

# *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

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## **PARISH MISSION MARCH 1-5, 2020**

### ***SIMPLY LIVE! TRUE RELIGION FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY***

*We allow the Word of God to guide and inspire us to live simply so that others may simply live. Together we share the joy of the Lord who finds his glory in giving life to the world from generation to generation into the world without end.*

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - 5:30PM**

##### ***BEAUTY OF THE EARTH***

##### **RITUAL: BIRTH THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The six days of creation are matched with six geological ages to harmonize Scripture and science in the truth that God is the beginning and end of nature. Made in the image of God human beings are co-creators according to the pattern revealed in Jesus Christ. In ritual we use water to commemorate our birth and rebirth in Christ.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 2**

##### **8:00AM MASS** followed by

refreshments & talk: *The Greatest Commandment* in Gallagher Hall

##### **5:30PM**

##### ***Befriending Our Grief***

##### **RITUAL: SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Under a sinful philosophy that de-mystifies nature to make it useful for a market economy, humanity has turned the earth from a wondrous wilderness into a warehouse of consumer goods with little concern for long term consequences. Distress is heard in the cries of the poor. We grieve over our sins and plead for divine mercy. **The service leads into the Sacrament of Penance.**

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

##### **8:00AM MASS** followed by

refreshments & talk: *The Second Great Commandment* in Gallagher Hall

**10:00AM - 4:00PM CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD EACH HOUR ON THE HOUR**

##### **5:30PM**

##### ***Healing One and All***

##### **RITUAL: PRAYER OF FAITH**

Thanks to the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ we can reverse--and/or adapt to--the damage we have caused. We hope for a sustainable environment that contributes to the health of humanity from age to age into the world without end. After a prayer for the healing of body, soul and spirit for ourselves and our loved ones, each person receives a small folder of suggestions for healing the earth & uplifting the poor in Christ's name.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**8:00AM MORNING PRAYER** followed by  
refreshments & talk: *Good Grief, Accepting the Loss of Loved One Gracefully* in Gallagher Hall

**5:30PM**

***The Way Forward***

**RITUAL: CELEBRATION OF MASS**

**Guided Holy Hour (Attendance is optional)**

By doing what Jesus asks us to do in memory of him we draw refreshment from the stream of life-giving waters as we face the challenge of spreading the joy of the gospel in a world of confusion and conflict. MASS is celebrated at the climax of the mission. At Communion the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for an optional holy hour.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

**8:00AM MASS** followed by  
refreshments & *Question and Answer Session* in Gallagher Hall

**4:30PM Guided Holy Hour (Attendance is optional)**

**5:30PM**

***Radiant Splendor***

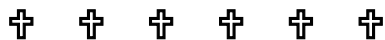
**RITUAL: BENEDICTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE**

The day of the first creation is passing into the day of the new creation. We ponder the wonder of it all as we experience the hope and feel the energy to be good stewards of the earth and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The service is preceded by an optional holy hour and is conducted in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction and announcement of the plenary indulgence conclude the mission.



**As a parish we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is. For that reason we have scheduled this parish mission, which will be led by Father George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.**

**Please endeavor to attend any or all parts of our mission. EVERYONE is invited to attend, so invite your friends and family members to attend with you.**



***Lord Jesus, open the hearts and minds of each of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy during this special time of renewal. Let this parish and its members be the “good ground” in which the sower’s seed will take deep root and produce an abundant harvest of Christian living. Bless the missionary who will break open your word for us with his preaching. Help us to welcome into our parish community all of those who may feel distant from your loving care. Through the intercession of Mary, your Mother and first disciple, help us to make this local community of disciples a “light shining on the mountain-top.” May this renewal strengthen our faith and help us in our desire to serve you until “your kingdom come and your will be done.” AMEN.***