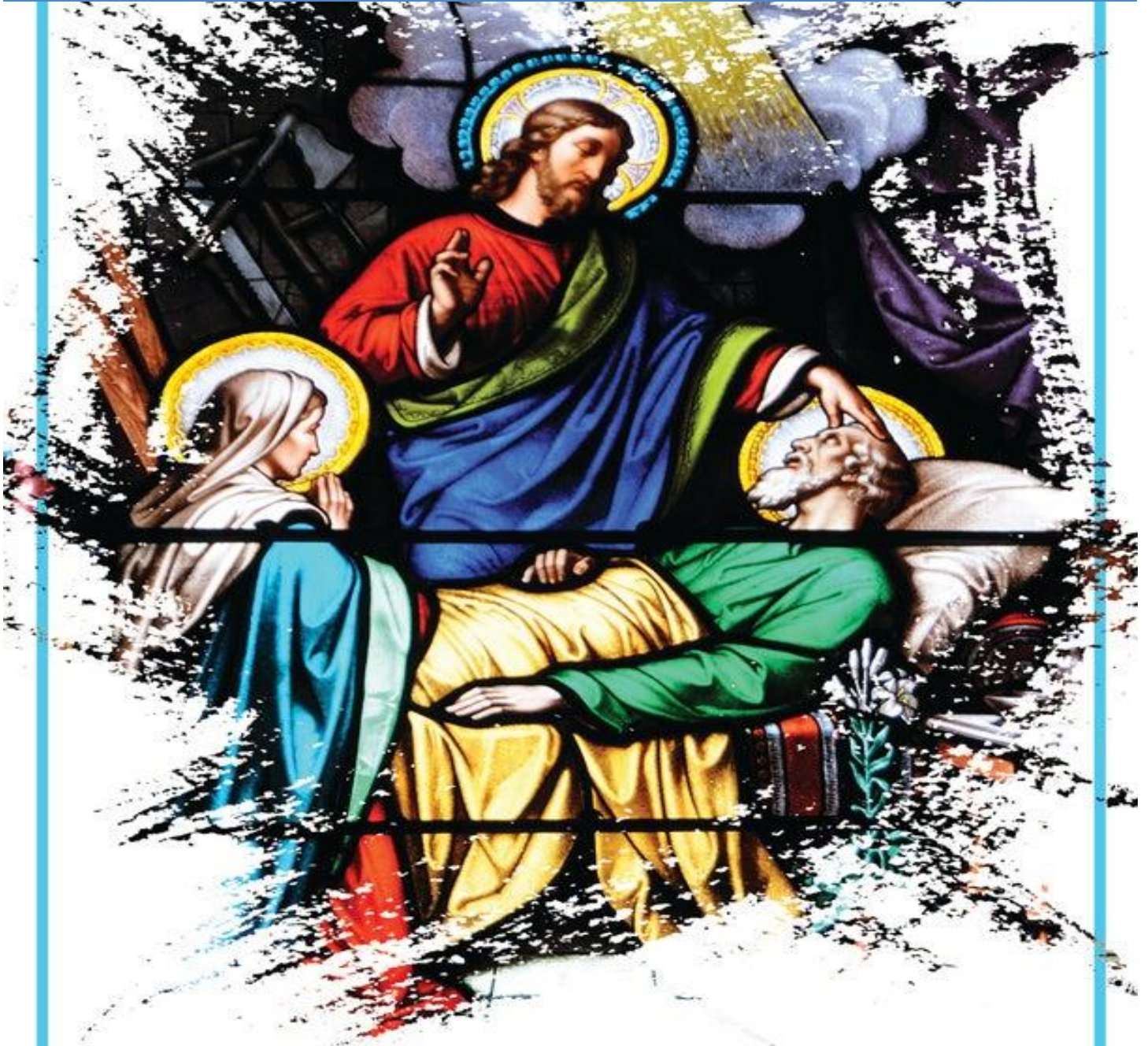


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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time! We just completed a wonderful celebration of Catholic Schools Week. From the Open House last Sunday to the Grandparents Mass on Tuesday to the 8th grade vs. Faculty Volleyball game on Friday, thanks to all of you who participated in helping our St. Joseph School shine. Special thanks to all the parents who volunteered to make it all happen.

This weekend let's pray for the 80 confirmation students on retreat at Temescal retreat center. They are accompanied by 26 amazing adult parishioner volunteers. May The Holy Spirit invade their weekend with the Love of Jesus Christ.

This weekend is our Together in Mission announcement weekend. The Archdiocese has set our parish goal for this year's campaign at \$75,333.00. Your pledge of generosity or one-time gift will support 71 schools and 62 parishes, numbers that are slightly lower than last year. For those of you who are new or not familiar with TIM, this is the only campaign in the country that goes specifically to support our most needy schools and parishes. The money does not go to Archdiocesan administration costs or other ministries. Thank you for prayerfully discerning your gift and next Sunday is TIM commitment weekend. Many of you received the envelope in the mail and please bring it with you to Mass next Sunday and we will all fill out our pledge commitments together.

Please scroll down to see our Ash Wednesday schedule, which is on Wednesday, February 14 and mark your calendars to join us for three nights of our Lenten Mission on February 19, 20 and 21. Scroll down to meet our Mission Director, Fr. Michael Driscoll.

As we approach the season of Lent, this weekend we'll distribute our annual Lenten gift to you, the *Lenten Reflection Booklet*. May this little book guide your Lenten spiritual journey.

Thank you for bringing the new or gently used children's books this weekend to support our Easter baskets for families in need.

Have a Blessed Week,
Msgr. Kevin

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Feb. 20th (Tue)

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The Eucharist is a mystery to be a celebrated, believed and lived. The retreat will make the connection between cult, creed, and code, to the extent that how we pray shapes what we believe and how we act as Christians living in the world. Particular attention is given to the liturgical celebration. Monday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be celebrated (liturgical dimension). Tuesday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be believed (theological dimension). Wednesday – The Eucharist as a Mystery to be lived (ethical dimension).

Rev. Michael S. Driscoll is a priest of the Diocese of Helena in Montana and since 2017 professor emeritus in theology at the University of Notre Dame where he has taught sacramental theology and liturgy since 1994. He is the founding director of the graduate program in Sacred Music (MSM) and the Interdisciplinary Minor in Liturgical Music Ministry at Notre Dame. He is an active member of several professional groups having served in the leadership of each: North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL), the *Societas Liturgica*, and the Catholic Academy of Liturgy (CAL). He has published two books, many book chapters, and numerous articles in journals such as *Worship*, *Ecclesia Orans* and *Traditio*.

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

8:00 AM – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes indoors.

12:00 PM – Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes indoors.

5:00 PM – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes outside in the Courtyard.
Please bring your own lawn chair.

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM – Drive-thru in the parking lot – Distribution of Ashes. Please see the map below for driving instructions in the parking lot.

Let's make it a GREAT LENT at St. Joseph's!!
Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day

Saint of the week

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!

Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

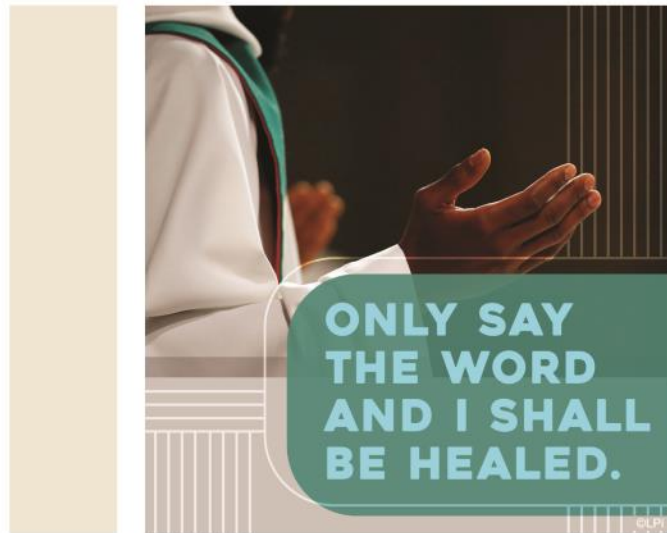
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor
10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— *Father John Muir*

**ST. JOSEPH
CONFIRMATION
RETREAT WEEKEND.**



Join us as we pray for our students.

Our confirmation students are on a retreat this weekend, let's show them our support by keeping them in our prayers.

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.*

Amen.



Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for – and more.

Men's Weekend – April 13-14, 2024 Registration is open.

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We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



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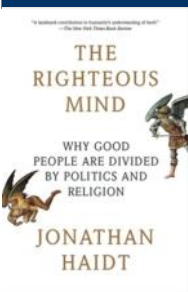


Effectively communicating with your teenagers

During conversations with teenagers, focusing on the matter at hand is essential. It is tempting to make every dispute an opportunity to discuss multiple issues at the same time, but this is often counterproductive. Instead, addressing a particular issue at a time you are better able to guide and mentor teenagers by helping them look with clear eyes at the situation in front of them and work toward a solution. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid “Scope Creep” with Teens” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm on Zoom**

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt

“The acclaimed social psychologist challenges conventional thinking about morality, politics, and religion in a way that speaks to conservatives and liberals alike a “landmark contribution to humanity’s understanding of itself” (The New York Times Book Review).”
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In Memoriam

Rosie Pili

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph:
February 13th at 10:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~



Seniors Group



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on Monday, **February 12, 2024**, in the hall. The activities will begin at **11:00 am** and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and cookies will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us. We will have a special treat that day. The Alpha K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will be entertaining us with a Patriotic Program commemorating Presidents Day. The program will begin promptly at 11:00 so come a little early. We will continue to collect dues for 2024 at this meeting. The dues are \$15 for the year. See you on the 22nd.



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