

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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March Mass Readings

March 01 Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10
Matt 17:1-9

March 08 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

March 29 Palm Sunday

Matt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Matt 26:14-27:66



“The angel said to her, *The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.*” LUKE 1:35

SOLEMNITY OF *The Annunciation of the Lord*

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the angel Gabriel’s announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

Let us pray: Mary, Mother of the “Yes”, you listened to Jesus, and know the tone of his voice and the beating of his heart. *Morning Star, speak to us of him, and tell us about your journey of following him on the path of faith.* PRAYER BY POPE BENEDICT XVI



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**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Financial Report
JANUARY 2026**

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	15,085.00
Second Collections	5,643.50
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	155.00
Other Income	4,179.16
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$25,063.66
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	22,971.13
Rectory, Church & Offices	10,084.25
Budgeted Committees	365.00
Contributions/Aid	1,500.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	6,973.00
Cemeteries Expenses	391.28
Other Expenses	31.15
Diocesan Assessment	2,224.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.10
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$44,917.74
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$19,854.08)

5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT St. Patrick

- 1 He wasn't Irish: Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland from Scotland in the early 5th Century.
- 2 Experienced a (mystical) vision of the Irish asking him to teach them about Christ.
- 3 Having become a Bishop, he was sent back to Ireland. He preached first to the members of the royal family, and soon his audiences grew. He used the druid rituals as evangelizing tools.
- 4 He used a Shamrock to explain the Trinity because the Irish had a love for nature.
- 5 Instituted what is known as the Croagh Patrick Hike, where he prayed that Ireland would always keep her Christian Faith. To this day, young and old hikers follow that famous route in pilgrimage.

HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY!

THE SHAMROCK

In ancient Ireland the shamrock was believed to have magical powers and the number 3 (the shamrock has three leaves) was considered a powerful number.

Later, when Saint Patrick came to Ireland, he used the shamrock to explain the idea of the Holy Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost).





Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.



01	Hunter Henning	20	Shawn Noriega
02	Marilyn Carter	21	Brady Dean
02	Thomas Rosetti	21	Corina Jones
03	Deborah Pyland	21	Kyle Koenig
05	Anthony Sanders	22	Regina Bunting
05	Joe Strode	22	Kristopher Kline
10	Bridget Noriega	23	Michael Norby
13	Jackie Lain	25	Donna Ernst
14	Eleanor Caan	25	Mary Shannon Fikes
14	Melissa Raymundo	25	Mary Miskell
15	Lynn Castleberry	27	Deborah Cochran
15	Jodi Raines Dennis	27	Amber Dedman
18	Venesa Velazquez	29	Mary Allyson Ernst
		30	Adam Smith

- 05 Ronny & Angelique Ford
 - 18 Andrei & Nicole Melo
 - 27 Douglas & Elizabeth Langlois
 - 31 James & Wendy Ruggeri





Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Victory, #564 February 8, 2026



The regular January meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Connie Boutwell on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Gallagher. Silent Roll Call of Officers found a quorum was present. The last meeting minutes were available for review prior to the meeting and approved with corrections. Local correspondence was read. Sitting in for Treasurer Donna Smith, Mary Shannon Fikes gave the treasurer's report.

Circle of Love Chairmen Reports:

Leadership: No report

Spiritual: No report

Quality of Life: No report

Family: No report

Education and Youth: Wendy Ruggeri reported no one participated in the Education contest.

Legislation: No report

National Charitable Projects: No report

Membership: No report

Unfinished Business:

- Date to be set after first of the year to take Holy Moments books to St. Peter's for distribution.
- Tamales workday has been moved to April 25th to make them and sack up on the 26th.

New Business:

- Time capsule: Put standing rules in the time capsule was decided.
- Motion was made by Gretchen Zell to donate \$200 to Corina Jones and was passed unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report: Financial Secretary Rena Harrison gave the report.

National Director Report: No Report

Announcements: No new announcements.

Door Prize was won by Gretchen Zell and the Social Drawing won by Mary Ann Kizer who returned it to the court.

Next meeting is on February 22, 2026, after 11 AM Mass in Gallagher Hall (Social Chairman is Mary Ann Kizer with Ramona Green and Mary Shannon Fikes)



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PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

GUARDIAN OF THE WORD INCARNATE,
I FEEL ANIMATED WITH CONFIDENCE THAT
YOUR PRAYERS IN MY BEHALF WILL BE
GRACIOUSLY HEARD BEFORE THE
THRONE OF GOD.

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, THROUGH THE
LOVE YOU BEAR TO JESUS CHRIST AND
FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME,
HEAR OUR PRAYERS
AND OBTAIN OUR PETITIONS. AMEN.



Lent Word Search

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Word Bank

ASHES	DESERT	GOOD FRIDAY	PENANCE
ASH WEDNESDAY	DISCIPLES	HOLY THURSDAY	PRAYER
BETRAYAL	EASTER	HOLY WEEK	REPENTANCE
BLESS	FASTING	JERUSALEM	RESURRECTION
CROSS	FORGIVENESS	JESUS	RISEN
CRUCIFIXION	FORTY DAYS	PALM SUNDAY	SACRIFICE

10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS



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ATTENTION!

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00PM (following the 5:30PM Daily Mass) in the church. Three priests, one fluent in Spanish, will be available, so please make plans to attend.

Note: If you are unable to make the Penance Service, confessions are heard Saturdays 4-4:45PM, except Holy Saturday, and Wednesday, April 1 4-5:15PM before the Triduum begins.