

March 28, 2017

Dear members and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

“Through the resurrection of God’s Son, we are granted salvation. May God fulfill the divine promise and bless you with eternal life.”

This Easter Blessing reminds us of the goal of the season of Lent – to recall our baptismal dignity and to prepare us for the never-ending Easter with the saints in God’s kingdom. I am confident you have been prayerful, disciplined and generous in your observance of Lent. I am also confident that you will joyfully celebrate the Resurrection throughout the Fifty Day Season of Easter. Throughout the Easter Season we are called to share our gifts and live out our baptismal dignity.

I invite and encourage all of you to take advantage of the worship opportunities during **Holy Week.**

- Palm Sunday, April 9, the Boy Scouts and the Ladies Guild will have the Annual Spaghetti Dinner in the Social Hall beginning at Noon.
- On Tuesday, April 11, from 6:30-8:30 pm we will take an extended look at the Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday.
- The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 13, will be celebrated at 7 pm.
- The Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3 pm. The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion will be at 7 pm.
- On Holy Saturday, the Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will be at Noon. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated beginning at 8:00 pm.
- Easter Sunday Masses are at 8:30 and 11 am.

There are a few events of special note occurring during April.

- Tuesday, April 4, the Scripture Class at 6:30 pm will look at the readings for Passion Sunday.
- The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 pm.
- The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 pm at St. Christine Social Center. This meeting will be hosted by the Diocese.
- The Parish Life Committee will have The Quarter Auction on Friday, April 28, beginning at 6:00 pm. This was a very enjoyable event and I encourage you to come and join in the fun!
- The weekend of April 29-30 marks the beginning of our Parish Mission. Mr. Jim Merhaut will speak at the Masses. The first session of the Mission will be on Sunday, April 30, at 6:30 pm. The second session will be on Monday, May 1, at 6:30 pm. Please come and receive Easter blessings of mercy in a new way!

Sincerely yours in Christ’s love,

Rev. Gregory F. Fedor/Pastor