

**He himself bore our sins
in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin,
we might live for
righteousness.
By his wounds
you have been healed.**

1 Peter 2:24

LENT



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00am +Elena Barbieri
5:00pm +Norma McKinney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:15am For the Parish
11:15am +Donald & Marianne Hornby

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

President's Day

8:00am Charles T. Smoot, III

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am +Madeline Burns

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00am +Marguerite Leslie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00am +Helen McGraw
9:00am* +Susan McGraw

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am +Fr. Robert Hermley

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00am +Father, Mummy & Peter
5:00pm +Victor Pesqueira

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:15am +Anthony Richard Battista
11:15am For the Parish

**HFS School Mass*

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Henry Hollman, James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, Cecilia Hall, James McGee, Janet Ennis, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Jim Berthot, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Reb Salvo, Chuck Salvo, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Kia Batchelder, Karlie Batchelder, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Greg Riley, Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, Mary Chandler, John Dimmock, Linda Dimmock, Sharron Vandurn, Sally Purvis, Wanda Sharp, George Wertz, Ada Carden, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Nick Rosa, Helen Kissel, Ralph Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrissa Lefebvre, Eva Nave, Mary Jean Brost Travis, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young and Bill Mitchell.

Note

This is our new, updated prayer request corner. If you wish to add someone to the list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Thank you, Fr. Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend I shared some ideas about fasting-feasting- praying for adults. This week I would like to share some ideas that our young people might do.

LENTEN IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

Fasting

- Give up one TV show today and spend that time helping a family member.
- Give up one TV show or the radio or music for 30 minutes and read the story of the Woman at the Well in chapter 4 of the Gospel of John, verses 5-30.
- Give up one TV show or the radio or music for 30 minutes and read the story of the Blind Man in chapter 9 of the Gospel of John, verses 1, 6-11, 35-38.
- Give up one TV show or the radio or music for 30 minutes and read the story of Lazarus in chapter 11 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-7, 17-44.
- Give up one TV show or the radio or music for 30 minutes and read the story of the Good Shepherd in chapter 10 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-18.
- Give up something that you enjoy today (like dessert or snacks) and spend a few minutes praying for the needs of others.
- Give up something that you enjoy today (like dessert or snacks) and donate 25 cents to your Operation Rice Bowl box.
- Give up buying something new (clothes, CD, magazine, jewelry) and donate 50 cents to your Operation Rice Bowl box.
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- Give up going to a movie or other fun activity and donate the money from this activity to your Operation Rice Bowl box or other people in need in your community.
- Think about a bad habit that you would like to change, like telling a lie, yelling at others, getting angry, or putting people down, and choose to avoid that habit and do something positive instead.
- Think about someone you are angry with or who has hurt you. Ask God for the courage to forgive and pray for that person each day. Think about one thing that is good about them.
- Share lots of smiles today.
- Give a hug to everyone in your family.
- Compliment each person in your family sometime today.
- Give up complaining, frowns, and negative thoughts today.

Praying

- Read the story of Palm Sunday, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, in the Gospels of Matthew 21:111 or Mark 11:1-10 or Luke 19:28-40.
- Read the story of the Last Supper of Jesus in chapter 13 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-15.
- Read the story of Easter chapter 20 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-9.
- Pray the "Our Father" three times today—in the morning when you get up, at noontime, and when you go to bed.
- Say a prayer for someone who is sick today.
- Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you.
- Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.
- Rent the video, The Prince of Egypt. Watch the video and read the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus, chapters 2-15. Try to read one chapter each day. Be sure to read the story of the Passover in chapters 12 through 13:22.
- List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings in your life.
- Pray for the children and families who are homeless, and think about ways you and your family might help them.

Serving/Almsgiving

- Show an act of kindness to each family member today.
- Show an act of kindness to a friend or someone who is difficult to like.

FROM THE



PASTOR

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mark 25:31-46	Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mark 6:7-15	Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32	Sunday	Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19; Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Matthew 16:13-19		

Serving/Almsgiving

- Together with your family, spend time serving others during Lent. Work at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit elderly people who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins.
- Bring food or clothing to the parish or community food pantry, food bank or homeless shelter
- Donate a new item of children's clothing to the local homeless shelter or clothing center.
- Do someone else's chores one day this week.
- Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes.
- Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or lonely.
- Buy a can of food to give to a food bank or homeless shelter.
- Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box, or giving it to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

I hope that you have been blessed this week and the blessings will continue throughout the Lenten season. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

St. Joseph 2018 Lenten Fish Fry Dates

Friday, February 23 and March 9 & 23

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Fr. Messmer Center

Menu includes: Fried Fish

(Catfish with either Tilapia or Flounder)

French Fries, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Brownies

Drinks: Tea, Coffee or Lemonade

Cheese Pizza and baked fish will be available upon request.

To-go boxes will also be available

\$9.00 for adults \$5.00 for children (12 and under)

\$25 maximum per family

Helpers are needed. Please call the church office to volunteer.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • FEBRUARY 24, 2018 - FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Reminder: We will only be using one Eucharistic Minister for each Mass until we resume distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ
Volunteers are requested for the President's Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 19

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Nancy Larch, Steven Terrell, Jr.
8:15am: Dean Bucy, Wade Bucy
11:15am: Natalee Weir, Arthur Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala*
8:15am: Teri Lynch*
11:15am: Booker Terry*

LECTORS

5:00pm: John Barisa, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am: Jackie Henderson, Bart Lynch
11:15am: John Weir, Paul Johnson

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Mack & Gina Yates
8:15am: Tommy & Margaret Anne Whitfield
11:15am: Florence Okafor

USHERS

5:00pm: Sheila Brown
8:15am: Margie Blackburn
11:15am: Booker Terry/Jude Onwuka

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

Join our faith community and thousands of others across the country in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with **CRS Rice Bowl**. If your children are not part of our RE program, and your family wants to participate, pick up a **Rice Bowl** from the vestibule this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Encounter Majd—In Iraq we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. **Rice Bowls** are due back on April 8. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Feb. 18 RE/RCIA/Adult Ed 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Feb. 21 Adult Ed 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Please note: Sunday Adult Ed participants are to come in through the gym entrance doors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 18 The Adult Education group will begin a new series titled **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**. The group meets 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Hall large meeting room (enter through the gym).



NEWS FROM HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL-HUNTSVILLE

Holy Family School is preparing for this year's **Silent Auction**, and we need your support! We are looking for individuals and businesses that would sponsor our annual event to be held on March 3, 2018. Proceeds from the auction go to Holy Family School's Capital Campaign for a new school addition. Thank you for your support!

Holy Family School enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is underway for current families. Online open enrollment to the public began on January 30 (spots are limited).

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL SEMINAR on sources for high school tuition assistance programs. Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Wisdom Library, St. John Paul II Catholic High School, 7301 Old Madison Pike NW, Huntsville, Alabama. For additional information, call 256-430-1760.



2018 ST. JOSEPH LENTEN ACTIVITIES



- **Stations of the Cross**
All Fridays during Lent
12:00 p.m. Church
- **Lenten Communal Reconciliation**
Monday, March 5
6:00 p.m. Church
- **Fish Fry**
Friday, February 23 / March 9 & 23
5-7 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center
- **Parish Seder Meal**
Sunday, March 25
5:30- 7:00 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

HFS & Church Office Closed—President's Day
Diocesan Workshop

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
 5:30pm: Adult Formation (SFH)
 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)
 7:00pm: 8:30 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00am: HFS School Mass (SJC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:00pm: Stations of the Cross (SJC)
 5:00pm: Fish Fry (FMC)
 6:00pm: Michael Splane/Sarah Beck
 Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner (SJC/SFH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:00pm: Michael Splane/Sarah Beck Wedding (SJC)
 6:15pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Liturgy of the Word with Children @ both Masses
 9:30am: RE/RCIA/Adult Ed (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)
 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)

Facilities Key

FMC = Father Messmer Center/Gym
SJC = St. Joseph Church
LMR/LIB = RE Center
SFH = St. Francis Hall
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
BEA = Beasley Hall
BRZWY = Breezeway