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Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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Spitzweg's Aschermittwoch

(Ash Wednesday)

<https://www.professorcarol.com/2018/02/15/spitzwegs-aschermittwoch-ash-wednesday/>

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: LIFE THROUGH CLEAR EYES

The Season of Lent is a time for Christians to get back to basics, focusing on the quality of our discipleship. This means that Lent isn't an end in itself. Rather, Lent—which comes from an Old English word meaning “springtime” — is ultimately oriented toward our celebrations of the Resurrection at Easter and our renewal of our Baptism Promises on Easter Sunday. We are reminded of this by the words of the Mass, as we recall that God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as

we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ” (Preface of Lent I).

As we know, the traditional *bona opera* (“good works”) of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These actions focus our attention on what is most important in our relationships with God and others, while enabling us to set aside some of what consumes our time and energy or distracts us from what is truly important.

Today's readings are inviting us to look at our lives and on the realities of the world

around us with clear eyes and to reflect on the fruit of our lives. Are there areas in our lives that need to be more carefully nurtured and tended? Are their “branches” that need to be pruned, so that other areas of our lives — including our prayer and ministry — can be more fruitful? How can we more effectively respond to the needs of those around us, sharing our time, talent, and material goods to help others to bear greater fruit in their own lives?

*Br. Silas Henderson (excerpted)*

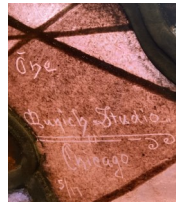




<b>FEB. 26</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	Dan Stocklash† <i>Oakland Family</i>
<b>FEB. 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	For those of our parish who are shut in
10:00 a.m.	Alice Ralbusky† <i>Bridget Scarbin</i>
<b>FEB. 28</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Toni &amp; Bob Eaton</i>
<b>MAR 1</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	To honor and thank St. Anthony <i>Barker/Thomas families</i>
<b>MAR 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> †
8:00 a.m.	Carol Lauter† of Virginia <i>Sr. Agatha Munyanyi</i>
noon	Ashes Service
7:00 p.m.	For the conversion of our heart
<b>MAR 3</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	For those suffering with addictions
<b>MAR 4</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	For our parish youth
<b>MAR 5</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Pamela &amp; Robert Lantz</i>
<b>MAR 6</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	For peace in Eastern Europe
10:00 a.m.	Mike & Jean Yurisko <i>Bill &amp; Kim Yurisko</i>

Mass intentions are still available for this year. Mass forms are in the vestibule, on our website, or in the parish office any Wednesday through Friday.

*Favorite Saints Series*



Signature: The Annunciation window.

**Church Windows Embody Messages**

*This week's Favorite Saints contributor is inspired by messages in stained-glass windows, especially those of our church.*

**By Jane Klug**

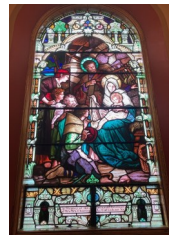
Have you ever arrived for Mass early and felt the presence of God around you? Yes, it's in the tabernacle, but it's also in the building surrounding you. God's message is in the windows. Have you ever looked closely at them? Those beautiful stained-glass windows have a lot to say.



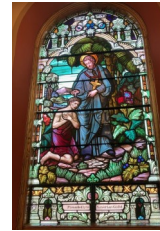
In the window of The Annunciation the angel can clearly be seen telling Mary she has been chosen to be the Mother of God. Observe the

background: A tree with a limb that's shaped like a snake and an apple. Perhaps Mary as the new Eve? The work of this window's artist, Max Guler, remains prized. Guler, who emigrated to Chicago in 1896, ran his own studio and used only imported antique glass. His signature is on the very bottom of the right side. (Note the photo at the top of this article.)

In The Nativity window, at right, St. Joseph has a green

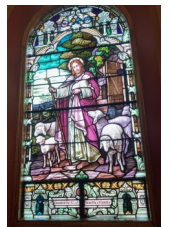


halo. Why? St. Joseph is typically robed in green. This artist robed him in brown. Green symbolizes faithfulness to God's call, while brown was the color most humble working men wore. Joseph's story better told this way perhaps?



This window of St. Francis Xavier shows him baptizing a native, presumably in Asia. The decorative leaves suggest a tropical scene. St. Francis also reached Japan. Many folks believe Mt. Fuji is in the background.

In the window of The Good Shepherd, one sheep is hidden among the others. This sheep is black. Have you seen it? God's love and care extends to all races and to all nationalities.



There is more to come later about the messages in our windows. In the meantime, look to see what messages you can find. What are the messages for you?

*Jane is a ready volunteer at our parish who also serves as a Eucharistic Minister and sings in the choir.*

**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

St. Katharine Drexel, St. Casimir  
<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

*Prayer REQUESTS*

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Mary Yanen, Raymond Pennybacker

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sami Wilson, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland.

**CALENDAR**

Ash  
Wednesday  
March 2      **FIRST DAY OF LENT**  
**Ashes Distributed**  
8 a.m. - noon - 7 p.m.

March 2  
(Ash Wed.)  
Xavier Hall      **LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Weekend  
of  
March 5      **GIFTS FROM THE**  
**HOLY LAND**

Wednesday  
A.M. March 9      **EXODUS: CALLED**  
**TO FREEDOM**  
Thursday  
P.M. March 10      **10-week Bible Study**  
Church Hall

March 27  
4 p.m.      **PENANCE SERVICE**

Tuesday April  
26  
7:30 p.m.      **RIVERDANCE @ THE**  
**BENEDUM**

**CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE**  
**DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1**  
[CampCarlowv.org](http://CampCarlowv.org)

Wednesdays  
11:30 a.m. to  
1:30 p.m.      **LINE DANCING**  
**WITH LOTTIE**  
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**SCHEDULES MARCH 5 & 6**

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / M. Taskalines**  
8:00 a.m. **B. Whitelatch / J. Hess**  
10:00 a.m. **R. Patrone / R. Swift**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please volunteer**

**SACRISTY**

**Suzanne Artimesz / Ellen McCormick**

**OFFERING FEB. 13, 2022**

Envelopes	\$2,976.00
Loose Offering	\$406.00
Church Repair	\$706.00
Xavier Hall	\$130.00
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS:</b>	
U.S. Church Missions	\$444.00
Candles	\$12.00
Memorial Fund	\$225.00
Online Giving	\$85.65
Attendance	214

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**HELP DECORATE ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR FOR HIS FEAST DAY!**

Saturday, March 19, is the day we celebrate St. Joseph as the spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is invited to join the celebration by bringing something meaningful to honor him. Cookies, breads, fruits (please wrap and label), figurines, flowers, and pictures are some common decorations. We will likely start taking items the weekend prior, Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13. We also will place a box nearby the altar for donations to the poor or to purchase candles honoring St. Joseph. Candles cost \$5. We are excited to see everyone's contributions to the altar!

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

invites everyone to attend EARS - Listening to Others with Care and Compassion. The zoom session is Monday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. This is the latest in the 20/20 Vision Series "One Body, Many Parts." Therapist Tyler Kilbane will offer help for healing, especially for those facing relationship struggles, addiction, and trauma. Tyler worked in community mental health, outpatient, residential treatment, and now counsels from his own practice.

**CONSIDER TAKING SOME TIME**

to visit the updated FaithInWV website, which is a companion to the weekly e-bulletins from the diocese. A highlight of the site is resources for deepening your prayer life. You can find FaithInWV online here: <https://faithinwv.org>.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**  
Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**  
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**MAKE THIS LENT MEANINGFUL**  
Lent begins this Wednesday — try something new! Attend daily Mass or go to confession; help out with the fish fry; join the Easter choir. This is our church, not just "my" church!

Here is our schedule for Lent:  
**Ash Wednesday, March 2:**  
8 a.m. Mass  
Noon Service  
7 p.m. Mass  
Fish Fry - Xavier Hall  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 27:**  
Penance Service  
Fr. Gary Naegele, speaker. Fathers Arul, Doney and That Son also will hear confessions.  
**Every Friday during Lent:**  
Stations of the Cross  
6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 8:**  
Living Stations with parish youth

**DATA FROM THE RECENT SURVEY**

of pastoral concerns is starting to provide insights. The Pastoral Concerns Committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council reports that a full analysis of responses is expected soon. The University of Notre Dame is analyzing the responses, and the diocese is looking forward to sharing results sometime in May. Participation in the survey was robust with approximately 2,000 responses. Of those, 1,400 were electronically submitted, and the other 600 paper surveys were mailed and manually entered into the system. The committee thanks everyone again for their participation.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.  
**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**  
Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.





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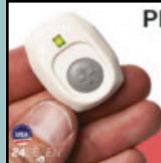
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