

# SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

## No Greater Love--Lent 2024

As an Area Catholic Community (ACC), parishioners from each parish are invited, encouraged, and welcome to participate in any of the events and prayer experiences..

### Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14

9:00 am **(SJ)** Mass SJCS children attend.

5:00 pm **(SJB)**

7:00 pm **(SJ)**

### Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 5:00 pm **(SJ)**

Sundays: 8:30 am **(SJB)** and 10:00 am **(SJ)**

### Daily Masses

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 9:00 am **(SJ)** and

Wednesdays: 8:30 am **(SJB)**

### Stations of the Cross

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 pm on 2-21, 2-28, 3-6, 3-13, 3-20 **(SJB)**

**Fridays:** 7:00 pm on 2-16, 2-23, 3-1, 3-8, 3-15, 3-22 **(SJ)**

**Tuesdays:** 2:00 pm on 3-12 and 3-26 **(SJCS)**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Saturday, March 16--1:00 pm **(SJ)**

Saturdays: 4:00 pm **(SJ)**    Thursdays: 8:15-8:45 am (during Lent) **(SJ)**    Sundays: 7:45-8:15 am **(SJB)**

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 8:30-9:00 am **(SJ)**

Thursdays: After Mass until 10:00 am **(SJ)**

Wednesdays: After Mass until 9:15 am **(SJB)**

### Pastoral Ministry: Tips for Aging

Tuesday, February 27: 6:30 pm Tips for Aging and Preventing Memory Loss **(SJ)**

Tuesday, March 12: 6:30 pm: Tips for Healthy Aging **(SJ)**

### Fish Fry Dinners

Friday, February 16: 4:00-7:00 pm at Sal's Bar **(SJB)**

Friday, March 15: 4:00-7:00 pm at Sal's Bar **(SJB)**

Friday, March 22: 4:00-7:00 pm at Sal's Bar **(SJCS)**



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## **Soup, Supper, and Speaker Series (SJB)**

**(Stations: 5:00 pm/Soup: 5:30 pm/Speaker: 6:00 pm)**

### **February 21**

Speaker: Basic Economics and Income Inequality. Dr. Louis Johnston teaches Economics at CSB+SJU and is a frequent guest on PBS and MPR. He will explore some basics of how markets function and malfunction, with special attention to income inequality. A good general introduction to the series

### **February 28**

Buying Local. Pia Lopez, former manager of St. Joe's Minnesota Street Market Co-Op. From defining a community's unique identity to helping prevent money from leaking out of the local economy, to building rapport among businesses and customers, to encouraging a culture of entrepreneurship: learn about the multiple benefits of buying local.

### **March 6**

Speaker: Migrants & Refugees. Karin Blythe, Senior Director of Refugee Services for Lutheran Social Services. The situation for migrants and refugees has become very polarizing. What human, economic, and justice issues need to be considered, and what does our faith have to do with it? Come for an overview of the impacts that we experience as new refugee populations come to Central Minnesota.

### **March 13**

Speaker: Economics of Day Care and Social Justice. Sara Hagen, Community Childcare Coordinator, United Way of Central Minnesota. Day care openings are hard to find and expensive. How is it a social justice concern? How does the child care crisis impact the economic well-being of our area, and how can it be addressed?

### **March 20**

Speaker: Affordable Housing. Jennifer Walker, Youth Homeless Outreach, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Housing affects health, education, crime levels, etc. Learn about homelessness, the economics of affordable housing, and what is being done in our area to provide this most basic of human needs.

## **Lenten Reflections (SJB)**

Sunday, March 10 Lenten Reflection: 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Lenten Reflection: 9:30-10:30 am

## **Adult Faith Formation Roundtable Reflections: 5:00-6:00 pm (SJ)**

Thursday, February 15: We Are the Body of Christ

Thursday, February 22: We Are a People of Mercy and The Mystery of the Church

Thursday, February 29: The Mystery of Prayer

Thursday, March 7: The Mystery of the Sacraments

## **Youth Nights (SJ)**

February 14: 6:30-6:55pm Meaning of Lent Gathering in Heritage Hall, 7:00 pm Mass

February 21: Laser Tag at Blacklight Adventures in St. Cloud 7:00-8:30 pm

February 23: Metro Youth Night: Stations of the Cross and Blacklight Games: 7:00-9:00 pm (S.Rapids)

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group, 6:30-8:30pm

March 20, 27 - Youth Group, 6:30-8:30pm

March 13-Hope Night, 6:30-8:30pm

During the season of Lent, we will be watching and discussing videos from Ascension Presents.

## **Friday Socials (SJ)-2-16, 2-23, 3-1, 3-8, 3-15, 3-22 (After the 9:00 am Mass)**

## **RCIA (SJ)**

Sunday, February 18: Rite of Sending: 10:00 am and

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of Saint Mary: 3:00 pm

Dismissals: 2-18, 2-25, 3-3, 3-10, 3-17, 3-24

Retreat: Saturday, March 30: 10:00-3:00 pm and Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 pm

## **Lenten Resources and Rice Bowls (SJ and SJB)**

Located in the Gathering Space. **(SJ)** and Located in the Hallway **(SJB)**

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## Holy Week

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### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24

Masses

5:00 pm **SJ**

8:30 am **SJB**

\*10:30 am **SJ**

(Note: \*Mass time change because of the length of the Palm Sunday Masses)

### **Holy Thursday**

Thursday March 28

Masses

6:00 pm **SJB**

8:00 pm **SJ**

### **Good Friday**

Friday, March 29

Service: 1:00 pm **SJ** and 6:00 pm **SJB**

### **Holy Saturday**

Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm **SJB** and 8:30 pm **SJ**

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31

Masses: 8:00 am (**SJ**) and 10:00 am (**SJ**)

# Prayer+++Fasting+++Almsgiving

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in **PRAYER** by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by **GIVING ALMS** and we practice self-control through **FASTING**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

**During this Lent**, may we focus on praying for each other, our loved ones and all who need prayer.

**During this Lent**, may we focus on giving to others in need, especially our local Saint Joseph Food Shelf.

Non-perishable items may be dropped off at Saint John the Baptist and Saint Joseph parishes or taken to the Saint Joseph Food Shelf. Specific Items Needed Each Week of Lent:

**First Sunday of Lent: Syrup: Maple, Blueberry, etc.**

**Second Sunday of Lent: Mayonnaise or Salad Dressing.**

**Third Sunday of Lent: Canned Beans: Chili, Black, Kidney, Pinto, Garbanzo, Baked Green, etc.**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent: Toilet Paper.**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent: Pancake Mix: Boxed or bagged.**

**During this Lent**, may we fast from all forms of selfishness and feast on speaking kind words, giving up negative speaking and living each day with loving acts of love for each other.

