



St. Joseph Neier

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor
April 6 - 7, 2019

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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From your Pastor

For the past decade and a half or so, one side of my family has had a big party on Good Friday. The reason for it is, that two of my aunts and their families come in from way out of town that one time a year, and it's the only event that my aunts and uncles all see each other. I guess the rarity of their togetherness makes a party on Good Friday evening seem like a good idea, but honestly, I've always found it disturbing – not just as a priest, but as a Catholic. In a little over a week the Church begins its annual celebration of Holy Week. Holy Week, and especially the sacred days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday is the high-point of the Christian year. How we celebrate them is important to our relationship with God and each other.

One common thought that often gets expressed is that those celebrations are always *sooooo* long. The sentiment being, make your plans to be somewhere, anywhere, else than at church on those days☺... Now, that thought is understandable if you're ten-years-old, but not so much for adult Christian men and women. By its nature, Christianity is an adult faith. One thing that means is that our participation in it isn't supposed to be based upon how it makes us feel, how entertaining it is, or what we get out of it. Instead, worship is meant to honor God, period. It's the way we say "thank you" for the gifts of our life, family, and other blessings, and ultimately for our salvation, made possible by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. Because God is never outdone in generosity, our very act of worship is also the very means by which God gives us Himself for the sustenance of our souls as we journey toward heaven. The question I'd propose is: can the days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil be a time that we really consider the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice rather than putting all the other activities of life ahead of it? To that end, please consider attending at least one (or hopefully all) of the high holy days of our Catholic faith. Please consider making those days a centerpiece of the entire week. Please consider coming to welcome our six catechumens and candidates into our faith community at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. All of Holy Week is a sacred moment when Catholics have the opportunity to say thank you to God and to renew their love of Him who loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for our salvation.

Have a blessed week!

- **The Shooting Match Committee will be having a Shoot on April 14th. If you would like to sell a Pot Shot or get involved with the Shoot please call Wes Straatmann at [314.808.2698](tel:314.808.2698)**
- **Neier Mother Son Prom on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All Ages welcome. Cost \$40 per couple - \$15 for additional son. Price includes dinner, crafts, dancing, and photo booth, so dress your BEST! Reservations, call Dawn 636-584-1184 or mothersonprom@hotmail.com**
- **Parish Prayer List: Please review and call the office for any changes. Thank You!**

The Sick of the Parish who need your prayers

<i>Anna Marie Brueggemann</i>	<i>Ryan Elbert</i>	<i>Chris Arand</i>	<i>Olivia Jasper</i>
<i>Cynthia Faust</i>	<i>Karen Waters</i>		
<i>Zachery Gossage</i>	<i>Sheri Zambruski</i>	<i>Special Intention II</i>	<i>Henry Tobben</i>
<i>Shirley Beckman</i>	<i>Jacob McMullin</i>	<i>Christine Grus</i>	
<i>Julie Crump</i>	<i>Bill Feth</i>		

Ray Koester
Brandon Huels
Betty & Lawrence Bean
Rich Birke
Mary Osborn

Regina Lause
Carol Hammer
Jean Oldani
Loraine Highlander

Andrew Hellebusch
Edward Henke
Ben Block
Marge Hankins

Pray for our Parishioners, Matthew Blankenship, Taylor Donner, Jamie Brueggemann Murphy, Michael Murphy & Blake Van Leer serving in the Armed Forces

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please present them in writing before Wednesday of the week before to insure that it gets in. Thank you!

Mass Intentions: 4/8 – 4/14/19

Monday	6:30 am	Alfons & Edith Banken
Tuesday	6:30 am	Tim Boland (P.H. Devotions after Mass)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Dorothy & Albert Brueggemann
Thursday	6:30 am	Frank & Emma Schmuke
Lenten Thursday	6:00 pm	Fr. Anthony Bukauskas
Friday	6:30 am	Donald Calkins
Saturday	5:00 pm	Frank & Elizabeth Kloeppe
Sunday	8:00 am	Ed & Irene Stuesse
	10:00 am	<i>The Parish Family of St. Joseph</i>

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday, April 11th, beginning at 7 am and ending with Benediction at 5:50 pm followed by Mass at 6 pm. Sign-up sheet is in back of church. Also, Father Henke will be available for Confessions from 5 pm to 5:40 pm and after the 6 pm Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday, April 12th at 7 pm

<i>Commentators and Lectors:</i>		<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Saturday	5:00 pm	Judy Brueggemann	Theresa Straatmann
Sunday	8:00 am	Dennis Randolph	Jim & Chris Block
	10:00 am	Marilyn Rau	Lisa Bocklage

Servers:

Saturday	5:00 pm	Alyson Fennessey Maddie Eckstein	Payton Goddard Melanie Jacquin
Sunday	8:00 am	Emma Roberts Josh Straatmann	Brooke Jacquin Rachel DeVore
	10:00 am	Connor Briggs Peyton Adams	Izzy & Joe Zagarri

Stations of the Cross 7 pm **Troy Simmons~Izzy~Joe Zagarri**

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday	5:00 pm	Alberta Jacquin Anna Donner	Jim & Jo Noelker
		Tina Brueggemann	Kathy Feth
Sunday	8:00 am	Ann Straatmann Delores	Frank Domijan Diane Schmidt

10:00 am	Swoboda Karen Dierking Jeff & Christine Baker Patti Greife	Dianna Bolzenius Dennis & JoAnn Bower Karen Wright
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Collection for	3/31/19
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$4530.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 73.00
Total:	\$4603.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection

- **This week, April 7th is the Catholic Home Mission Collection.** Envelopes may be found in the pews. Please place in the collection basket. Thank you!
- **Catholic Relief Services Collection \$231.00 Thank you!**

Neighboring Activities

- **Sunday, April 7th – Breakfast at St. Vincent, Dutzow, serving 8 – 11:30 am**
- **Saturday, April 13th – Easter Egg Hunt at St. Ignatius, 10 am see flyer for more info**
- **Sunday, April 14 – Breakfast at Union K of C, serving 7 to 11 am**

K.C. News

- **Next Council # 1576 meeting will be April 10th at 7:30 at the Union K C Hall**

Open House

- **Sunday, April 7th 8:30 – 11:30 am at Immaculate Conception School. Now enrolling!**

St. Joseph Events

- **Thank you for the food collected from the fish fry & scavenger hunt. *Union Food Pantry***
- **St. Joseph Church Scholarship Program – Another donation was received for \$1500, so our total to be awarded is \$2500 to SJC High School Senior(s) graduating May 2019. Applications are in back of church and must be received at the rectory no later than April 30, 2019; late applications will not be accepted.**
- **Ladies Sodality Meeting this Sunday, April 7th after 8 am Mass. All are welcome!**
- **BABY SHOWER TIME TO HELP THE PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE CENTER Please bring your donations of unwrapped baby items to the left altar from now until after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, April 14th. Your donations can be new or used, if in good condition. Any baby items will be greatly appreciated, but they do not accept baby swings and walkers due to liability issues. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CASH BOX FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DONATE CASH.**