

March 17, 2024 • Lent—Fifth Sunday

He has made everything  
*beautiful* in its time

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro grupo Iglesias Católicas

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Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

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**Office Hours**

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Closed Friday

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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 16

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † Paul VanDyke by M/M Chuck May ..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Ed & June Armock by Roman & Kay Krupp ..... SJ

## Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM ~ Members of the Cluster ..... SC  
 11:00 AM † Jim Alt by Laurissa Zimmer ..... SJ

## Monday, March 18

8:00 AM Rosary ..... SFX  
 8:30 AM † Catie Crowley by Chuck & Mary Jo May ..... SFX  
 5:15 PM Confession /Adoration until 6:15 PM ..... SFX

## Tuesday, March 19

8:30 AM † Carol Courade by Barry Heintz & Family ..... SJ  
 2:45 PM Adoration until 3:00 PM ..... SJ

## Wednesday, March 20

No Daily Mass

## Thursday, March 21

8:30 AM † Karen Goodno by M/M Rich Grover ..... SC  
 9:30 AM Confessions until 10:30 AM ..... SC

## Friday, March 22

8:30 AM † Ray Dietrich by Family ..... SJ  
 9:30 AM Confessions until 10:30 AM ..... SJ

## Saturday, March 23

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † George VanDyke by Barb & Family ..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Mary Ellen Courtade by Lou & Connie Armock ..... SJ

## Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Confessions until 8:45 AM ..... SC  
 9:00 AM † Chris Stepping by Family ..... SC  
 11:00 AM ~ Members of the Cluster ..... SJ  
 12:00 PM Confessions until 1:00 PM ..... SJ

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# Holy Week Schedule

## Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Holy Thursday ..... SC  
 8:30 PM Confessions until  
 9:30 PM ..... SC

## Friday, March 29

3:00 PM Good Friday ..... SC  
 7:00 PM Stations of The Cross ..... SFX

## Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM Morning Prayer and Blessing  
 of Easter Foods ..... SJ  
 3:00 PM Confessions until  
 3:45 PM ..... SJ  
 9:00 PM Holy Saturday ..... SJ

## Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM Easter Sunday ..... SFX  
 9:00 AM Easter Sunday ..... SC  
 11:00 AM Easter Sunday ..... SJ

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# Spring Break Office Hours

Our Cluster parish offices will be closed **April 1st — April 7th** and reopening **April 8th**.

Father Andrew will be on vacation from **April 8th—April 19th**. For pastoral emergencies, please call his after hours emergency number—616-320-4234.



## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

## Rosary Intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.





## Ministry Schedules

### **Saturday, March 23**

#### **St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM**

Sacristan/EM ..... Sharon Denhof  
 Lector ..... Terry Anderson  
 Usher ..... Anyone Available  
 Server ..... Anyone Available

#### **St. Joseph • 5:30 PM**

Sacristan ..... Joe Kaltz  
 Lector ..... Heather Brown  
 EMHC..... Barb Umlor  
 Ushers ..... Dave Clelland & Norm VanDyke  
 Servers..... Marty Brown

### **Sunday, March 24**

#### **St. Catherine • 9:00 AM**

Sacristan ..... Randy & Barb Helsen  
 Lector ..... Brenda Goodno  
 EMHC..... Ethel Nutt  
 Ushers ..... John Helsen, Matthew Grover,  
 ..... Greg Grover, & Herb Schoenborn  
 Servers..... Kate Solem & Everleigh Hackenberg

#### **St. Joseph • 11:00 AM**

Sacristan ..... Mike Host  
 Lector ..... Lou Armock  
 EMHC..... Connie Armock  
 Ushers ..... Joe Armock & Son & Joe Fritz  
 Servers..... Leo, George & Ed Armock

### **Money Counters for March**

#### **St Catherine**

Cheryl Helsen, Mary Patterson

#### **St Francis Xavier**

Betty Miller

#### **St Joseph**

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of March 17, 2024*

### **Sunday**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

### **Monday**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

### **Tuesday**

#### **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### **Wednesday**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

### **Thursday**

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

### **Friday**

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

### **Saturday**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

### **Sunday**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;  
 Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Are you expecting a child soon? In all the planning that goes into having a baby, your child's baptism is one of the most important details in the process! Preparation for baptism is required 3 months prior to your child's baptism in order to complete the necessary paperwork and formation for parents and godparents. Feel free to reach out to Jeannie Sokolowski, [jsokolowski@ourcluster.org](mailto:jsokolowski@ourcluster.org) or call the parish office for more information.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

## St. Catherine's News

### **Men's Club News**

Next Community Fish Fry is **Friday, March 22nd** from 5:00pm—7:00pm at St. Catherine's Hall. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for Children 12 & under.

Next Men's Club meeting is **Wednesday, March 27th** at 7:30pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited.

**Altar Society** will be meeting **March 19th** at 1:00pm at the hall. Hostesses—Chris Darcy and Barb Emery. All ladies of the parish are invited.

**Divorced? Separated?** You don't need to go through it alone. A 13 week, confidential support group begins **April 8th** from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Catherine's school. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the churches.

## St. Francis Xavier News

**Want to be part of the prayer line?** St. Francis is looking for more people to join the prayer line. Call Pat Sanford—231-853-5909 to join.

**Lenten Soup Supper** every Monday during Lent at St. Francis Xavier. Starts at 6:15pm in the church basement and Stations of the Cross starts at 7:00pm. To volunteer to bring a bread, soup or dessert, contact Jeannie Sokolowski—(616) 262-3686.

## St. Joseph's News

**Happy Birthday** to Agatha Kluting! Agatha will be 99 years old on **Sunday, March 24th**.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 2074 Roosevelt St. Coopersville, MI 49404.

### **Senior Eucharist**

Will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next date is **March 26th**.

## The Cluster News

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Knights of Columbus #4404 for the generous donation from the breakfast proceeds from **March 3rd** to WWMIN. The KOC continues to be a major support of pro life and the right of life for all. When WWMIN was first organized, the Knights were the first to make a large monetary donation. **Thank you** for the continued dedication of this men's group that faithfully supports other pregnancy organizations, babies and moms, during pregnancy, and after birth.

### **Cluster Directory**

We finally received the proof of the Cluster Directory. This will take time to go through to make edits and changes. We will announce when the official directories are available for everyone interested in having one.

### **Knights of Columbus, Council #4404 Pancake Breakfast**

Join us for **Sunday** breakfast from 8:30AM -1:00PM at the St. Vincent DePaul Hall. Same great food and great fellowship. If you're a member or would like to help, contact Randy Graftema at (616) 327-9839.

**Walking With Moms In Need Ministry** is again seeking donations for our Clusters pantry. The baby shower boxes will be in back of each church during the weeks of Lent, and again in October. We are collecting baby and toddler clothing, ointments, formula coupons, etc. The pantry is open to any mom in need in our surrounding communities, on the **2nd** and **4th** Saturday each month, **9-11AM**. If you want to make a monetary donation, please write the check to WWMIN and drop into the weekly collection.

### **Catholic Services Appeal**

Many have already received a letter from **Bishop Walkowiak** asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry and the homeless.

Our goal for 2024 at St. Francis is **\$18,397** and 100% participation.  
Our goal for 2024 at St. Joseph is **\$46,311** and 100% participation.  
Our goal for 2024 at St. Catherine is **\$28,869** and 100% participation.

## Divine Providence Academy

### **"Giving Drink to the Thirsty"**

DPA's Lenten Project of the year is to continue the Corporal Works of Mercy by raising money to have a well dug in Nigeria to provide fresh drinking water for families.

Students will be working together with the parish communities of Our Cluster to help raise awareness for this important cause.

If you would like to donate, please make checks out to either St. Joseph or St. Catherine Parish and write on the memo line "Lent Well Project". We will be accepting donations until **March 28th**. For more information, check out the flyer posted on the bulletin board at the back of the churches.

## Religious Education News

**Please pray** for our 2nd graders who will be on retreat **March 23rd** in preparation for their 1st Holy Communion.

**Please pray** for our catechumens, Taylor McGough and Brian Grimm, who will be received into full communion with the Church on Holy Saturday.

# Cluster Youth Group Ministry

## Youth Bake Sale

The youth ministry bake sale has been rescheduled to **April 20th-21st** to be during the Easter season rather than Lent. Bring your pocketbooks after Mass those days and help support the many wonderful opportunities on offer for the youth of our parishes.

## Chicago Pilgrimage

Join the youth ministry on Saturday, **May 4th**, for a day in Chicago as we explore the city's most beautiful churches and catch a game at Wrigley Field. Cost to attend is \$100.

## More Cluster News

### End of Life Presentation

Join us **April 30th** at 7:00 PM for an **End of Life presentation** at St. Catherine's hall. **Father Andrew** and guest speakers will be talking about end of life issues from a Catholic prospective and leaving charitable gifts as part of your legacy. For more information, call the parish office.

### Community Blood Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is holding a community blood drive Sunday, **March 24th** from 8:30 AM—1:00 PM at St. Vincent de Paul hall. All donors will receive a free breakfast!



## Offertory for March 3

St. Catherine .....	\$2,108.71
St. Francis Xavier .....	\$996.70
St. Joseph .....	\$3,351.65

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.  
Questions? (616) 899-2286

### Online Giving

St Catherine .....	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n">tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n</a>
St Joseph .....	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya">tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya</a>
St Francis Xavier .....	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya">tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya</a>