Lector

Mike Finley – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham,

John Kuczirka

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Greg Nguyen, John Nguyen, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector

Cathie Peters – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Sue Worth

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry Clawson, Linda Clawson,

Lindsay Williams

Servers: Vince Sciarretti, Pat Sciarretti, Brisa Gonzalez

Offertory for March 4 and 5, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 4,206.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,336.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,225.00
Total	\$ 11,767.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 230.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 30.00
Other Collections	\$ 66.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 100.00
Second Collection for Food for the Poor	\$ 1,511.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions. Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Spiritual Notes

A popular theme during Israel's time in the wilderness is the people's grumbling against Moses and God. Today's reading from Exodus tells us they grumbled against Moses, because they had no water to drink. Today's Psalm tells how "they tested me though they had seen my works." They seem to be a people with short memories. But God is ever faithful and provides them with water from the rock. As a testament to their hardheartedness, the place is called *Massah* (the place of testing) and *Meribah* (the place of quarreling).

Paul tells the Romans that having been justified by faith, we are at peace with God. This grace is ours through Jesus, who died at the appointed time for the ungodly. One would not expect someone to die for sinners, but God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. This is the cause of our hope: God loved us first. Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman extends His ministry beyond Israel. In His day, Samaritans and Jews avoided each other, despite the fact that they had a common ancestry. In our Gospel reading, the woman comes to the well for water at midday, which is unusual because this is when the sun is hottest. Her presence here at this hour may indicate that she wishes to avoid her neighbors, perhaps because of her marital status. This well is associated with our father Jacob, who drank from it himself. In His conversation with this woman, Jesus reveals Himself as the source of living water which leads to eternal life. Among other points of revelation, we can find in this passage, John tells us that Jesus is a prophet, the Messiah, and the Savior of the world.

For reflection: Despite God's goodness in me, do I grumble sometimes like the Israelites did? Do I truly thirst for the living water Jesus offers?



Every day for 40 days, different parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus will host Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. **St. Joseph will be the host parish on Monday, March 20th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule.

Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20, 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

An Italian Dinner will follow in the Family Life Center! We hope you will join us.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

March 13th to 17th

TCCES Spring Break

March 15th

St. Joseph Seniors – Manor Restaurant

March 17th

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing – 5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 20th

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner following

March 22nd

TCCES Penance Service – 10:00 a.m.

March 24th

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. – TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

March 31st

Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. – TCCES students

7:00 p.m. in English/8:00 p.m. in Spanish

April 2nd

Easter Egg Hunt – Knights Hall

3:00 p.m.

April 3rd

Reconciliation Monday

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4th

No Mass

April 6th

Holy Thursday

Mass – 7:00 p.m.

April 7th

Good Friday

Service – 3:00 p.m.

April 8th

Easter Vigil

Mass – 8:00 p.m.

April 9th

Easter Sunday

Mass – 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. in Spanish

April 10th

Parish Office is Closed

April 19th

St. Joseph Seniors

Manor Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club.

Everyone is invited!

More information coming soon!

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, March 19th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity
Guest Speaker – Father Tomas

Sunday, April 2nd

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Dover Knights Hall
Help the Knights with the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity
Activity to be determined

175th Anniversary!

We need your help!

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may be willing to share for display at the Anniversary Dinner; they will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish		
175th Anniversary Raffle		
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number		
NAME: _____	PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

Our next drawing will be

Friday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Tickets are available in the Parish Office, or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

Cemetery Cleanup: Cemetery workers will be removing wintertime decorations from the graves beginning March 15th. We request that anyone wishing to retain personal keepsakes, please remove them by March 10th. **Due to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff cannot be responsible for collecting or storing personal items.** If you are unable to do so, or need assistance, please call Russ in the Parish Office.



Easter Flower Memorials are in your envelope packets. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by April 5, 2023. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____

By: _____



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Flower and Vegetable Sale

Spring is coming and so is the annual TCC Saints Club Flower and Vegetable Sale. Order your annuals and vegetables for spring planting from the Saints Club. The plants are sold in pots, hanging baskets, half flats, and full flats. These plants do not disappoint! Prepaid orders are due by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Pick up will be at TCC High School on Friday, May 12th between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Order forms are available in the Vestibule of the church or the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Price at 330-340-2028.

Easter Fundraiser Campaign

Prepare your Easter baskets and support TCCES by ordering delicious candy from Waggoner's Chocolates.

To order, visit

<https://form.jotform.com/230603359391152>.

Payments are required with orders. If you have any questions, please contact Larissa Jenkins at 216-338-5717. Thank you for your support!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

March 15, 2023 – Team H (Cindy Jones)

please note schedule change

March 22, 2023 – Team E (Judy Burnham)

March 29, 2023 – Team F (Boy Scouts)

April 5, 2023 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

April 12, 2023 – Team D (Andrea Settimio)

please note schedule change

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Cereal

Fruit Cocktail

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Toothpaste

Deodorant

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen. +PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH OF POPE LEO XIII

Monday, March 13 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:24-30 Jesus said to the people in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

Meditation: When Jesus went to his home town and spoke in the synagogue, his statement that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people was rather startling to those in attendance. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the “chosen ones” of Israel. They regarded gentiles as “fuel for the fires of hell.” Jesus’ praise for “outsiders” caused them offence because they were blind-sighted to God’s mercy and plan of redemption for all nations. The word of warning and judgment spoken by Jesus was met with hostility by his own people. They forcibly threw him out of the city and would have done him harm had he not stopped them. The Lord offers us freedom and pardon and the grace to walk in his way of righteousness. His discipline is for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates reproof is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1). Do you seek the Lord for instruction and help so you can grow in holiness?

Prayer: May your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and since without you she cannot stand secure, may she be always governed by your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What limits God’s grace and power in our lives to undergo change and transformation of mind and heart? Our indifference and lack of faith for starters! The prophets confronted God’s people with their indifference and unbelief. God’s grace and mercy is offered freely to those who seek it with sincerity, repentance, and faith. When Naaman, a non-Jew went to Jerusalem to seek a cure, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe in the river. In faith he obeyed and was healed. Jesus did not hesitate to confront his own people with their indifference and unbelief. Have you looked at where your faith life is? Are you indifferent? Are you lukewarm about your faith, and how you live out your faith? If so, it’s time to set your faith on fire. But you need first to rid yourself of those things which hold you back – whatever they

may be. Pray that you will rid yourself of these barriers. Then free from those things which hold us back, may our faith lives flourish and bear much fruit.

Tuesday, March 14 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Meditation: Who wouldn't be grateful to have someone release them from their debts? But can we really expect mercy and pardon when we owe someone a great deal? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one- hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

Prayer: May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There is no way we could repay God the debt we owed him because of our sins and offenses. Only his mercy and pardon could free us from such a debt. Despite how we may feel at times toward people in our lives, there is no offense our neighbor can do to us that can compare with our debt to God! If God has forgiven each of us our debt, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross – which atoned for our sins – each one of us have been forgiven a debt beyond all reckoning. It cost God his very own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to ransom us with the price of his blood. Jesus paid the price for us and won for us pardon for our sins and freedom from slavery to our unruly desires and sinful habits. God in his mercy offers us the grace and help of his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves, pardon as he pardons, and treat others with the same mercy and kindness which he has shown to us. God has made his peace with us. Have you made your peace with God? Have you reconciled yourself with God? Especially during Lent we are called to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another. A healthy trip to the confessional to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a first and important start. Have you been to confession lately? If not, why not?

Wednesday, March 15 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19 Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Meditation: Notice how Jesus consistently taught reverence for God's law – reverence for God himself, for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love – love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to men and women is possible to God and those who put their faith and trust in God. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord transforms us and makes us like himself. We are a new creation in Christ (ref. 2 Cor. 5:17) because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). God gives us the grace to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think as he thinks, and to act as he acts. The Lord loves justice and goodness and he hates every form of wickedness and sin. He wants to set us free from our unruly desires and sinful habits, so that we can choose to live each day in the peace, joy, and righteousness of his Holy Spirit (ref. Romans 14: 17). To renounce sin is to turn away from what is harmful and destructive for our minds and hearts, and our very lives. As his followers we must love and respect his commandments and hate every form of sin. Do you love and revere the commands of the Lord?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, schooled through Lenten observance and nourished by your word, through holy restraint we may be devoted to you with all our heart and be ever united in prayer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How do you look upon the laws of God? Negatively? Positively? Pick-and-choose when it suits you (the old "cafeteria Catholic" approach)? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law. It placed burdens on people which God had not intended. Jesus, however, made it very clear that the essence of God's law – his commandments and his way of life – must be fulfilled. So, once again, how do you view God's law? How do you put God's law into action and practice in your daily life?

Thursday, March 16 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent ***Today marks the mid-point in the Season of Lent***

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-23 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Meditation: Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battled with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry. He overcame the evil one through his obedience to the will of his Father. Some of the Jewish leaders reacted vehemently to Jesus' healings and exorcisms and they opposed him with malicious slander. How could he get the power and authority to release individuals from Satan's power? They assumed that he had to be in league with Satan. They attributed his power to Satan rather than to God. Jesus answers their charge with two arguments. There were many exorcists in Palestine in Jesus' time. So Jesus retorted by saying that they also incriminate their own kin who cast out demons. If they condemn Jesus they also condemn themselves. In his second argument he asserts that no kingdom divided against itself cannot survive for long. We have witnessed enough civil wars in our own time to prove the destructive force at work here for the annihilation of whole peoples and their land. If Satan lends his power against his own forces then he is finished. How can a strong person be defeated except by someone who is stronger? Jesus asserted his power and authority to cast out demons as a clear demonstration of the reign of God. Jesus' reference to the finger of God points back to Moses' confrontation with Pharaoh and his magicians who represented Satan and the kingdom of darkness (see Exodus 8:19).

Prayer: We implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We live in a world of compromise. And yet, there are some aspects of our life that we just cannot afford to compromise on – especially our faith life: the laws of God, the teachings of Christ, and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Remember, the teachings of the Church have their foundation in the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, and are applied to contemporary situations. Jesus makes it clear that there are no neutral parties. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it. Once we start going down the road of compromise, we turn against God and Jesus, because we begin to place our will above and before the will of God (sound familiar – Adam and Eve?). There are two kingdoms in opposition to one another – the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word – if we compromise God's word – then we open the door to the power of sin and Satan in our lives. If you want to live in freedom from sin and Satan, then your house – your life and all you possess – must be occupied by Jesus where he is enthroned as Lord and Savior. Is the Lord Jesus the Master of your home, heart, mind, and will?

Friday, March 17 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent **Optional Memorial: Saint Patrick of Ireland**

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Meditation: The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the six hundred and thirteen precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. What, then, makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves.

Prayer: O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In light of today's gospel the following prayer of Saint Anselm is worth contemplating today: "We love you, O our God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. O dearest friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; that you keep a watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us. O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to you and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us in your Son."

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If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the upcoming June trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact, John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

Learn Something New!

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Take time to learn more about you and your spouse and rekindle your relationship! The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023, in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.mecolumbus.org.

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Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Care for Creation

The Ohio Catholic Rural Life Conference issued a Care for Creation Calendar which identifies various patron saints associated with God's creation. For more information, visit www.ohiocathconf.org.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Please visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest information at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

March 2023

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Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
12:00 p.m. Noon
The Manor Restaurant in Strasburg.

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New members are welcome!

Dover Football Coach Dan Ifft will be our guest speaker.

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Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

12 de Marzo del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	Marzo 19	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Marzo 26	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Abril 2	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Marzo 2023

Por las víctimas de abusos

Oremos por los que sufren a causa del mal recibido por parte de los miembros de la comunidad eclesial: para que encuentren en la misma Iglesia una respuesta concreta a su dolor y sufrimiento.



Horario de los Coros

19 de Marzo	Mensajeros de Cristo
26 de Marzo	El Buen Pastor
2 de Abril	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
9 de Abril	Reina de Los Angeles



La Cuaresma: Es un tiempo de Oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la iglesia nos pide un cambio a nuestras vidas. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradecerle siempre.

Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 17, 24, 31
8:00 p.m. en Español

Notas Espirituales

Un tema popular durante la época de Israel en el desierto que murmuraba el pueblo contra Moisés y Dios. La lectura de hoy del Éxodo nos dice que "murmurando contra Moisés," porque no tenían agua para beber. El Salmo de hoy dice cómo "me probaron, aunque había visto mis obras. "Parecen ser un pueblo con poca memoria. Pero Dios es siempre fiel y les proporciona agua de la roca. Como testimonio de su dureza de corazón, el lugar se llama Masa (el lugar de la prueba) y Meribá (el lugar de la pelea).

Pablo le dice a los romanos que, habiendo "sido justificado por la fe, tenemos paz para con Dios. "Esta gracia es nuestra por medio de Jesús, que "murió en el tiempo señalado por los impíos." Nadie esperaría que alguien muera por los pecadores, sino "Dios demuestra su amor por nosotros/, siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros." Esta es la causa de nuestra esperanza: Dios nos amó primero. El encuentro de Jesús con la mujer samaritana amplía su ministerio más allá de Israel. En su día, los samaritanos y los judíos se evitan unos a otros, a pesar del hecho de que tenían antepasados comunes. En nuestra lectura del Evangelio, la mujer llega al pozo de agua al mediodía, lo cual es inusual ya que es cuando el sol está más caliente. Su presencia aquí, en esta hora puede indicar que ella desea evitar a sus vecinos, tal vez a causa de su estado civil. Esto también se asocia con "nuestro padre Jacob, que... bebió él mismo." En su conversación con esta mujer, Jesús se revela como la fuente de "agua viva," que lleva a la "vida eterna." Entre otros puntos de revelación que podemos encontrar en este pasaje, Juan nos dice que Jesús es "un profeta," "el Mesías," y "el salvador del mundo."

Para la reflexión: A pesar de la bondad de Dios para mí, ¿me quejo a veces como lo hicieron los israelitas? ¿Tengo realmente sed del agua viva que Jesús ofrece?



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