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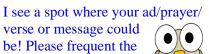
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Our Mission Statement - St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, rural, family oriented, growing Catholic faith community. Centered in Christ, this community strives to provide for the spiritual growth and faith development of all of its members within a warm and welcoming atmosphere. All parishioners are invited to actively participate by sharing their gifts and talents in selfless service for others, and by being respectful, forgiving and honest in their relationships. Parishioners strive to make everyone feel valued, especially newcomers, families, the elderly and the youth.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

Founded in 1873

**Deacon:** 

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Barnabas Kyeah, bkyeah@tisd.net Steve Borowicz, deaconsteve@tisd.net Admin. Assistant, Finance: Mary Lea Kloesel, stjosephchurch@tisd.net

Stephanie Charbula, stjccd@tisd.net Safe Environment Coord.: Martha Nichols, marthan 60@hotmail.com

#### **Church Office Hours**

Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Closed on Fridays** 

**Father's Office** 

Closed on Mondays

Office Phone/Fax 361-782-3181 **Rectory Phone** 361-781-0459

#### Addresses

Mailing: P.O. Box 337 Physical: 17 Church St. Inez, TX 77968

**Church Email** 

stjosephchurch@tisd.net

Website

http://stjosephinez.org

#### **Mass Schedule** Weekend

Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9: 00 a.m. **Daily** 

Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m.

### **Prayer Garden**

available 24/7/365

#### **Confessions**

Saturday 5:00-5:45 p.m. or by Appointment

#### Adoration

First Friday of every month 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.All are Welcome!

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Please call Father if you are seriously ill, about to enter the hospital or if someone is close to death.

#### Baptism, Marriage, Funerals

Check our website or call the office for more information: 361-782-3181



#### Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inez, Texas

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Eucharist and participating in the activities of our parish. We want everyone to feel welcome to share in the Inez Catholic Community and to grow with us.

#### Feb. 9, 2020

#### Mass Intention Symbols

† - In honor of deceased ♥ - Anniversary/Marriage □ - Birthday/Thanksgiving SI - Special Intentions

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. – 6:00 p.m. John DeBault (†) August & Geri Darilek Sun. 7:30 a.m. – Peggy Jean Lewis (†) Milton & Kathy Carroll

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Ben McCord (†) Doris McCord

Tues. – Jo Hammack (†) Fred & Sandye Hammack Wed. – 'Mac'MacGregor Davis (♣) Randy & Kathy Davis

Thurs. – Joyce Warzecha (†) Doug & Donna Veselka

Fri. – Rudy Jarzombek (†) Fred & Sandye Hammack

Sat. – 6:00 p.m. Joyce Warzecha (†) Bill & Mary Lea Kloesel

Sun. 7:30 a.m.– Jean Zak (†) Jim & Donna Jones

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Ludie Meloy & Paul Erdelt (SI) Bill & Mary Lea

#### 🎜 Happy Birthday & Anniversary 🗡

Birthdays & Anniversaries are published for the current weekend & the upcoming weekdays.

Stephanie Laskowski James Gray Mark Kolb Rex Knopp Aidan Baker Connie Andel Milton & Kathy Carroll Julie Luksovsky Ben & Elvira Garvel Jessica Hunt

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**Feb 9 -** Towards St. Joseph's 2019 DSA obligation of \$33,277.00 Feb 26 – Aid to Church Central & East. Europe (CCEE) Ash Wed. **All Sundays of Lent** – Catholic Relief Services (CRS Rice Bowl)

## Dear Padre

February 9, 2020

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses. embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve "as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community" ("Built of Living Stones," 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. "Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288).

Nevertheless, "floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table" (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It's forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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#### Monday

FEBRUARY 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday FEBRUARY 11

Weekday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13

> Wednesday FEBRUARY 12

Weekday 1 Kas 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday** FEBRUARY 13 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30 Friday

FEBRUARY 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop 1 Kgs 11:29-32;

12:19 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday FEBRUARY 15 Weekday 1 Kas 12:26-32:

13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10 Sunday

FEBRUARY 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28,

## **Good News!**

February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, "You are really something!"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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33-34a, 37 **Information for the Bulletin** needs to be submitted by noon on Monday for it to be printed for the upcoming weekend

#### **Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule** Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Carlee B, Kara B, 1 Volunteer A. Server D Richter, L Koliba, K Richter E. Minister

Lector Volunteer

Ushers J Darilek, 3 Volunteers

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Maddie, Cody, Abbie N, Tanner V A. Server K Davis, D Veselka, N John E. Minister

John Zacek Lector

Ushers J Koch, C Horelka, D Zacek, M Maraggia Sunday 9:00 a.m.

A. Server Jacob R, Carson K, Volunteer

Cantor M Hirschhauser

D Witte, H Kolb, M Kolb E. Minister

Lector A Repka

V & F Bueno, S Griffin, Volunteer Ushers

#### Last Week's Church Giving Report

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	CCD Program	\$70.00
	Prayer Garden	\$125.00
	2020 Picnic(eGiving & sub groups \$75)	\$125.00
	Scholarship	\$20.00
	Pledges - Building/Memorials (\$50)	\$150.00
	Weekly Building Fund	\$0.00
	Weekly Offering (eGiving \$315)	\$1,786.00
	Weekly Loose	\$757.25
	Total	\$2,983.25
	2019 DSA St. Joseph Goal	\$33,277.00
	2019 DSA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection/eGiving (total)	(\$31,794.00)
	2019 DSA St. Joseph Goal balance	\$1,483.00

Thank you to the Lenten Soup Suppers Volunteers Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council, March 6<sup>th</sup> CDA, March 20<sup>th</sup> – KC's

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study Group & Finance Council March 27<sup>th</sup> – Altar Society, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – CCD.

#### Upcoming...

All of February – "Baby Shower" for Gabriel Project Hosted by Catholic Daughters – Please bring unwrapped 'Shower Gifts' of new & gently used items for babies newborn to 12 months old. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex.

**Feb 9 – Knights of Columbus Meeting** – After 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion

**Feb 9 – God's Embrace Meeting –** 5-7:00 p.m. in the CCD Hall: All are invited!

Feb 14 – Valentine's Annual Luncheon for our over 60 & single, widowed, bachelors & bachelorettes hosted by CDA \*\*\* yum yum

Feb 16 – CDA Meeting - After 9:00 a.m. Mass

Feb 16 – Emmanuel Lutheran Annual Oyster/Catfish or Chicken Strip Dinner 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Live & Silent

Auctions, Cake Walk & Country Store Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday Masses 7:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

March 8, 2020 – Feast of St. Joseph Celebration – Mark your calendar... Everyone is invited.

March 15 – CDA Meeting - After 9:00 a.m. Mass

Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Gift Shop can help with 1st Communion & Confirmation shopping @ 1101 NE Water Street, Victoria Open Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Any questions on items for sale, contact the Gift Shop at 575-7111.

If you are not feeling well...... Please, be mindful of others during 'Peace be with you' with acknowledgement of those around you with a nod of your head or something similar & not receiving the Blood of Christ (wine) during Communion. Thank you & God Bless! ("sign of the peace" is meant to remind us that we cannot become one with the Lord unless we recognize him in the people around us.)





The Diocese of Victoria presents: CateChist 2020 Rally Sat., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon – 5 p.m. at KC Hall, 321 US 77, Halletsville. Opening Concert with Clay Crockett. Closing Liturgy at 5 p.m. RSVP no later than Thurs., Feb. 6th. Register at <a href="https://www.victoriadiocese.org/registration">https://www.victoriadiocese.org/registration</a> For more information: <a href="https://www.victoriadiocese.org/catechist-">https://www.victoriadiocese.org/catechist-</a> rally or call Christella Alvarez at 361-827-7171 or Brunilda Ortiz at 361-573-0828 ext. 2224.



Want to make a New Year's resolution that will stick?? How about Rekindle the Spark in Choosing to Your Marriage? Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will be sponsoring a special weekend for married couples in the Victoria area in 2020. Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence – their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage

vows and desiring to strengthen the core of who they are as husband and wife. The retreat will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, south of Victoria, on February 14-16, 2020. Space is limited, so register now! The cost for the retreat will be \$275 per couple, which includes lodging, food, and materials. Registration forms are available at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parish Office in Victoria or by emailing **jvincent@olvcathedral.org**. More information can be found on the website.

Individuals & Families are needed to lead Stations of the Cross during Fridays of Lent. Please contact Anne Marek, 361-649-3760, to volunteer and for details.