

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fridays: Office closed

Staff

Pastor: Father Tom Held

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Bookkeeper: Cindy Edwards

Dir. of Religious Ed.: Sandy Boge

Maintenance: David Faber

Secretary & Music Dir.: Erika Hoogerhyde

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:30 pm until all are heard or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Parents should contact the parish office either before or after the baby is born.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the parish office before setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation classes through this parish are required.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If homebound or hospitalized, notify the parish office so that requested sacraments or a visit can be arranged. In case of an emergency, call the pastor anytime - day or night.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Each Friday from 8:30-11:30 and Saturday from 10:00-11:00.

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Masses have been temporarily suspended for the period of March 17-April 5 per Diocesan guidelines during the COVID-19 circumstances.

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent

Temporary Adjustments To Our Schedule— Church will be unlocked for individual time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the following hours:

Saturday	11 a.m.—9 p.m.
Sunday	closed
Monday & Tuesday	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday—Friday	9 a.m.—9 p.m.

Confession— Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick— If there is anyone who is sick and needs anointing, please call the parish office. Fr. Tom will come to your house to anoint those who need it.

Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified

Behold, O good and loving Jesus, that I cast myself on my knees before you and, with the greatest fervor of spirit, I pray and beseech you to instill into my heart ardent sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and sorrow I ponder intimately and contemplate in my mind your five wounds, having before my eyes what the prophet David had already put in your mouth about yourself, O good Jesus: They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones (Ps. 21: 17-18). Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen



What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

As Catholics we are obligated to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday's and Holy Days of Obligation. Our primary obligation is to worship God, not to receive Holy Communion. This is a sheer gift of God which no one has a right to. Although we are encouraged to receive Holy Communion regularly we must be in the state of grace which means that we are free of mortal sin. The only way to be free from mortal sin is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is required of every Catholic at least once a year.

In these extraordinarily difficult times, as Catholics, when the obligation to attend Mass has been temporarily suspended we are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist." This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (Ecclesia Eucharistia, no. 34)

How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

A good practice would be to gather with your family at home on Sunday morning when you would usually attend Mass. **You can access televised and streamed Masses: Saginaw Diocese streams Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or you can watch the live stream on Facebook. EWTN offers televised Masses at 8:00 am, noon, and 7:00 pm. Bishop Robert Barron will offer daily Mass at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.** If it's not possible to watch Sunday Mass, then begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross and a confession of sin asking for our Lord's mercy. Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at usccb.org and in the parish bulletin. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud. Pray the Lord's Prayer. Pray one of the prayers below of spiritual communion, and close with the sign of the cross.

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
and bid me come to thee,
that with your saints I may praise thee
for age upon age.
Amen.

You count.

Did you know 40% of Michigan's funding comes from the federal government?

The amount of money Michigan receives depends on the Census – a survey conducted every 10 years to determine the number of people living in the United States. An accurate count is vital to obtain funding and distribute resources throughout our community. Census funding impacts almost everything that's important to you.

EDUCATION



- Pell Grant
- Special education programs
- Head Start
- Title 1
- IDEA grants

FOOD



- WIC
- Bridge Card
- SNAP
- National School Lunch Program

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- Public transportation and roads
- Public Water System Supervision Program
- Highway planning
- Community development grants

SOCIAL SERVICES



- Emergency services
- Child welfare funding
- Foster care
- Child Care and Development Fund

HOUSING



- Shelters
- Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

PUBLIC HEALTH



- Medicaid
- Medicare
- MICHild
- Medi-Cal
- CHIP
- Medical Assistance Program

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION



- Number of seats in US House of Representatives
- Number of electoral votes
- Redistricting

Census 2020 Fast Facts

- Confidential – answers will not be shared with ICE, police, IRS, FBI, landlords or Child Protective Services
- Offered in dozens of languages
- For every uncounted person, Michigan will lose \$1,800 per person per year
- It asks for less personal information than most social media profiles
- Takes 10 minutes

Look for a Census invitation in the mail in March 2020 with instructions on how to respond online, in the mail or on the phone.

We count because **you** matter.

United States[®] Census 2020

Did you know, 40 percent of the State of Michigan's funding comes from the federal government and supports programs like Medicaid, Medicare and health centers which serve the poor and vulnerable? Our state could lose federal funding of \$1,800 per person every year for the next 10 years for every person not counted in the upcoming 2020 Census.

That's why the Diocese of Saginaw and our Parish are partnering with community leaders and organizations across Michigan to encourage support. Your participation is not only a vital, civic duty, and because we are disciples of Jesus Christ, it also is our religious responsibility. With most of the federal funds received in our communities directly helping the poor, participation is an issue of social justice.

Complete the census this Spring to help ensure proper funding is available to serve our brothers and sisters in need. It's easy, confidential and takes just 10 minutes.

Numbers matter, and every single person counts. Learn more at saginaw.org/census.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collections	Past Week	Year-To-Date
Envelopes/Online	\$ 7,643.50	\$ 337,641.78
Youth Envelopes	\$ 37.00	\$ 2,306.67
School Support Fund	\$ —	\$ 4,929.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ —	\$ 2,903.00
Youth Ministry	\$ —	\$ 135.00
Loose	\$ 372.00	\$ 25,807.51
Collection Total	\$ 8,052.50	\$ 373,722.96
Total Budgeted	\$ 10,476.92	\$ 387,646.04
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (2,424.42)	\$ (13,923.08)
Capital Improvement	\$ 530.00	\$ 24,592.00
Flower Offering	\$ 110.00	\$ 3,449.00

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

This devotion can be practiced at home. The USCCB provides an audio version of the Stations of the Cross at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/upload/stationsofthecross.mp3>, as well as several different versions of the devotion that can be read at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/index.cfm>.



PARISH BULLETIN-DIGITAL FORM: In light of the continued progression of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak and the resulting measures taken within our Dioceses, we are outlining various methods of accessing our weekly parish bulletin digitally since public Masses have been temporarily suspended.

Use the DiscoverMass bulletin mailing service: A vital service provided through DiscoverMass is the ability for visitors to receive our bulletin every single week via email. The service is free to everyone. In order to receive the bulletin in your email each week, go to discovermass.com, "search" for St. Joseph the Worker, and click on the "view bulletins" link. Click on "sign up today" to register your email address.

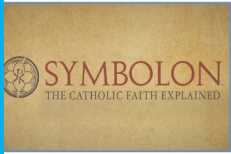
Access our Website: Visit bealcityparish.org to view our weekly bulletin. Click on St. Joseph the Worker Church tab, then click on *Weekly Bulletin* to access the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The Catholic Men's Conference scheduled for Saturday, March 28, has been canceled as a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) circumstances.

FORMED.ORG—For truth, beauty & meaning of our Catholic faith, go to <https://bealcityparish.formed.org>.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Symbolon

The Story of Salvation

The story of salvation began with Creation itself—and a decision that affects all of us to this present day. How did the events of an ancient past set into motion God's rescue operation to save us from eternal death?

ATTENTION FAMILIES! There is a table in the Gathering Space that has curriculum materials for our preschool through grade 6 Faith Formation students. That table also has some coloring pages and a family activity for any interested family to do at home. Please feel free to come in and pick up the materials.

UPDATE—DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN PETITION DRIVE: 379,418 signatures were submitted to the Michigan Secretary of State Office for review and approval. As of today, the signatures are still in the process of being verified. Once the Board of Censors has completed the validation, the petition will then go before the Legislature. We ask for continued prayers for the success of the petition and for all those involved in the verifying process.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION which was scheduled for March 22-24 has been canceled.



USHER MINISTRY: We are in need of new members to the usher ministry to replace ones who are not able to help anymore. Primary responsibility is to turn lights on, collect offertory gifts, and distribute bulletins. **Please contact the Parish office (644-2041) if you are able to help with this ministry** or if you have any questions.

GRADUATING SENIORS: If you have a graduating senior who does not attend Beal City High School, but would like to participate in our Senior Mass on May 17 at 10:30, please contact Sandy Boge at 644-2041 ext. 207 or saintjosephre@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart (Mt. Pleasant) fish fries are canceled until further notice.

St. Michael the Archangel March 20 and 27 fish fries are canceled.



SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph the Worker
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CONGRATULATIONS to Ron Schafer, our 50/50 raffle winner! Our next raffle will be held on April 4/5. Tickets are \$10 with a chance to win up to \$1000.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING STUDENTS in Grades K-6 for the 2020-2021 school year. Please call the school office for registration information at 989-644-3970.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING has been canceled for Sunday, March 22.

NO SCHOOL: Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 7.

AUCTION: Mark your calendars for the St. Joseph the Worker "Kentucky Derby" auction, Friday, May 8, 2020. Donations are due by April 1st. Auction items may be dropped off at the school office or large or oversized items at the home of Brad Gross. Contact Brad for drop off or pick up information at 989-289-6814.

LIVING DONOR FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT: One of our parishioners is in need of a kidney transplant and is hoping to find a living donor. That living donor could be you or someone you know. Blood and tissue types must be compatible with the recipient, therefore we are looking for someone with type O blood. If you would like more information, please call Andrea Wood (989-330-8102) or Elaine Fox (989-506-1281). Prayers for this special intention would be appreciated.



VOLUNTEER GARDENER NEEDED: We are looking for someone who would like to serve St. Joseph the Worker Church in cleaning and preparing our few garden beds for the summer. The garden beds are mostly maintenance-free, but we need someone to spearhead the initial chore of preparing our beds for summer. If you would like to offer your time and gardening talent, please call the parish office at 989-644-2041 or email Erika at stjosephtheworkerbcparish@gmail.com. Your service in fulfilling this need for our church is greatly appreciated!



CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP: Please remove any items from graves by April 15. Grave blankets & other disposable items may be placed in the north bunk behind the chapel. **Orders for foundations for headstones must be placed before May** by calling the parish office (644-2041). NOTE: Grave sites of winter burials will be filled in and seeded as soon as feasible.

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