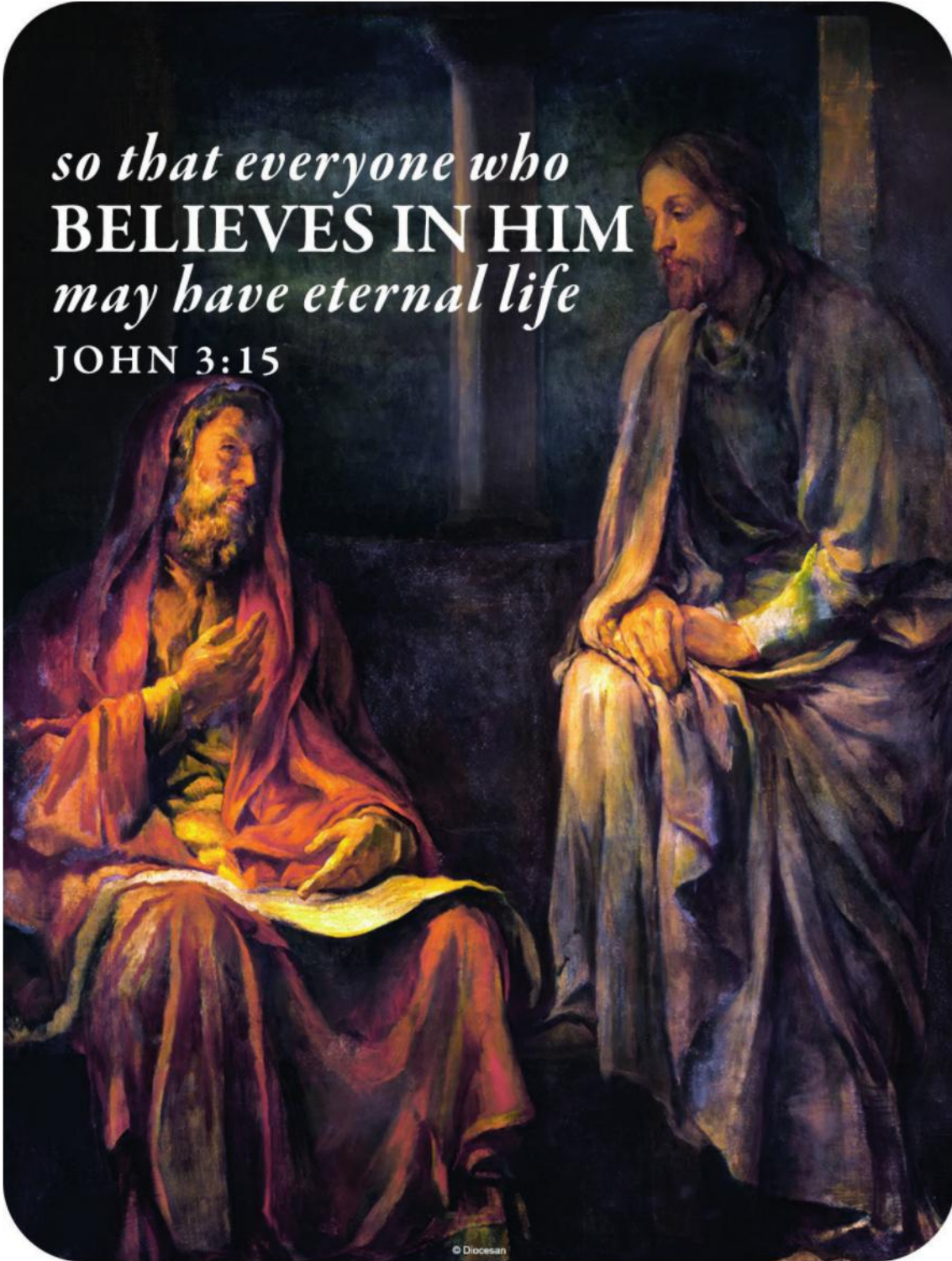


so that everyone who
BELIEVES IN HIM
may have eternal life
JOHN 3:15



Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



March 10—March 16, 2024

Sunday, March 10

8am + Ophelia & + Eligah Newson

9:30am People of Holy Spirit Parish

11am + Jack Mastro

Monday, March 11

9am + Providence Brencic

Tuesday, March 12

9am + Georgia Valaoras

+ Michael Ahearne

Wednesday, March 13

9am (L) Maria DeLeon

Saturday, March 16

4:30pm People of Holy Spirit Parish

Please Pray For

All those who are in our hearts facing illness.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love. Amen

All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Amen.

Our Parishioners who serve our country with pride and valor.

All first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

Vocations (Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Rosary Sunday
Sunday, March 24/Palm Sunday
following the 12noon Mass**



"The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light."
(Jn 3:19)

March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"The floor is lava!" We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

ENGAGE Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven't yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.
We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. Paul also writes, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." And in today's Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word "might." Like "may," which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God's commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

From the Pastor's Desk...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners:

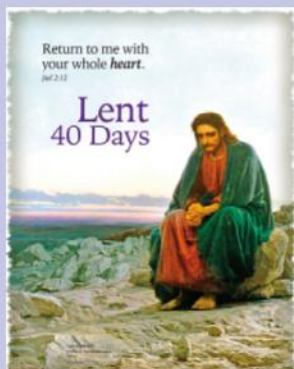
".....So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (JN 3: 14-15) Today, on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the church celebrates what is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, a Sunday to rejoice. We rejoice that Easter is soon approaching. We rejoice that Jesus, who will be lifted high on the cross, suffer and die, will defeat death and rise gloriously from the dead. We rejoice that we too will share one day in Eternal life. There is no better way to share in Eternal life than celebrating the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a sharing in the real body of Christ, who suffered, died and rose from the dead. If the Eucharist is Jesus truly present, then the words we say and the gestures we use are most important.

First, and foremost, after we receive Holy Communion we should say out loud the word "AMEN." We must say this word boldly and loud enough for the minister to hear! This is the proper universal word that means "I believe." It is not appropriate to say any other word nor say nothing at all. We should all simply say "AMEN." Secondly, if we are receiving communion on the hand, the left hand is extended with the right under the left for support or left handed persons may wish to place the left hand under the right. You should reverently pick up the host and place in your mouth. One should never grab or take the host. Finally, the host should be consumed immediately. It is never taken back to your seat or out of the church.

Blessed Carlo Accutis, the patron of the National Eucharistic Revival said "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven." Hopefully with better reverence and devotion we too will be on the highway to heaven.

Peace,

Fr. John



Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH



Saturday, March 16th
after 4:30 Mass



How to Help Us Celebrate

- ✓ Bring light finger food, cookies, chocolates, mini-cupcakes, etc. to add to the St. Joseph Table.
- ✓ Bring something to donate to the bake sale.
- ✓ Buy something from the bake sale to support a charity.
- ✓ Donate a box or bottle of wine.



Symbolism

THE TABLES—Three-tiered display, representing the Holy Trinity, with a statue of St. Joseph on the top tier.

WHITE LILIES—Represent St. Joseph's purity

PINEAPPLES—Symbolize hospitality

BREADS—Baked in the shapes of carpenter's tools, canes or chalices

RED CLOTHING—Symbolizes charity and strength

Volunteers Needed

To help out or to contribute food for the event or the bake sale, contact

rbalsewicz@hscs.us

or [register here](#)



St. Joseph's Volunteer



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening 7:00pm through March 22

Fish Fry Friday – Knights of Columbus

5pm-7:30pm; March 22

See parish website for details.

Lenten Individual Confessions

Saturdays 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Sunday, March 17 after the 11am Mass until all are heard. (*Multiple priests will be available.*)

No Confessions on Saturday, March 23 and Holy Saturday, March 30

Eucharistic Talk– “Presence” (3 – Part Series)

Fr. John Sponder

12:30pm-2pm

Session 2—Sunday, March 10

Session 3—Sunday, March 17

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit March 8-11 in the Narthex

St. Joseph’s Table Saturday, March 16 after 4:30pm Mass

Holy Week and Easter

At Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 23 (*Palm Sunday anticipatory*)
(*No Confessions*) Mass, 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday
Masses 8am, 10am, 12noon

Monday, March 25
Mass, 9:00am

Tuesday, March 26
Mass, 9:00am + Adoration until 12noon
Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27
Mass, 9:00am

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday
Mass, 7:00pm
Adoration following mass until 10pm in Narthex

Friday, March 29 Good Friday
Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion/
Veneration of the Cross – 7pm

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday
Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 10am
Easter Vigil Mass – 7:00pm
No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule, March 31, 2024
8am, 10am, 12 noon

2024 EVENTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult
Ministry



WEDNESDAY

APRIL 17

Michael Gormley
"The Lay Evangelist"

Michael currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for *Paradise Dei*, a ministry dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. He is also the founder and creative director of *LayEvangelist.com* and the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: *Catching Roses* and *Every Knee Shall Bow*.



Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

THURSDAY

JUNE 13

Reverends Jeremy Leganski, Alex Lorang, and Jared Rutnicki

Newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Joliet

Fathers Jeremy, Alex, and Jared were ordained to the priesthood in May 2023. They are excited to share their vocation stories as well as remark on the tenets of the current celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet: founded in faith, called to witness, sent forth to serve.



All events will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the

BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
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This Theology on Tap event series is part of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet. For a listing of events and activities, visit diojoliet.org/75th.



THURSDAY

OCT 24

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Bishop Ron Hicks was ordained to the priesthood in 1994. He served at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago before serving as regional director at *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos* in El Salvador. He was Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary before he was appointed Vicar General, then auxiliary bishop. He was named bishop of the Diocese of Joliet in 2020.



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NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville Illinois

40 hour Eucharistic Adoration Mini Lenten Retreat

Begins Sunday, March 10 after the 11:30am mass through Tuesday, March 12

After the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 10, Eucharistic Adoration will begin in Church where Jesus will remain fully present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar for forty continuous hours over three days. Forty hours recalls the forty hours from Jesus' burial until His Resurrection as well as His 40-day fast in the desert. In Scripture the number 40 is a time of testing, a time of challenge so that we can be made new by God. This Mini-Lenten Retreat is an opportunity to gather as a community for spiritual renewal to reawaken our faith and deepen our appreciation of the Mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

On Monday, March 11 from 7pm-8pm, Fr. James Guarascio will inspire us with his wisdom and understanding of Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. The 40 hour devotion will end with Benediction and Mass at 8:15 am on Tuesday, March 12.

Fr. James is the Parochial Vicar from St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield. He is also the Chaplain for Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora and leads the Unbound prayer ministry for the Diocese of Joliet. Fr. James is a Companion of Christ, a priestly fraternity committed to following the evangelical counsels, a rule of life and commitment to priestly fraternity and support.

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to come and encounter Jesus fully present in the Eucharist. For more information see the St. Elizabeth Seton parish website.



This Week's Meetings

March 10—March 16, 2024

Sunday, March 10

9am Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Narthex
 9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm
 12:30pm Adult Faith Formation talk— Prescence, Gather Pl

Monday, March 11

9am Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Narthex
 2pm Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Pl

Tuesday, March 12

9am Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Narthex
 1pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Rm
 7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, March 13

9:30am AM Bible Study, Gathering Place
 5pm Youth Choir, Church

Thursday, March 14

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, March 15

7pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 16

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm
 7am TMIY, Gathering Place
 5:30pm St. Joseph Table, Gathering Pl

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 9am

Weekend:

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

Weddings

Please contact the parish office

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8am to 4:30pm

(closed 12noon-1pm)

Friday 8am to 1pm

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For information and to select the option that works best for you, go to the parish website, www.hssc.us/donation.



- Automatic Debit or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
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- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)



It is with grateful hearts, we thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	Feb-24
WeShare Online Giving	114	\$9,942
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	162	\$18,473
Envelopes & Loose Cash	200	\$48,671
Total February Collection	476	\$77,086

Special Collections - Feb 2024

Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$602
Mortgage Donations	\$14,232

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