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St. Joseph – Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
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**ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**                      *Amy Shook*  
**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**                      *No Mass*  
**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**                      *People of St. Joseph & St. Mary*

**Confessions:**

**St. Joseph** – Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 PM  
                         Sunday: 7:30 AM  
**St. Mary** – Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

**St. Mary, Glasgow, Holy Mass Schedule:**

Saturday (vigil):                      5:30 PM  
Sunday:                                      10:00 AM  
Wednesday:                              8:00 AM  
Thursday:                                      8:00 AM  
Friday    8:00 AM

**Adoration:**

St. Joseph – First Tuesday-2:00 PM to 5:45 PM  
St. Mary – First Friday after AM Mass to 11 PM

**Holy Rosary:**

St. Joseph – Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 AM  
St. Joseph – Sunday morning at 7:40 AM, before Mass  
St. Mary – Saturdays 5:05 PM

**Mission Statement** – St. Joseph Catholic Church seeks to be an actively visible faith community that works to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our hospitality, education, sacraments, & service.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** If you know of anyone needing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, please let Father know. If it is an emergency, please call the office phone or send Father an email. If a family member is in a neighboring hospital (Columbia, etc.) and it is an emergency, please let your doctor or nurse know to contact a Priest – they have priests on-call every day of the week at the larger hospitals. If it is not an emergency but you'd like Father to visit in the hospital, please talk to him to arrange a time for a visit.

**Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage:** a preparation process is required before either of these Sacraments is celebrated. Please contact Father or Parish Secretary at least 6 months before a wedding is planned or as soon as the pregnancy is known so that proper arrangements may be made for the spiritual preparations.

Bishop McKnight's **April prayer intention** for our Local Church: For all who have suffered abuse, that they may experience healing and restoration. That we may be ever-vigilant in protecting the vulnerable and ensuring our parishes remain places of safety, love, and respect. We pray to the Lord.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Marjorie Koenig*	Mike Vroman
Linda Wallace*	Eula Kempf*
Amy Shook (cancer)	Terrie Young
Tom Boss	Tess Hayes (healing)*
Adrienne Thies (healing)*	Steve Kempf (cancer)*
Steven John (cancer)	Wilma Liley
Mark Monnig	Carolyn Polson*
Becky Streff (cancer)	Lou Thompson (healing)*
Blake Wies (healing)	Thad Prinster
Jennifer Jex	Ryan
Johnny Sulltrop	Jane Weiland (healing)*
John Heitz (healing)	Cecile Young
Bart Ballew	Jim Ray Kluck (healing)
Joe Bonnema (B. Sullivan's uncle)	
Rest of the Soul of Sherry O'Connell	

\* = Parishioner of St. Joseph

Keep St. Joseph kids that are preparing for First Communion and/or Confirmation in your prayers: Finley Asher, Cayle Ballew, Abigail Crowley, Cayden De La Torre, Karolyn De La Torre, Elliot Parker, Raylee Stockhorst, and Talon Stockhorst.

**Pray for our Seminarians –2024-2025 school year**

We currently have nine seminarians studying in our Diocese. Please pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood so that the Sacraments & Holy Mass may continue in our parishes:

Jacob Hartman	Gage Neisen
Shane Kliethermes	Gabriel Eckstein
Bryce Smith	David Cahill
John Paul McGuire	Samuel Cramer
Luke Dalton	

**Birthdays**

Tess Hayes	April 6
Mathias Cole	April 7
Gracelyn Flaspohler	April 8
Quincy Dorson	April 9
Clara Crowley	April 14
Lenore Araiza	April 16
Gene Gerlt	April 18
Heidi Haas	April 21
Abigail Flaspohler	April 25
Eleanor Flaspohler	April 25
Charlie Niemeier	April 25

**Anniversaries**

John & Nan Geha	April 17 (26 years)
Larry & Wanda Fuemmeler	April 22 (48 years)
Larry & Colleen Wies	April 24 (49 years)
Jason & Sarah Hutchinson	April 24 (21 years)

**St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship**

March 2, 2025	\$ 1,739.00
March 9, 2025	\$ 3,016.25
March 16, 2025	\$ 2,313.52
March 23, 2025	\$ 1,520.00
March 30, 2025	\$ 1,710.00
<i>(below – accrued totals for the month)</i>	
<u>ACH Deposits / Blackbaud</u>	\$ 3,163.00
Total for month	\$ 13,461.77

**Weekly Goal / March 2025**      **\$3,100.00**  
**('24-25 Budget Goal) / March**      **\$15,500.00**

*Offertory Goal* YTD      \$120,900.00  
**Offertory YTD Actuals**      **\$106,209.48**  
*Surplus/(Shortage)* YTD      **\$(14,690.52)**

**Calendar of events**

Today	PSR after Mass
Fri. April 11	6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Fri. April 11	5 – 7:00 PM Fish Fry
Sun. April 13	PSR after Mass

**SAVE THE DATE(S) – COMING UP!**

- Lenten Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent at St. Mary & 6:00pm at St. Joseph, Fayette. *\*There won't be 2:30pm stations during 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration.*
- KofC Fish Fry's – Fridays during Lent
  - St. Joseph = April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Chrism Mass - All are invited to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, MO. A light meal will be available in Cana Hall after the Mass. RSVP online at [diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP](http://diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP)

**EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS** – Easter Lilies & other Spring flowers for the Church will be purchased this year in collaboration with St. Mary (Glasgow) Parish to reduce the overall cost. If you wish to donate towards these flowers in memory of a loved one, please place your special offertory envelope or a marked envelope in the collection. Thank you to those who have contributed so far!

Please note that we were just made aware that Diocese & Blackbaud (website ACH donations) will not be supporting “complete cover” for one-time donations. Similarly to the auto-ACH withdraw, either the parish or the donor will have to cover the % processing fee. We are looking into other software alternatives, but there is no “free” ACH donation software. It is only “free” if you set it up directly with your banking institution.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – If you would like to have a Mass said, please place your intention in an envelope marked “Mass Intention” and drop in the collection basket or contact Julia in the office (660) 248-2439 ([secretary-sjf@outlook.com](mailto:secretary-sjf@outlook.com)). Mass intentions are \$10.00.

**Items for the April 13<sup>th</sup> bulletin need to be turned in by Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.** If you have items for the bulletin, send to secretary email: [secretary-sjf@outlook.com](mailto:secretary-sjf@outlook.com).

## Parish Stewardship – Liturgical Ministries

**April Eucharistic Ministers:** Roger Dorson, Benji Dorson, Susan Thomas

### Sunday, April 6 –

**Lectors:** Mary Hrdina, Susan Thomas;  
**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Brittany Sullivan;  
**Servers:** Gracie Flaspohler, Anne Crowley;  
**Music:** Nancy Anderson, Glenn Ludtke;  
**Sacristan:** Sally Coats;  
**Greeters:** Roger & Kathy Dorson;  
**Ushers:** Gerald H., Zach N., Ron A., Tim C., Bill S., Austin S.

### Sunday, April 13 –

**Lectors:** Frank Flaspohler, Joe Geist;  
**Gift Bearers:** Crowley Family;  
**Servers:** Jackson, Quincy, & Ryder Dorson;  
**Music:** Sheila Wallace, Becky Kurtz, Elaine Smith, Becky Nolke;  
**Sacristan:** Kathy Dorson;  
**Greeters:** John & Beth Witte;  
**Ushers:** Larry F., Bill S., Casey B., Gerald H., Charlie F., Jerry E.

**Ministers taking Communion to shut ins:** Week of April 6 (Susan F.) Week of April 13 (Beth L.)

**Church cleaning:** April 6 to April 12 (Zim B.) April 13 to 19 (Julia P.)

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### LENT STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

### LENT PENANCE SERVICES – area dates:

*Penance services are coming up, some this week (bold) – Check out the Lenten Calendar in the back of Church for more info --*

- **Boonville = Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> (4:00 pm)**
- **Salisbury = Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm)**
- **Pilot Grove = Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (7:00 pm)**

**EASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION –** This Easter, our parish will take part in the diocesan Easter Special Collection. This collection is for the benefit of retired priests and religious. We ask that you prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving this Easter. The diocese included special envelopes for this collection in this week's issue of The Catholic Missourian newspaper. You can use that envelope or any envelope marked for this collection. You can make your gift during the special collection at Mass on Easter or bring it to the parish office any time. Thank you for your generosity.

**Support Our Retired Priests & Religious**  
Through the Easter Special Collection




**GIVE NOW AT**  
[diojeffcity.org/  
Donate-Easter](http://diojeffcity.org/Donate-Easter)



Or, look for the envelope in the April 4th issue of *The Catholic Missourian* and bring it to Mass or the parish office




**FINDING HOPE IN SUFFERING**  
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING PILGRIMAGE**  
APRIL 5  
9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. COST: \$15  
DOORS OPEN AT 9AM LUNCH IS PROVIDED


**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
197 STATE HWY P, RHINELAND, MO

**REGISTER AT**  
[diojeffcity.org/wm-spring-pilgrimage-registration](http://diojeffcity.org/wm-spring-pilgrimage-registration)



**MEET OUR SPEAKER**  
*Mary Lenaburg*

Mary Lenaburg is a best-selling author, speaker, wife and mother sharing her testimony about God's redeeming love. Mary has served her local parish as Liturgy Coordinator, youth ministry, and Confirmation catechist. She travels the country speaking to all age groups, sharing laughs and building faith.



**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE VOCATION DAY –** Wed., May 7<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLLIS) in Columbia, Missouri. Please contact the parish office or Megan Brondel, (573) 635-9127, with any questions.

## SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese is pleased to offer our parish families the following summer opportunities, *mark your calendars now!*

\* **TOTUS TUUS:** Held at *St. Mary Parish.* -- **June 8 to June 14, 2024.** Open to kids in grades 1 to 12. The morning session will be for *grades 1-6* and the evening session will be for *grades 7-12.* **The cost is free!** Save the date and plan to attend this great summer opportunity held **locally!**

\* **CAMP LOLEK:** for Jr. High students (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>).

\* **CAMP MACCABEE:** 5-day adventure camp for (High School) incoming Freshman to incoming Senior guys.

\* **CAMP SIENA:** 5-day adventure camp for (High School) incoming Freshman to incoming Senior women.



**Joyful**  
community & faith



**Camp Lolek**  
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Boys: June 8-12  
Girls: June 15-19

**Adventure**

Sisterhood | Brotherhood  
Leadership



**Camp Maccabee**  
FOR YOUNG MEN



**Camp Siena**  
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Session 1: July 13-18  
Session 2: July 20-25

## ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

+ **Holy Mass** –Mass this week was on Wednesday, April 2nd, and Friday, April 4th. The students participated in Adoration this week for First Friday. Mass next week will be on Wednesday, April 9th, with the 7th graders as ministers. Mass on Friday, April 11th, will have the 1st graders and kindergarteners as ministers. *We love to have parents, grandparents, and parishioners join us for student Mass and help to model the faith for our students.*

+ **SCHOOL START TIME** *Reminder - The school day begins at 7:50am. The students are to be in their classrooms by this time.* On Mass days, we are to be at church before Mass begins at 8:00. In order for students to use the restroom and get their bookbags unpacked, they need to be here before 7:50am. This allows them time to go over to church with their class. Thank you for your help!

+ **RE-ENROLLMENT PACKETS** Enrollment packets for the 2025/2026 school year are being sent home today. The return date is May 9. *Students will receive a dress down day for packets returned by April 16.* The dress down day will be Mon., May 19th.

## OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS

\* St. Mary has a **third-grade** teaching position open. We want to thank Allie Schulte for teaching this semester. She will be greatly missed!

\* St. Mary also has a **preschool aide** position open. Thank you to Morgan Kaylor for her service with our preschoolers!

----Please forward inquiries to Father Duncan, Mary Ann Hudson, or Callie Westhues (for preschool aide).

		<p>Phone (660)248-2800 Sunday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday - Wednesday 11:00 am to 9:30 pm Thursday - Saturday 11:00 am to 10:00 pm</p>	
<p><b>GEHA REALTY</b> John Geha and Joe Geha 573.424.3300 573.289.8902 john@johngeha.com www.geharealty.com</p>			
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# Encountering THE SEASON

Lent for the Family

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Isaiah 43:16–21  
Philippians 3:8–14  
John 8:1–11

## Dear Family:

This week, we focus on *obedience* as we accompany Jesus and Mary during this crucial part of the Lenten journey. Read the reflection questions in the “Ponder and Pray” section, explore the challenges in the “Live It” section, and enjoy the family activity. Engage in *visio divina* to contemplate how Mary and Jesus teach us the importance of obedience and trust in God’s plan.

## Obedience Requires Trust Amid Turmoil

As we enter the fifth week of Lent, the journey to Jerusalem grows more intense. In Luke 18:31, Jesus tells his apostles that everything written about him by the prophets will be fulfilled. He will be delivered, mocked, scourged, and killed. But on the third day, he will rise again. These words hold a heavy weight as Jesus prepares to face his Passion, and those closest to him—Mary and the apostles—walk with him in quiet obedience.

Mary, who has always trusted in God’s will, remains by Jesus’ side, ready for whatever lies ahead. Her obedience is not passive; it is an active, loving response to God’s call. She has taught us how to say “yes” to God in every moment, from the Annunciation to now. Even as the tension mounts and the

““ *The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.* ””  
—Psalm 126:3



Wedding at Cana by Mike Moyers

threat of suffering grows, Mary trusts that God’s plan is unfolding perfectly.

Imagine walking alongside Mary and hearing Jesus tell of his death and Resurrection. As his words sink in, Mary turns to you and asks, “Are you ready for this part of the journey?” Obedience like Mary’s requires trust in the midst of uncertainty, even turmoil. It asks us to surrender our plans, our fears, our understanding, and follow where God leads.

As we prepare for this Holy Week, let us ask for the grace to be obedient to God’s will. Like Mary, may we walk with courage and trust, knowing that God’s plan, though it may lead through suffering, ultimately leads to resurrection and new life.

To read more about how Mary embodies radical obedience, see *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem*.

## Ponder and Pray

- Mary said at Cana, “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). How will you apply this call to obedience in your life? What might Jesus be asking you now?
- When have you hesitated to trust in God’s plan? Will you follow Mary’s example of stepping forward in faith, even when the path is unclear?
- Do you notice God’s quiet miracles in your life, similar to the transformation at Cana? Try to cultivate greater gratitude for these moments.

## Live It

This week, reflect on how you can practice obedience in your life. Identify one area where you’ve been resisting God’s call—whether it’s a relationship, a responsibility, or a personal habit—and make a conscious effort to surrender it to him. Ask for Mary’s intercession to help you say “yes” to God with trust and courage, just as she did.

## Visio Divina

Spend time reflecting on the image of *Wedding at Cana*. In this scene, imagine the joyous celebration as Mary quietly observes that the wine has run out and, with quiet confidence, turns to Jesus for help. Jesus, at her request, performs his first public miracle, turning water into wine.

### Question 1:

As you reflect on the scene, what strikes you about Mary’s role in prompting this miracle? How does her quiet obedience to God’s plan inspire you?

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### Question 2:

How do you imagine Jesus responding to Mary’s request? What does this teach you about trusting God’s timing and will?

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### Question 3:

What does Mary’s posture in relation to Jesus reveal about her receptivity and obedience?

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## Fun for the Family

Create a “Follow the Leader” activity—with a twist! Choose one family member to lead, and have everyone else follow his or her instructions for simple tasks (like walking a path or completing small chores). After each round, switch leaders. Afterward, discuss how following instructions in the game relates to obeying God. How does listening and trusting make a difference?

For free videos and downloadable resources featuring *Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem* with Fr. Mark Toups, scan this code with your camera. This bulletin’s reflection by Fr. Toups and “Family Fun” were adapted from *Lenten Companion*.



# Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Isaiah 43:16–21 • Philippians 3:8–14 • John 8:1–11



## Jesus Renews Us, Freeing Us from Shame

As we approach the final stretch of our Lenten journey, the theme that emerges from our readings is that God is doing something new. There are times in our lives when we find ourselves in a spiritual rut, caught in patterns of sin, yearning for renewal. The Gospel of John presents us with a compelling example of this renewal in the story of the woman caught in adultery.

The Old Testament reading from Isaiah 43 sets the foundation, reminding us not to dwell on past events, for God is indeed doing something new. This message is particularly poignant during Lent as we prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of Christ.

In John 8, we encounter the Pharisees and scribes bringing a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. His response is both unexpected and profound. He bends down, writing in the dirt, and then challenges those without sin to cast the first stone. Understanding the context of this event is crucial. It takes place just after the Feast of Tabernacles, where Jesus had proclaimed himself as the source of living water.

I believe that when Jesus wrote on the ground, he was referencing Jeremiah 17:13, which speaks of those who forsake the Lord as being “written in the earth,” as one translation says. In doing so, Jesus was addressing the shame imposed on the woman while simultaneously confronting those who sought to condemn her.

This passage beautifully illustrates how Jesus sets us free from shame and offers us a new beginning. As we continue our Lenten reflections, let us remember that God is constantly working to renew us, freeing us from the burdens of our past and inviting us into a new life in him.



Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery by Nicolas Poussin

## Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, “This week, identify an area in your life where you feel stuck or burdened by past mistakes. Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you release the weight and embrace the new life he offers. Consider making a confession as a concrete step toward this renewal. Prepare yourself for Easter by letting God help you get rid of any shame that is keeping you from a full relationship with Our Lord.”

## Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/5th-sunday-of-lent-c/>

## Ponder and Pray

» What past failures am I dwelling on instead of joyfully accepting God's offer of renewal?

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» How can I extend the same mercy and compassion that Jesus showed to the woman caught in adultery?

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» What new thing might God be doing in my life this Lent?

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**Return to me with your whole heart.**

**-Joel 2:12**

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## Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today's Mass. Your view of Jeff Cavins's reflection, your priest's homily, your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today's Mass.

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# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

## YOU CAN HAVE FUN THIS LENT

### Should couples still have date nights during Lent? Should I still go out with friends during this season?

Is your Lenten season bringing you closer to Christ and preparing your heart for Easter? I hope so. Here are some tips and thoughts about going out for fun in this homestretch of Lent.

Lent calls us to penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But does that mean we have to stop having date nights with our significant other? Are we resigned to sit in sackcloth and ashes instead?

Jackie and Bobby Angel have some date-night ideas that both celebrate Lent appropriately and enable you to grow in intimacy with your significant other. And no, eating locusts and honey is not on that list.

These are doable ways to connect prayer, fasting, and giving with your relationship with your spouse, fiancé (fiancée), or significant other. If you are single, we understand you, and God has you! These tips could be great ideas for growing friendships.

- **Go off the beaten path and be creative.** It still is Lent, and penitential is best, but thoughtful preparation and execution can strengthen your relationships, especially when you find actionable ways to engage in Lenten practices together.
- **Pray together before your date.** Check out what's happening in your parish and incorporate it into your date night or go to church for a prayerful visit before you head to your activity.
- **Simplify and embrace fasting practices together.** This might affect your restaurant choice, what you order, what you skip—and done together, this can be an act of faith and love.
- **Tithe together.** Why not skip dessert and donate to your parish or a charity?
- **Volunteer together.** Make bags for the homeless, or volunteer at a food pantry or at your parish's fish fry.
- **Group date.** Host a night with board games and tabletop games with other couples where everyone goes tech-free. Perhaps a group Rosary is in there somewhere.
- **Have fun but challenge each other in holiness.** Remember on Ash Wednesday when you heard how to fast? Shed gloomy thoughts as you strive to be penitential and joyfully grow together in following Jesus.

## Ponder and Pray

- How have you grown in your relationships this Lent?
- Do any of these ideas seem actionable for this upcoming weekend as we head into Holy Week?



*Madonna in prayer by Sassoferrato*

## Make It Your Own

Plan a date night here!

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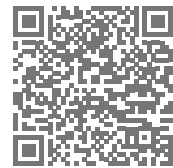
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## Dive Deeper

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