Ascension of Our Lord Church

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March 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit."

~ Luke 6:43 – 44

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Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI
Pastor

Deacon Peter J. Rooney
Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

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The following are our parish societies and organizations. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of our activities, kindly contact the parish office or number listed below. We welcome and encourage all members.

Children's Liturgy of the Word	*Mr. Joe Ciaccio*
Council of Catholic Women	*Mrs. Mary Thon*
Legion of Mary	*Mrs. Pauline Mitchell*
Pastoral Care Ministers	*Mrs. Pauline Mitchell*
Prayer Group	*Ms. Nilda Cinco*
St. Vincent de Paul Society	630-953-4419

Liturgies for the Week

Sunday, March 3, 2019
8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Hubert Grane - Bill & Barbara Cizek
† Julia Kubacka - Bill & Barbara Cizek
† John McCrory - Kay McKay
† Edward and Frances Jurzak - Loving Daughters
† Angelo Boncimino

Monday, March 4, 2019
12:00 PM † Patricia Giannini - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
12:00 PM † Dolores Kerr - Family

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday)
8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

12:00 PM † Diosdado Galang, Jr. - Vrlec Family

7:00 PM Intention of the Presider

Thursday, March 7, 2019
12:00 PM † Mary Ellen Magrini - McCrory Family

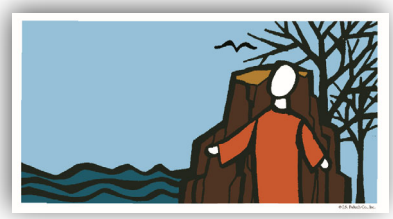
Friday, March 8, 2019
12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Saturday, March 9, 2019
4:00 PM † Maria & Giuseppe Loiotile - Children
† Edward McGreevy - Patricia McGreevy
† Star Soderstrom - Connie Vacco
† Bud Grane - Naborowski Family
† Tory Lezza - Thomas Roper, Katelyn Cohen and MaryJo Roper
Thanksgiving - Benita Lim

Sunday, March 10, 2019
8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Tara Feldman - Feldman Family
† Hubert Grane - Barry and Jeri Sadegi
† Margaret Mary Matyasec - Gail Granby
† Albertas Ramanauskas (Solveiga's Father) - Lilia Yao and Family
† Harlan Burgess

† Denotes Deceased



Calendar

Monday
MARCH 4
Weekday
Sir 17:20–24
Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday
MARCH 5
Weekday
Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday
MARCH 6
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday
MARCH 7
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
MARCH 8
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
MARCH 9
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
MARCH 10
First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4–10
Rom 10:8–13
Lk 4:1–13



Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.

For more information and to sign up for our ***free monthly newsletter,*** visit:
ScrupulousAnonymous.org

Dear Padre,

How much talking is acceptable while waiting for Mass to begin? The chatter gets noisier as more people arrive, and then everyone starts talking louder just to be heard.

Before Mass, "it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of The Roman Missal*, 45). For the liturgy to produce its full effects, "it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds…be attuned to their voices, and that they cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy *[Sacrosanctum concilium]*, 11). In this sense, we are silent together, for the Mass is not a private function but a celebration of the Church as the "sacrament of unity," a holy people united (*SC* 26).

Thus, from the point of entry in a church to the time of the gathering song, which is intended to foster unity (*GIRM* 47), how does your faith community gather for Mass? Some churches with self-contained vestibules are ideal for offering welcome to newcomers and for exchanging greetings. Other sacred spaces are less conducive for separating this informal ritual from a place of quietude. Nevertheless, every faith community, with varying success, creates an atmosphere before Mass where individuals come together as a worshiping body, and at the same time, where people may dispose themselves in a devout manner.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



SHUTTERSTOCK

A Word from Pope Francis

When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk….It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important!

—General audience, November 15, 2017

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Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 4:00 PM
Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Bane, Palmer, Hariman
Lector: Santucci

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - 8:00 AM
Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: DeChristopher, J. Butkovich
Lector: P. Rooney

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - 10:00 AM
Presiders: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: G. Palisoc, J. Palisoc, Ciaccio
Lector: Mitchell

This week's calendar

Tuesday, March 5:
St. Vincent DePaul Conference Meeting, 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room
Thursday, March 7: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer
Friday, March 8:
First Friday Holy Hour, 10:30 a.m. in the Church
Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and Rosary, 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone
Saturday, March 9: Grief Support Journey, 10:00 a.m., Parish Office Conference Room

STEWARDSHIP

February 24, 2019 - $6,600

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.



Due to a scheduling conflict on Saturday, March 16th, the C.C.W. annual St. Joseph's Sweets Table event will take place after the **Sunday Masses ONLY on March 17th.**

As usual, we are in most need of donated bakery items, either homemade or store bought. Please bring to Corpus Christi Hall after 1:00 on Saturday, March 16th.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this special annual event.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

God calls all of us to be *Signs of Hope* for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the diocese is able to when we all work together.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year's CMAA. You may make your gift using one of the pledge envelopes available in the church, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting jolietdioceseappeal.org, or texting "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 6, 2019



Ascension of Our Lord Church
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
March 6, 2019

MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

8:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon ~ 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

4:00 p.m.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. 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.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Lenten Reconciliation

18 HOURS OF CONFESSION

The priests of our Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

Friday, April 5, Noon - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst

All are invited to receive God's grace

We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive God's forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.

DURING LENT AT
Ascension of Our Lord

CONFESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER NOON MASS BEGINNING MARCH 8TH OR BY APPOINTMENT.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER NOON MASS.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

ASK and YOU SHALL *RECEIVE*

Two weeks ago we appealed to parishioners to consider a special donation to provide disaster assistance to Watseka, Illinois – a community that was hit with multiple floods and very strong damaging winds over the last three years. Government and normal insurance funds have been exhausted yet many residents still have not returned to permanent homes or been able to replace their lost furniture and normal household belongings. We were asked to appeal to all of our SVDP Conferences in the Diocese for help to this area by *"Twinning"* with the various charities in this remote southern area of our Diocese. The Ascension of Our Lord Parish response has been wonderful with well over $1,000 being donated within hours of this request. We very much thank your generosity and know that these donations will bring happiness and relief to the families in that community. Theirs and our Members' prayers of thanksgiving are pledged in return for all of you who were able to respond to this request.

With March 6 and Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent and our annual appeal through the Lenten Alms "Loose Change" Cup collection for the poor, our Members once again will be handing out *plastic cups* after all Masses on the weekend of March 9 and 10. This special plea for donations was initiated some six years ago after a grand-daughter of one our now deceased Members offered an idea that they were using in her college sorority to raise funding for nearby charities. Since its inception, this annual appeal has phenomenally grown from under $2,000 the first year to nearly $5,000 last year providing much needed help to the disadvantaged poor of our community. Even though the use of coinage and even paper currency has rapidly diminished with debit-credit card usage, we continue to receive increases in this appeal each year. Once again, as Christ guided His first followers: "ASK and you shall RECEIVE." Our work continues to benefit from your generous help and we never seem to be without resources when sought by the poor of our area.

Finally, our next parish SVDP Conference Meeting will be this coming Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 3:00 PM in the parish office Conference Room. Please come to learn more about our work and how you can join us in the future. There is no effort too small or too great for those without basic resources. Please continue to help us help others and pray that what we do has God's guidance and blessings.

Lenten Reflections 2019:
Digging Deeper into the Rituals of the Triduum

Tuesday, March 12 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
OR Saturday, March 16 (9:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

Presenter: Sister Mary Bratrsovsky

Programs take place in the 2nd floor Monastery Chapter Room Sacred Heart Monastery
1910 Maple Avenue, Lisle 60532
(The statue of the Sacred Heart is at our Monastery entrance.)

Updates will be posted on our website www.shmlisle.org and our Facebook page: *Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart.*
OR call 630-725-6000.

A free will donation is appreciated to support our programs.



St. Alexander Church Surviving Spouses
For those who have lost their husband or wife, please join us.
Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 1:00pm
St. Alexander Church
Sister's Room in the Parish Center
300 S. Cornell, Villa Park
Please RSVP to: Carol Nash @ 630.834.8152

Ascension of Our Lord Parish Lenten Program

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall

March 13 & 20 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24

Grief Support

A Journey through the Desert this Lenten Season

Fridays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

March 8, 15, & 22 and April 5, 12, & 26

Register for either program via email to vzaprzal@ascensionofourlord.net or phone at 630-953-4415 or stop in the parish office.