| R4 | St. Joseph Rev. Peter Blake ev. Eric Kunz, Senior | e, Pastor & | <u>February</u> 17 & 18 ₂₀₂₄ |
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| Confession Times: | | | Office: 636.583.2806 |
| Saturday | 4:00pm – 4:40pm | Sarah's Cell: 314.808.0337 | |
| Saturday Mass: | 5:00pm | Website: stjosephneier.com | |
| <u>Sunday Mass:</u> | 10:30am | Email: parishoffice@stjosephneier.com | |
| <u>Weekday Masses:</u> Monday – Wednesday – NO MASS | | | ırsday – Friday – 6:30am |

Pastor's Column

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. Just a few days ago we received the blessed ashes and were called to, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." This is our annual season of repentance; turning aside from the snares of the devil, and rediscovery of an important covenant that we entered with God in Baptism. Today we hear two references to Noah and the covenant God entered with him. In today's first reading from Genesis God speaks to Noah after the 40 days of devastating flooding. God makes a covenant never again to destroy all mortal creatures. He gives Noah, and all ages to come, the sign of the rainbow as a sign of His covenant. Likewise, today in Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus being led into the desert for forty days of fasting and prayer where He is tempted by Satan to compromise His relationship to the Father. Lent is our season to recognize and repent of the compromises we have fallen prey to; to reject these and return to the covenant we have with our Father. On Easter we will renew our baptismal covenant. Lent is our annual opportunity to prepare to do that with minds and hearts made pure.

During Lent we will be praying the traditional Stations of the Cross, twice on Fridays at I.C. At 2:15pm we will pray this devotion with our ICS students. They will participate in the reading of the reflections. We will also offer Stations at 7:00pm. Please join us when you can at either of these.





Pastor's Column Cont...

Mark your calendars for March 2nd, 2024. Fr. Kunz and I will offer an extended period to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance following the First Saturday Mass until 11:00am. This is for all three of our parishes, I.C., St. Joseph, and St. Clare. Lent calls us to repentance and this is an opportunity, in addition to our regular before Mass opportunity to ensure time for you to include this as part of your preparation for Easter.

Last weekend we welcomed new servers at Mass and it sure was good to have their help. Thanks to those who trained them and thanks to all of you who joined me in a round of applause to support their ministry. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up for Fish Fries this Lent, it's not too late. Signup sheets will be available this weekend. Thanks to all who offer their Time and Talent to make this a fun and profitable venture. Progress continues in Church and the "bad stuff" has been removed and workers are beginning to lay the subflooring in preparation for the new tile and carpeting. (Yay!). As masses continue in the Parish Hall, I appreciate your patience and understanding when things don't go perfectly. I am enjoying the Hall Masses and am so pleased by the weekly attendance.

> God Bless, Have a great week! Please remember to pray 3 Hail Marys Fr. Pete







February

- Monday, February 19th
 - Parish Office Closed President's Day

Parish

Office

Closed

- <u>Tuesday, February 20th</u>
 - Parish Council Meeting <u>6:30pm</u> Quilter's Room
- Wednesday, February 21st
 - PSR <u>6:30pm 7:45pm</u> Parish Hall & Rectory
 - Rosary <u>6:45pm</u> Parish Hall
- Thursday, February 22nd
 - Quilters <u>8am 1pm &</u>
 <u>7pm 9pm</u> Quilter's Room

• Friday, February 23rd

- Dessert Drop Off Any time after 6:30am Mass
- Fish Fry <u>4pm 7pm</u> Parish Hall





Union Knights of Columbus

March

Friday, March 1st

Fish Fry • <u>4pm – 7pm</u> – Hall Dine-In, Drive-Thru or Carry Out

Monday, March 4th

Board Meeting • 7:30pm - Lounge

Saturday, March 9th

Craft Show • <u>9:00am – 3:00pm</u>

<u>Sunday, March 10th</u> <u>Breakfast</u>

<u>7:30am – 11:30am</u> • All you can eat Adults \$12 • Children (6-12) \$6 Children under 6 FREE

Wednesday, March 13th

Council Meeting • 7:30pm - Hall

Friday, March 15th

Fish Fry • <u>4pm – 7pm</u> – Hall Dine-In, Drive-Thru or Carry Out

<u>Neier</u> Fish Fry News

The Ladies Sodality will be hosting the first of two Fish Fry's, this Friday, February 23rd, from 4-7pm.

This year our Fish Fry will be Dine In, Drive Thru or Carry Out.

This will require all of us working together to ensure a successful event.

If you have not already signed up to help by working a shift, donating towards the food, or making a delicious dessert, please consider doing so this weekend. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the hall.

Thank you for your dedication to St. Joseph and we hope to see you there!

2401 NEIER ROAD UNION, MO 63084 FRIDAY MARCH 8TH <u>Bring your own</u> Snacks & Drinks DOORS OPEN AT 6PM TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7PM **RSVP** to: rsvpstjoe@gmail.com MAX OF & PEOPLE PER TABLE \$15 per person OR RAFFLES & OTHER EXTRAS: \$120 per table 50/50 - 6/\$5 OR YOUR Wingspan/\$20 Heads or Tails - \$5 per person PRIZES FOR: Lottery Tree Raffle - 6/\$5 • 1st Place: \$120 Sink or Swim - \$1/Round • 2nd Place: \$60 Mulligans - 5/\$10

Best Theme/Decorated Table

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS:

Current Capital Maintenance Projects, which include: HVAC in the Hall, Church Flooring or Parking Lot