



Rev. Alexius Ekka, Canonical Administrator/Pastor
 Robert Leake, Deacon
 Denise Whelan, Youth Director
 Cheryl Hirner, Secretary
 Jeff Massman, Parish Council President

Confessions: Saturday at 5pm
 Sunday at 7 and 10am
Marriage: Contact Father at least
 six months in advance

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2014

† MASS INTENTIONS †			COLLECTION 3/4/2014		PARISH CALENDAR
Thu	10:00am	Henry & Dorothy Birch +	Cash	\$160.00	Sun (9 th) – 8:45am – Confirmation Class – 9:15am – CCD Classes – 6pm – High School Youth Group
Fri	8:00am	Virginia Spencer +	Envelopes	\$5990.00	
Sat	5:30pmm	Mildred Moylan +			
Sun	7:30am	Mary Hirner +			
Sun	10:30am	Parishioners of St. Joseph			Wed – 7pm – HS Youth meeting
					Fri – 7pm Stations of the Cross
					Sat – 5pm – Rosary prayed before Mass
					Sun (16 th) – 8:45am – Confirmation Class – 9:15am – CCD Classes – 6pm – High School Youth Group

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mass Times	5:30 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Ushers . . .	David & Elizabeth Bradley	Jeff & Amy Massman	Bob Serbin & Craig Illa
Greeters. . .	Joe & Terry Barnes	Steve Lawrence & Ernie Boulware	Greg & Kathy Tierney
Servers . . .	KNIGHTS	Luke & Augustine Mahsman	Jared DeHaan, Gracie Bross
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Lector		ALTAR SOCIETY	Marie Baker
Gifts	COLUMBUS		Emily Brown family
<i>Find a replacement if you are unable to perform your assigned duty. Meet in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass</i>			

CCD CLASSES

CCD will meet March 9th and 16th at the regular time 9:15am-10:15am.

CONFIRMATION

Classes are March 9th and 16th at 8:45am-10:15am

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Youth Group will meet on March 19th at 5:30pm-7pm. Any 8th grader interested in going on the Joplin Mission Trip registration is due March 9th.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth group will be on Sunday March 9th & 16th, 6-8pm, and on Wednesday March 12th from 7-9pm. Any High School Student interested in going on the Joplin Mission Trip registration is due March 9th.

YOUTH GROUP PARENT MEETING

We will be holding a High School and 8th Grade parent/teen meeting March 9nd at 5pm. At this meeting, we will discuss Steubenville, the Joplin Mission Trip, Fundraising, and other upcoming events!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Alex will be in Jefferson City so there will be no Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

CHRISM MASS IN JEFFERSON CITY

Bishop John R. Gaydos invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, 2301 W. Main St., Jefferson City on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is

consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm with the exception of Good Friday when the time will be Noon. Live Stations this year will be on April 11th.

PENANCE SERVICES IN THIS AREA

The following is a list of Penance Services in this area. All services are at 7pm unless stated otherwise:

March 19–St. Clement– St. Clement/Bowling Green

March 26th – St. Joseph – Palmyra

April 1st – Holy Rosary – Monroe City

April 7th – Holy Family – Hannibal

April 9th – St. Martha Mission – Wayland (@6pm)

>>>Remember here at St. Joseph confessions are heard anytime by appointment and are always heard 30 minutes prior to all weekend Masses.

MASS FOR THE SHUT-INS

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Quincy is requesting support for the TV Mass for Shut-Ins. The monthly costs to air the TV Mass exceed \$1,100 a Month. If you'd like to help continue this valuable service to confined or homebound Catholics, please mail your financial contributions to 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Assembly #200, PO Box 3662, Quincy, Illinois 62305.

CATHOLIC WORKOUT

Catholic Workout is a Book study/devotion that puts the Passion of our Lord at the front of our minds through exercise and meditation on the Rosary during Lent. What

better way to spend a time of reflection or devotion during Lent? We will meet on Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 starting March 14 and Sunday afternoons from 4-5 beginning March 16 continuing through Lent. Wear comfy clothes, bring a mat if you have one and two 3-10lb weights. This will be led by Renee Goldinger. If you have questions please contact her at 573-248-9203.

NEW MOM'S GROUP STARTING

All ladies in the parish are invited to our moms' group on Monday, March 17 at 6:30. It will be an opportunity for us to support and encourage each other in our vocation as moms. Child care will be provided.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign of God's care for someone else?

PAMA LENTEN STUDY

The Ministerial Alliance Lenten studies are on Wednesdays at Noon. Please remember to bring your sack lunch, the hosting church will provide drinks and dessert. Following is the schedule of churches:

March 12th – 1st Presbyterian Church
Mar. 19th – 1st Christian Church
March 26th – Park Chapel Baptist Church

Apr. 2nd – United Methodist Church
April 9th – 1st Assembly of God Church

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF CENTRAL MO

Contemplative Outreach of Central Mo (COCEMO) is providing a special Centering Prayer event in conjunction with United In Prayer Day for all those interested in deepening their Centering Prayer practice. This event is planned for Saturday, March 15th at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia, MO. It will be held from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm with registration from 8:30 am. Our day will include silent prayer, the viewing of an inspiring DVD entitled Invitation from God and a period of visioning for the future & leadership of our chapter - COCEMO. Please RSVP your attendance to 573-445-8778 or email at jjudd27869@aol.com by March 12.

EVAN MENCER BENEFIT

The benefit will be March 9 at Palmyra High School. The meal and the silent auction both begin at 11am and the live auction begins at 2pm. A half-hog raffle will be held. The cost for the meal is a Free-Will donation.

THANK YOU

O Lord, hear our prayer ... and He did. With grateful hearts we thank each and everyone of you that helped make our Smorgasbord such a success. We did not know what to expect with the snow storm and cold temperatures, but over 300 meals were served. Thanks be to God.

St. Joseph Altar Society

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

>>>K of C Fish Fry #2 will be April 11th.
>>>Live Stations of the Cross will be April 11th at 7pm.

REST IN PEACE

Esther Zak, sister of Robert Serbin, made her final earthly response to God when she passed to her eternal reward on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The funeral Mass was celebrated in Chicago on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Please remember Esther and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Please remember the following in prayer: Evan Mancer, Pat Drebenstedt, Ed Cramer, David Miles, Elizabeth Roth, Betty Lake, Helen Gottman, Anita Lee, Louise Kraft, Fred Manning, Lula Little, Ric Little, Johnathon Bedrosian, Jean Moore, Clinton Miller and Shelly Hirner.

(To renew the name listing, call the parish office after three weeks)

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Communion to the home bound:

To have Communion taken to someone who is home bound and unable to attend Church, please call the office

Pray for those with Birthdays this week:

Carolyn Foster.. March 10	Hunter Baggett. March 12	Katherine Foster March 14
Shannon DeHaan.. March 10	Jeri Quilling March 13	Jacob Moore March 14
Gretchen Neisen... .. March 11	Trevor Wheeler. March 13	Lisa Lake March 15
Judy Trower.. March 12	Alma Schwartz March 14	Darin E. Goodwin March 15
Debra Bock March 12	Don Krekemeyer... .. March 14	Caroline Wolfmeyer.. March 15
Traci Kline March 12	Linda Reeves. March 14	Mark Hoerr March 16

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

General – That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Mission – That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

Office hours: Mon. – Thu., 8am - Noon and 1:00 - 4:00pm

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. Items for the bulletin can be called in to the office (after hours please leave a message), faxed during office hours or e-mailed anytime.