

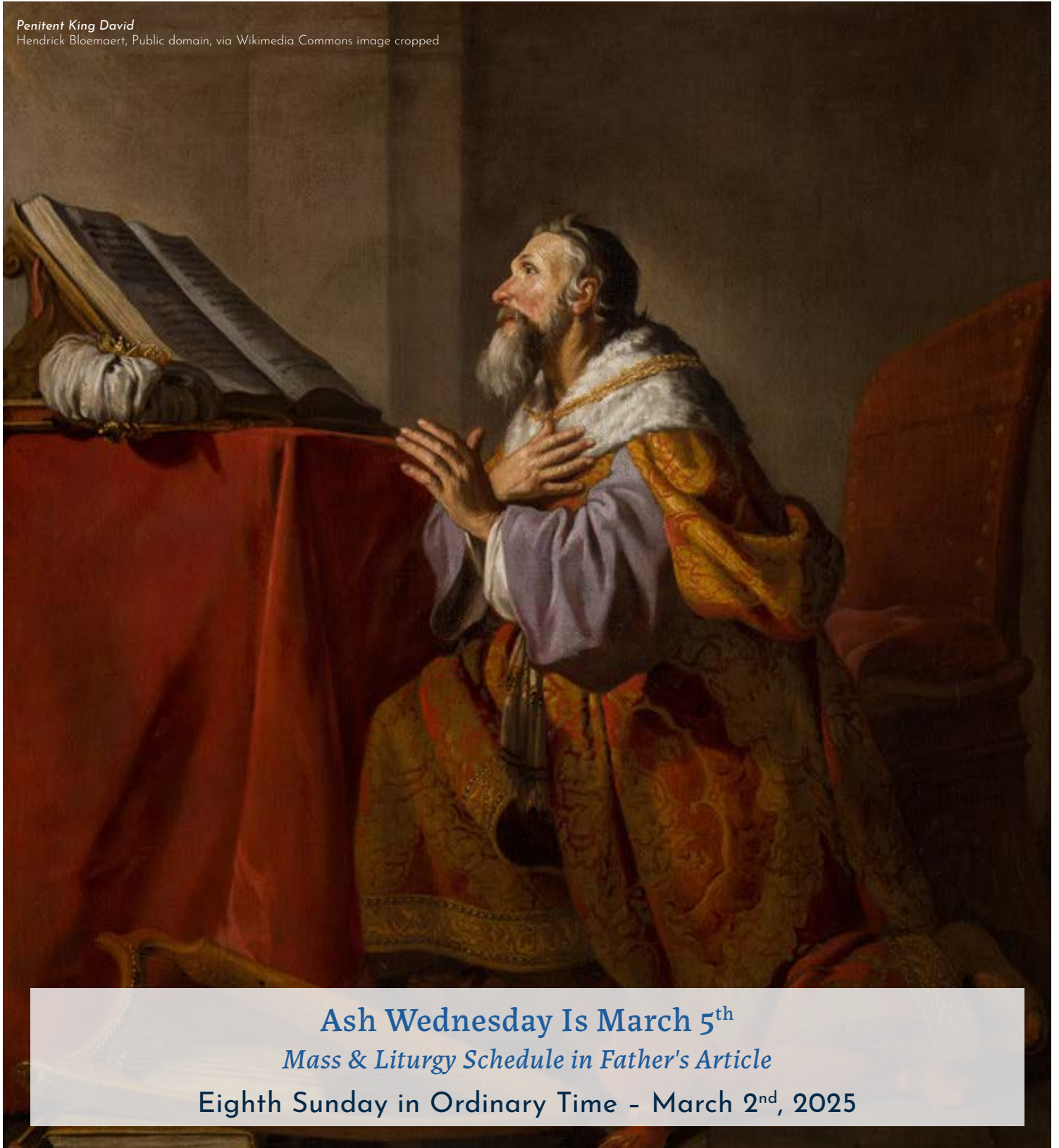
HOLY FACE OF JESUS

P A R I S H

We exist to offer the life-giving intimacy of Jesus to the hurried, lonely, and lost.

Penitent King David

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Ash Wednesday Is March 5th

Mass & Liturgy Schedule in Father's Article

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2nd, 2025

Trying Something New

Next Wednesday marks the observance of Ash Wednesday, signifying the commencement of the Lenten season. For many, this period is anticipated as an opportunity for improvement in various areas of life, including deeper prayer, enhanced discipline, and increased generosity. Ash Wednesday serves as a vital juncture for our spiritual well-being, allowing us to reorient our lives towards Christ and embrace the discipleship path He has laid out for us.

After last year's Ash Wednesday, we received some feedback on our Ash Wednesday schedule that was constructive and worth considering. The two observations were that all our evening services were around the same time (three started at 7pm and one at 6:30pm). It was suggested that we space them out a little bit. The second observation was that St. Joseph and St. Lawrence always had evening Masses, while Immaculate Conception and St. John always had Liturgy of the Word services. It was asked if we could rotate the Masses over the years.

Both observations made sense, so our parish staff and pastoral council discussed possibilities for Ash Wednesday, including switching the Mass and Liturgy of the Word services each year (for the evening events). Also we noticed that some of the services haven't been as well attended as others. This year for Ash Wednesday, we'll have the following schedule:

Time	Location	Liturgy
7:00am	Immac. Conception	Mass
7:00am	St. Joseph	Mass

12:00pm	St. Joseph	Ecumenical Word and Ashes
4:30pm	St. Lawrence	Word and Ashes
6:00pm	St. Joseph	Word and Ashes
6:30pm	Immac. Conception	Mass
7:00pm	St. John	Mass

Hopefully this provides enough opportunities for everyone to make it for Ash Wednesday at some point. There is no way to please everyone, so we are doing our best to provide sufficient opportunities to reflect on the Sacred Scriptures, receive Ashes, and begin the Lenten season.

One other new item is that we will be adding a bunch of new confession times beginning Monday, March 10th. There will be more information in next weekend's bulletin article. I wanted to get everyone excited. Happy Jubilee Year!

Finally, Archbishop-designate Robert Casey's installation as the Archbishop of Cincinnati will be Thursday, April 3rd. Please pray for him, Archbishop Schnurr, and the entire Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

To commemorate the event, I purchased a new Casey's General Store hat!



**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Sean Wilson**

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 St. John Fryburg (SJF): 11319 Van Buren Street, Fryburg, OH 45895
 St. Joseph (SJ): 101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
 St. Lawrence (SL): 16053 Botkins Road, Botkins, OH 45306
 Parish Office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
 Office Hours: Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-5:00pm;
 Thursdays 10:30am-5:00pm
 Phone: (419)-738-2115; Fax: (419)-738-4525;
 Emergency Line: (937)-419-1137

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils	4pm Immaculate Conception, 4:30pm St. Joseph
Sunday	8am St. John, 8:30am St. Lawrence, 10am St. Joseph, 10:30am Immaculate Conception
Monday	8am Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	8am St. Joseph
Wednesday	8am St. Lawrence, 8am St. John
Thursday	8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph
Friday	8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph
Saturday	8am St. John (Anointing of the Sick during 1 st Saturday Masses)

Mass/Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 1st

4:00 p.m. IC L&D Sommer & Russell Families
4:30 p.m. SJ John Schneider - *Birthday*

Sunday, March 2nd *Eighth Sunday in OT*

8:00 a.m. SJF Everett Merrill
8:30 a.m. SL Lavern Homan
10:00 a.m. SJ Dan Dietz
10:30 a.m. IC People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

Monday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m. IC Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. SJ Bernie Shaddock

Wednesday, March 5th *Ash Wednesday*

7:00 a.m. IC Pat Greeley
7:00 a.m. SJ Kenneth Dirksen - *Birthday*
12:00 p.m. SJ WAMA Lenten Service - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
4:30 p.m. SL Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
6:00 p.m. SJ Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
6:30 p.m. IC Alvin Berning
7:00 p.m. SJF L&D Elmer & Irene Steinke Family

Thursday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. IC L&D Vincent & Mildred Mack Family
8:00 a.m. SJ Jane Steining

Friday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. IC Becky Kohler
8:00 a.m. SJ Victor Johnson

Saturday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. SJF Virgil Kinstle
4:00 p.m. IC Leon Hemmert
4:30 p.m. SJ Linus & Karen Kinstle

Sunday, March 9th *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. SJF People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish
8:30 a.m. SL L&D Karl & Sally Naseman Family
10:00 a.m. SJ L&D Joe & Mary Berg Family
10:30 a.m. IC L&D Ron & Connie Mangan Family

IC - Immaculate Conception SJF - St. John
SJ - St. Joseph SL - St. Lawrence

Mass Readings

For the Week of March 2nd, 2025

Sunday the 2nd - *Eighth Sunday in OT*

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

Monday the 3rd - *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday the 4th

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday the 5th - *Ash Wednesday*

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday the 6th

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday the 7th - *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday the 8th - *St. John of God, Religious*

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday the 9th - *First Sunday of Lent*

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday After morning Mass at St. John
(8:40am)
3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception
3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph

Sunday 7:15-7:45am St. John
7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence

Wednesday 5:45-6:30pm Immaculate Conception

Thursday Before First Friday 4-5pm IC and SJ

Friday After morning Mass at St. Joseph
(8:40am)

Area Weekday Mass/Confession

Tuesday
Holy Angels (Sidney) Confession 5-6pm

Wednesday
Holy Rosary (St. Marys) Conf. 11:30am, Mass 12:05pm
Holy Angels (Sidney) Confession 12-1pm

Thursday
Sacred Heart (McCartyville) Confession 6-7pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 2nd

7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, March 3rd

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
1:00 p.m. SJ Connect Group
5:00 p.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English Lutheran
6:30 p.m. SJ Alpha
6:30 p.m. SJ Two Hearts Prayer Cenacle
6:30 p.m. SJ Faith Center Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. IC That Woman Is You

Tuesday, March 4th

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers
9a-3p SJ Festival Sewing
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
5:30 p.m. SJ Andrew Dinner
6:30 p.m. SL Schoenstatt
7:00 p.m. IC Exodus 90

Wednesday, March 5th Ash Wednesday

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
4:00 p.m. IC Men's Rosary
5:00 p.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English Lutheran
5:00 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation (*note time change due to Ash Wednesday*)

Thursday, March 6th Office opens at 10:30am

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
9a-7p IC All Day Adoration in the Church
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
4:00 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30 p.m. SJF Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. SJ Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. IC Respect Life Committee Meeting

Friday, March 7th

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
7:00 p.m. SJ Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. IC Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8th

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English Lutheran
8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:15 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:15 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, March 9th

7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:00 a.m. SJ Baptism of Riley Rose Balog
11:30 a.m. IC Baptism of Adalia Bae Fischio
4:30 p.m. SL Lenten Holy Hour with Vespers

Adoration Chapels

Regular Schedule: St. Joseph Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at midnight on Thursday. Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at 9pm on Friday. You are welcome to stop in and visit our Lord in our Adoration chapels.

Open Hours: Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel has two open hours: **Mondays from 10-11am and Fridays from 1-2pm and 2-3pm.** Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending any of these hours with our Lord.

Hope & Mercy Luncheon

March 13th 11:30am-1:30pm at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center: this 2-hour retreat luncheon is for anyone who is available during the day. Come enjoy fellowship with Fr. Sean & other parishioners! Tickets are \$5/person & include lunch. **Purchase your ticket by March 11th** at the parish office or online using this QR code. (There is small processing fee if paying online.) Contact Angie Soules with questions 419-738-2115.



Take & Donate

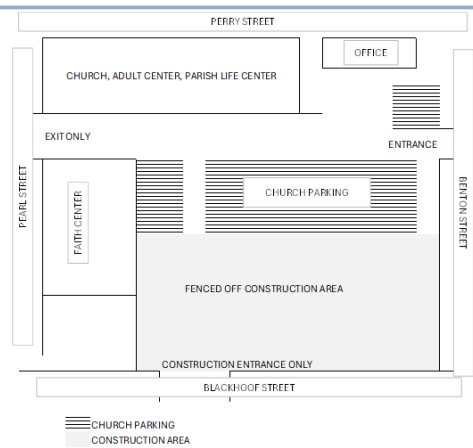
Thank you for the great turnout at the Faith Center Take & Donate. We are very appreciative to our volunteers & all who stopped by. Total donated came to \$3,190.

Pastoral Council

IC: Kathy Behr, Chris Brown, & Linda Christman
SJF: Anita Foor, Ashley Headapohl, & Linda LaMarr
SJ: Erika Eley, Jenn Schlosser, & Steve Webb
SL: Jeanie Bergman, Alan Borchers, & Colleen Winner

St. Joseph Parking Lot During Renovation

Faith Center construction has begun! Due to this, the St. Joseph parking lot is limited. We can only access the Benton Street entrance and Pearl Street exit. We will have approximately half of the parking lot to use. If you can, please consider parking farther from the church and walking to keep the parking spots available for those who need them. We appreciate your support and joyful hearts through the construction process. Call Domenic or Carla with questions.



Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 5th! Here is our Ash Wednesday Mass & Liturgy of the Word with Ashes schedule: 7am Mass @ Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph, 12pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes (Ecumenical) @ St. Joseph, 4:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes @ St. Lawrence, 6pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes @ St. Joseph, 6:30pm Mass @ Immaculate Conception, 7pm Mass @ St. John

Reverse Raffle

The St. Lawrence Reverse Raffle will be held Saturday, April 5th at the Palazzo in Botkins. Come for dinner and fellowship. 298 tickets will be available soon! \$50 each and \$100 per couple includes dinner and raffle entry. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available at the parish office! Donations for auction items and door prizes are appreciated. Contact Elaine Staton at jestatn@outlook.com.

Loaves and Fishes

Holy Face of Jesus Parish cook and serve Loaves and Fishes at First English Lutheran Church on **Thursday, March 13th** from 4:30-5:15pm. It will be drive-thru only. To reserve dinners, call Connie by Tuesday, March 11th at (567)-204-6708. This is open to the public, and freewill offerings will be accepted. To donate desserts, call Jean or Steve at (419)-738-2211.

My Queen, My Mother: A Women's Retreat

Schoenstatt Women of Ohio is putting on a retreat for women on **Saturday, March 15th** from 8:30am-3pm at St. Lawrence Church. Retreat will feature Marge Fenelon, best-selling author, award-winning journalist, blogger, and speaker. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30am, registrations and refreshments to follow Mass. There will be lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, a gift shop, and more! Cost is \$20 prior to March 3 and \$30 after March 3. Use this QR code to register.



We're Hiring!

Holy Face of Jesus Parish is seeking to add an Administrative Assistant to our Evangelization team. The Administrative Assistant will provide support in the creation, preparation, and facilitation of various programs and events. We are looking for a candidate who has a strong commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, demonstrates creativity, possesses excellent organizational skills, and is proficient in basic office computer programs. This position requires 30-35 hours per week, with some weekends and evenings necessary. Interested applicants should forward their resume to carlahr@hollyfaceparish.org by February 28, 2025. A full job description is available upon request.

Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

On Ash Wednesday, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. You can also donate online at www.igivecatholictogether.org.

Get to Know the Holy Face of Jesus Parish Team

PAM COON

Stephen Ministry Leader

Pam Coon began volunteering as Stephen Leader for our parish after 50 hours of training in January 2019. Stephen Ministry provides Christ-centered, confidential care to those experiencing a new normal – after a death, a job loss, a diagnosis, a life transition, and loneliness. We listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. Contact Pam (stephenministry@holyfaceparish.org) to see if having a Stephen Minister would be a good fit for you or if you would like to train to be a minister. We are not meant to walk alone. Fun fact: Pam may or may not have jumped out of a perfectly good airplane.

To learn more about our staff, visit holyfaceparish.org/staff.



Stephen Ministry



Are you experiencing a life transition that you're struggling to adjust to? Need a listening ear who can provide confidential, Christ-centered care? Consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister. To learn more, contact Pam Coon (419)-302-0119 or Eric Elsass (419)-234-3029, or scan this QR code.



Easter Flowers

To provide Easter flowers for our sanctuaries in the name of loved ones living in this life or in eternal life, please contact one of the following businesses. Please place all orders by 5pm on **Wednesday, April 16th**, but for best selection, order early! Flowers will be displayed throughout the Easter season, so please consider ordering ones with a longer bloom life (potted mums, boston ferns, peace lily, hydrangea, azalea).

Finishing Touches: 937-693-3386; Haehn Florist: 419-738-8485; Jenny's Designs: 937-693-4190; Village Green: 419-738-2424.

Wall Rosary Night

Want to make an Easter rosary or a rosary for someone's Easter basket? Join us Monday, March 10th at 6pm in the Immaculate Conception basement. If you can't join us then, come make a Mother's Day rosary on Tuesday, April 29th at 6pm in the St Joseph Adult Center. RSVP to Kim Fisher at 419-230-3318.

Fish Pond Food Pantry Thank You

On behalf of the Fish Pond Food Pantry I would like to thank our parish for your generous donations in 2024. A total of \$6,566.97 was donated by our parish. The Food Pantry served 301 families in need of nutritional assistance. This included 240 seniors, 270 adults, and 220 children. The Food Pantry serves the residents of Botkins, Montra, Jackson Center, and Maplewood. Without the support of our area churches and individuals, we could not continue this wonderful community service. If you would like to make a donation, call the parish office. Many blessings to you all. - Deacon Terry

Andrew Dinners: An Evening of Food, Fellowship, & Exploration of God's Call

The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-aged men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about the vocation to the priesthood, meet the Archbishop, and share a meal together. An Andrew Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, March 4th 5:30-7:30pm** in the **St. Joseph Parish Life Center**. Register using this QR code!



Youth Ministry

Weekly Scripture

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." - Luke 6:43-44 (from the Gospel for Sunday, March 2nd)

Weekly Saint Quote

"Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total gift of self." - St. Katharine Drexel (Feast Day March 3rd)

Upcoming Confirmation Classes/Events

Upcoming Confirmation Classes for freshmen & sophomores are listed below! All freshmen & sophomores are expected to attend Life Teen as well, which is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Joseph Parish Life Center. Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreats will be held 3/15 and 3/16! Call Angie Soules with any questions: (419)-303-9745.

Steubenville Registration

Steubenville 2025 will be held July 11-13. Registration forms are available on our site as a printable document for you to fill out by hand and return to Angie: <https://holysfaceparish.org/youth/>

No Youth Ministry on Ash Wednesday, March 5th

There will not be youth ministry on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Start off Lent right by attending Mass or a Liturgy of the Word with Ashes with your family!



Parish Mission: The Summit

Our parish mission will be held March 30-April 1 at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Leo

Patalinghug, who will be leading our mission, is the founder of *Plating Grace*, an international food and faith movement, and is also a best selling author and host of the EWTN show *Savoring Our Faith*. Fr. Leo's background as a chef, black belt martial arts instructor, and award-winning break dancer and choreographer caught the eye of the Food Network, where he won *Throwdown! with Bobby Flay*. He sees food as a gift from God that

nourishes your family, strengthens relationships, and makes this world a better place. He will be focusing on the most important meal of all. If you would like to get involved with helping with the Parish Mission, please contact Angie Soules at the Parish office. Details about the mission will be shared at: holysfaceparish.org/the-summit-parish-mission/

Will you join us in prayer for the upcoming mission? Let us, starting now, be steeped in prayer for the fruitfulness of the mission. Please pray this prayer (PS: prayer cards are available at all our churches!):

God our Father, we offer You praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts You have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank You especially for the gift of our parish mission. We pray that You would grant Fr. Leo Patalinghug an abundance of grace as he leads our parish mission and shares Your love with us. Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of Your truth. Grant that our parish mission may be: a time of grace for all, a time of growth for the young, a time of refreshment for the old, a time of renewal for families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of homecoming for those who have been away. Grant, most loving God, that our mission may bring down Your richest blessings on each and every member of our parish community. We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in the Name of Jesus Christ Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Fast & Abstinence Reminders

Ash Wednesday, March 5 and Good Friday, April 18 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252). "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

Sewing Ladies

Now is a great time to transplant some house plants so they have a good root system by the 4th of July for the Novelty Booth! The Sewing Ladies would be grateful - contact one of the ladies for more information.

Ash Wednesday Luncheon - Cookies Needed

We are in need of cookies for the Ash Wednesday luncheon. Homemade cookie donations are appreciated!

St. John Church 175th Anniversary Event: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast at St. John Hall **after the 8am Mass on March 23rd**. Come out and enjoy a homemade breakfast of fresh flipped pancakes, sausage, fruit (bananas, oranges, and apple slices), and a drink (milk, orange juice, coffee, water). Cost is \$6 for kids and \$10 for adults (pay at door).



Also, the 175th Anniversary Committee will be selling the photographed items at the pancake breakfast, at the Square & Round Dance on June 29th (details to come), at the Movie Night on July 13th (details to come), and at the Homecoming on August 31st. All proceeds of this sale will go toward the St. John Church Window Project.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Carol Baker, Esther Ballweg, Bob Bassitt, Janet Bassitt, Mary Berg, Becky Bogden, Penny Borchers, David Brown, Rose Brown, Ruth Brown, Nancy Burrell, Jim Clementz, Tom Cooper, Michelle Daum, Tim Dietz, Talan DiGiovanni, Alfred Drexler, Ron Fahncke, Darla Finkenbine, Mary Fischer, Agnes Fisher, Emily Grieves, Ben Harshbarger, Dave Hassenauer, Jane Hemmer, Victoria Henderson, Ashley Holthaus, Jeremiah Holthaus, Geri Howard, Charles Huber, April Hulsmeyer, Anne Johnston, Kathie Kentner, Mike Kentner, Mary Lou Klopfenstein, Gertrude Kondracki, Amy Kraft, Camille Kramer, Herb Limbert, Connie Mangen, Nancy Merrill, Dolores Meyer, Grace Miller, Rita Monnin, Tony Monnin, Peyton Morgan, Sally Naseman, Wanda Nuss, Keith Paul, Mary Ann Rabette, Donna Reed, Sandy Rosengarten, Evelyn Schneider, Joe Schnippel, Mary Schulte, Erma Steinke, Janine Steinke, Linda Baker Steinke, Paul Steinke, Patricia Stutsman, Carmen Tedesco, Dave Uetrecht, Richard Verbyke, Norma Wachauf, Rita Wagner, Jim Warniment, Chuck Wobbrock, and Kaelyn Zwiebel

Padre's Petitions

MARCH 2025

Please pray & fast for these intentions this month. Cut this out & keep it wherever you pray.

- For families in crisis (Pope Francis' prayer intention for March)
- For our new archbishop, Archbishop-designate Casey, and the entire Archdiocese of Cincinnati
- For our parish mission: that it may reinvigorate our parish
- For a transformative Lent in our parish: that we may become detached from sin

Easter Vigil & Confirmation Mass Choir

Attention all Holy Face of Jesus Parish Choir members and singers! Please consider participating in the parish choir for the Easter Vigil and the Confirmation Mass both at St. Joseph this year. Rehearsals for the Easter Vigil choir will begin on Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm and rehearsals for the Confirmation Mass will begin on March 17 at 6:30pm. Please contact Adam Fahncke at the parish office if you are interested or if you'd like more details.



Lent 2025

"By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540)

Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever: Experience Divine Mercy Like Never Before - This Lent join Matthew Kelly and nearly one million Catholics for a brand new consecration journey. Join us for BEST LENT EVER and get ready for an encounter with God's mercy that will renew your faith, transform your relationships, and show you how to be an instrument of love in the world. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/lent.

Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections: In this devotional book, Bishop Robert Barron invites you to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of Lent. This book features the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, and space for journaling and answering reflection questions. This booklet is ideal for both individual meditation and group study on a family or parish level. Pay only for shipping. Order at wordonfire.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Jubilee Year Added Confessions: Beginning March 10th, we are adding confessions for this Jubilee Year! Confessions will be heard: after every daily Mass, Mondays 5-6pm at St. Joseph, Tuesdays 5-6pm at St. John, Wednesdays 5-6:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Thursdays 5-6pm at St. Lawrence. (*Saturday and Sunday confession schedule will remain the same, and after March 6th, Thursday before first Friday confessions will be canceled.*) **Days of Grace:** Tuesday, March 18th @ Immaculate Conception 9am-9pm & Wednesday, April 16th @ St. Joseph 9am-9pm

The Way of the Cross: Fridays 7pm at St. Joseph and 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception (*Good Friday Stations will be at 7pm at St. Lawrence - details to come*). Come and retrace the steps of Jesus on the Road to Calvary.

Men's Spiritual Bootcamp w/Fr. Hoying: Join Fr. Hoying & other men from the area (aged high school and up) on a six week "spiritual bootcamp" this Lent. Men lift weights to become physically strong, but what about becoming spiritually strong? The goal of the bootcamp is to intentionally work on our prayer and spiritual lives so that we become the men who we were created to be - the men who we need to be - men who are more attentive to our spouses, present to our children, concentrated at work, and above all, in union with God. Starting on Saturday, March 8, meetings will take place on the Saturdays of Lent from 6:30-7:30am at St. John's Hall in Fryburg. Make the sacrifice to get up early this Lent and get your Man (of God) Card! Challenge a co-worker or friend to join you!

Hope & Mercy Luncheon: March 13th 11:30am-1:30pm at the St. Joseph Parish Life Center. See holysfaceparish.org.

Feast of St. Joseph: Mass will be celebrated at 7pm at St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, March 19th.

Lenten Holy Hour with Evening Prayer: Holy Hours with Evening Prayer will be each Sunday of Lent at St. Lawrence from 4:30-5:30pm.

Parish Mission: The Summit: March 30-April 1, join Fr. Leo Patalinghug for our parish mission! Details about the mission can be found at: holysfaceparish.org/the-summit-parish-mission/

Almsgiving: Together We Can containers will be available by all church doors. Please pick one up, fill with your spare change, and return it by Palm Sunday. Proceeds go to Society of the Good Samaritan, God's Storehouse, Mercy Unlimited, and Fish Pond Food Pantry.

Lenten Noon Services & Luncheon: The Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association will hold services each Wednesday at noon at St. Joseph followed by a luncheon in the Parish Life Center. The 2025 theme is *Parables of Luke*. The first service and luncheon will be on Ash Wednesday and will be hosted by St. Joseph and St. John.

Stay tuned for Holy Week schedule, and learn more at holysfaceparish.org/lent-holy-week/



Parish Collection

Weekend of February 15-16:

Weekly Goal:	\$23,400.00
Week Total:	\$22,765.14
64 \$100+ Env.	\$11,995.00
26 \$60-99 Env.	\$1,845.00
68 \$30-59 Env.	\$2,860.00
91 \$20-29 Env.	\$1,926.31
28 \$1-19 Env.	\$281.00
Loose	\$1,965.15
Online	\$1,892.68

Mass Attendance (by church & total)

Time/Church	Feb. 15-16	Feb. 8-9	Feb. 1-2
4:00pm IC	334	279	322
4:30pm SJ	310	206	332
8:00am SJF	116	131	143
8:30am SL	96	128	134
10:00am SJ	230	379	324
10:30am IC	290	312	281
Total	1,376	1,435	1,536

Seating Capacities IC: 366; SJF: 197; SJ: 538; SL: 189

Averages from Previous Years

2021: 1,435; 2022: 1,492; 2023: 1,538

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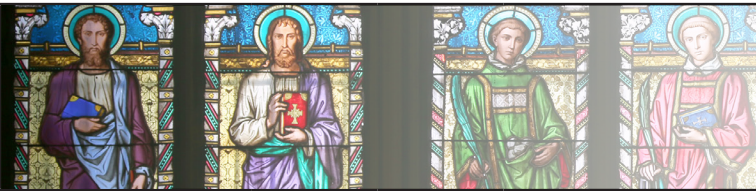
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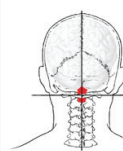
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