

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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Weekend Mass Times :
 Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 p.m. -- Sunday 9:00 am
 Daily Mass: Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am
 Communion Service: Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00 a.m
 Confessions:
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday 8:30 a.m.
 Scriptural Rosary: Monday 9:00 a.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 Noon

Weekly Parish offering

Week 32	2/4	Total to Date	Building fund	\$6105.00
Weekly Envelopes	\$4,508.00	\$154,119.00	Votive Candles	\$44.00
Loose Cash	\$226.00	\$6,953.00	Catholic Times	\$140.00
Totals	\$4,734.00	\$161,072.00	Holy Day Collection	\$15.00
Budget Goal	\$5,200.00	\$161,200.00		
Difference	-\$466.00	\$128.00		

Feb. 3-4, 2018

Feb. 4-5, 2017

Sat. 5:30 pm	Sun. 9:00am	total	Sat. 5:30 pm	Sun. 9:00am	total
178	205	383	185	190	375

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Feb. 17-18, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Music	Contemporary Choir	Music	Adult Choir
Greeters	Greg & Regina Boente Julie Boente	Greeters	Darrin & Heather DeNeve
Lector	Susan Millard	Lector	Jim Rolando
Eucharistic Ministers	John Kelly*, Linda wood*, Elaine Flowers, Gabe Long, Sandra Philpott, Erin Bates, Barb Jillson	Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Lauwerens*, Rich Lauwerens*, Mary Jo Reichmann, Jim Rolando, Ann Rolando, Tom Broaddus, Mary spurgeon
Altar Servers	Zayn Long and Lane Davis	Altar Servers	Andrew DeNeve and Sarah DeNeve

In charity, please remember in your prayers:

... **our military personnel, especially:** Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Toni Lane, Bryan Murphy Jr.

... **the sick and those in need:** Marie France Armstrong, Eugene Bellm II, Sherri Boehm, Norman Bowman, Rita Cerar, Dave Coonrod, Karen Dworzynski, Karen Etter, Dave Fester, Eric Gross, Jennifer Hartsook, Bill Hill, Bill Hoff, Bill Jones Sr., Larry Kaburick, Peg Kahl, Berni Katich, Donna Leach, Heather Milner, Fr. George Morelock, Very Rev. James Neuman, Charles Pohlman, Jim Rolando, Dawn Roesch, Fred & Betty Roth, Michelle Schudrowitz, Travis Schutte, Sarah Smith, Ben Strode, Paul Walton.

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 2/10: 5:30 pm: Suzy Rhodes ☩ and Steve Dailey ☩
 Sun. 2/11: 9:00 am: George Lacy ☩
 Mon. 2/12: 8:00 am: Peggy Heinz ☩
 Tues. 2/13: 8:00 am: Communion Service
 Wed. 2/14: 12 noon: Kate Eldred ☩
 Wed. 2/14: 6:00 pm: Charles Boyett ☩
 Thurs. 2/15: 8:00 am: Ed Reznicek ☩
 Fri. 2/16: 8:00 am: Communion Service
 Sat. 2/17: 5:30pm : Duane Morehead ☩
 Sun. 2/18: 9:00 am: Anna Link ☩



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 11, 2018

Ash Wednesday Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It begins on Valentine's Day this year. Fitting. Forty Days to fall in love again, to stay in love with the One whose Baptism we share. Let us return with great hope to these special days for fasting, praying, and giving.

Masses for Ash Wednesday:

- 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph
- 12:00 noon Ss. Mary & Joseph
- 6:00 p.m. Ss. Mary & Joseph
- 7:00 p.m. Ss. Simon & Jude

Pledge drive to date:

\$425,000 pledged
 \$275,000 paid
 \$150,000 balance
 220 pledges out of 270 active envelopes (80%)
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Saint Vincent de Paul will hold their next meeting Sunday, Feb. 11th at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room.

There will be a meeting of the **KC Auxiliary** on Monday, Feb. 19th at 6:30 p.m. Members will meet in the social hall at SS. Mary and Joseph church. Any questions or more information call Patty Mihalek at 217-820-5422

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 20th in the conference room at Saints Mary and Joseph.

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus annual Lenten Fish Fry will start Feb. 14th (Ash Wednesday) then every Friday after that thru March 23rd. Serving will be 11:00am –1:00pm and 4:00 - 7:00pm
 Carry out will be available. Volunteers welcome.
 For more info. Call Tom Broaddus– 217-341-2138
 American Legion phone# 854-2769

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Auxiliary would greatly appreciate you donation of pies and/or cakes to be sold at the Lenten Fish Fries starting Feb. 14th thru March 23rd. Baked goods can be dropped off at the American Legion after 9:00 am on the day of the Fish Fry.

Thank You!

On Friday, February 2nd we held our annual Lock-In. We had a great turn out of youth and we would like to extend a very big thank you to all our volunteers who made the night possible. Thank you to the chaperones- Mark Gillock, Stephanie Hart, Kara Harris, and Matthew Dunn. Thank you also to Denny Baker for stopping by for reflection time in the middle of the night! A special thank you to Danita Welte who organized the event, gathered donations from area businesses, and also stayed as a chaperone all night! Thank you for providing a fun night for the youth of our parish!



Pastor's Corner

Lent is a time of fasting. Sometimes it is just saying we have enough.
 A recent edition of *Time* magazine included a chart comparing average food portions today with those 20 years ago. A bagel was once 3-inches in diameter and contained 140 calories. Today it is 6-inches round and has 350 calories. The average blueberry muffin was 1.5 ounces and 210 calories. Today it is 5 ounces and 500 calories. New home sizes have also doubled. Have our families grown in size over the last 30 years that we need double the square footage to house them?
 Instead of wanting more, this Lenten season invites us to say enough! A bumper sticker that read: "Insatiable is Unsustainable." Lent helps us control our appetites, limiting the foods we can eat and the urges we can indulge. Our health and the balance of the world demand learning to live within limits!
 In addition, saying "enough" is the only way we will ever feel rich! If enough is never enough, our focus is never on what we have, only on what we lack. If this is the case, how are we ever to feel grateful?
 Lent's focus on "Enough" allows us that opportunity to be grateful.

Attention Men: Journey with the men of our parish through **RISE: A 30 Day Challenge**. This is a powerful video series geared toward men. Once one signs up for the journey, he will receive a daily email link to a 3-5 minute video. Although you can go through this program on your own, you are encouraged to attend the four group meetings to further share your reflections and deepen your relationship with Christ and the men of our parishes. The meeting times will be:

- Carlinville – Tuesdays 7pm – Feb. 20, 27, March 6, and 13
 - Gillespie – Thursdays, 6:30pm – Feb. 22, March 1, 8, & 15
- The 30 day challenge begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

If you sign up on your own, there is a fee. If you give Fr. Mike your email (mhaag30@hotmail.com), he will be able to sign you up at no cost to you. For more information, see www.menriseup.org

Still Looking for volunteers

We are in need of someone to help with snacks for PSR. Times needed are from about 2:30-5:15pm each Wednesday. Responsibility includes popping popcorn and filling drinks, keeping things full, and cleaning up after the youth have gone to class. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested please contact Jennifer Frericks. Thank you!!