



## Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24

### Reflect

***Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?***





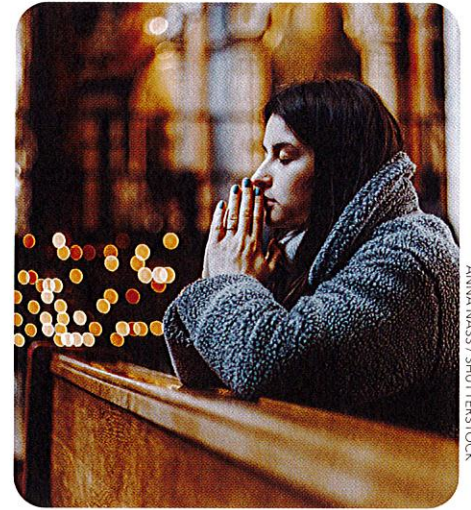
# Dear Padre,

## What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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### MONDAY

March 18  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Jn 8:1-11

### TUESDAY

March 19  
*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

### WEDNESDAY

March 20  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Jn 8:31-42

### THURSDAY

March 21  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### FRIDAY

March 22  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

### SATURDAY

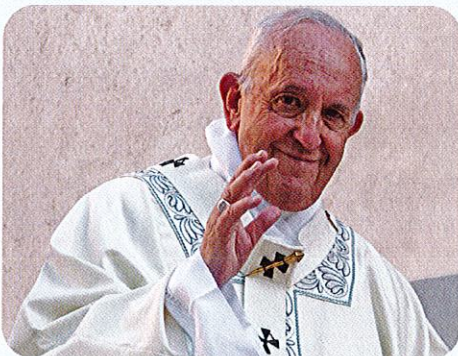
March 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

### SUNDAY

March 24  
*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
Mk 11:1-10 or  
Jn 12:12-16  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

#### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.*

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 18, 2018



**March 17, 2024**  
**Pastor—Fr. Derek Hooper**  
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**St. Joseph Parish**  
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 Martinsburg, MO 65264

Rectory—573-492-6595  
 School— 573-492-6283  
 ELC— 573-492-6398

**Fr. Derek Hooper— phone no. 573-492-6595**

**Deacon Ron Deimeke-573-473-7494**

**St. Joseph Sunday Mass at 9:00 am Saturday Mass at 4:00 pm**

**Sunday Confessions: 8:30 am Saturday Confessions: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Weekday masses: 7:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.**  
**Week day masses at Sacred Heart: 8:00 am 2nd and 4th Thursday; St. John's 1st and 3rd Thursday**

**Bulletin info email: tshramek@stjosephmb.org**

**Website: stjosephmb.org Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon, Mar 18— no mass**  
**Tues, Mar 19 —7:45 am mass —Walter Swaim**  
 6:00 pm mass—Freda Deimeke  
**Wed, Mar 20- 7:45 am mass— Eunice Welschmeyer**  
**Thur, Mar 21—8:00 am mass—St. John's—Laddonia**  
**Fri, Mar 22- 7:45 am mass - Walter and Bernice Swaim**  
**Sat, Mar 23- 4:00 pm Mass— Any Ehret**  
**Sun, Mar 24 -9:00 am Mass—Paul Primus**

**ON THE CALENDAR:**

**Sun, Mar 17- Fifth Sunday of Lent St Patrick's Day**  
**Mon, Mar 18-**  
**Tues, Mar 19- 6 pm Feast of St. Joseph Mass and Meal at Knights of Columbus**  
 Hall at 6:45 pm  
**Wed, Mar 20— 3:15 pm Stations of the Cross with School Children**  
**Thur, Mar 21—**  
**Fri, Mar 22- 6 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Sat, Mar 23-**  
**Sun, Mar 24— Palm Sunday**

**Liturgical Roles for the month of March:**

**SJC Usher/Counter**

**Saturday: Dale and Peggy Wilburn**  
**Sunday: Kevin Ahrens and Eddie Wieberg**

**Musicians/Cantor**

Mar 16- Mark  
 Mar 17- Ruth and Patty  
 Mar 23-  
 Mar 24-  
 Mar 28—  
 Mar 29-  
 Mar 30-  
 Mar 31-

**Lector**

Rhonda Kestler  
 Kristan Kleinsorge  
 Rhonda Kestler  
 Caroline Nation  
 Delana Becker  
 Vicki Duenke  
 Sherri Deimeke, Sharon Welschmeyer  
 Krista Norris  
 Caroline Nation

**Gifts**

Mark and Linda Fennewald  
 Scott and Jina Deimeke  
 Richard and Palmyra Dubbert  
 Mike and Vicki Duenke  
 Dave and Sharon Welschmeyer  
 RCIA Sponsors  
 sign up sheet in back of church

**Servers**

Alex Poindexter and Collin Cope  
 Haydon and Hannah Swaim  
 Kaytlynn Arens and Ryan Arens  
 Sophia Fennewald and Layne Rohan  
**sign up sheet in back of Church**  
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 Ty Norris and Jace Norris  
**need two more servers**  
**sign up sheet in back of church**

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend that Saturday or Sunday or find a replacement.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Amanda Keller, Laura Oligschlaeger, Linda Welschmeyer, Kent Buckman, Chris Robinson, Tammy Purvis, Bob Mette, Tealia McCurdy, Tom Swaim, Betty Mendonsa, Bill Knipp, Bryan Bartlett, Phyllis Silver, Jim Arens, Frances Troesser, Ryker Whalen, Daniel Brooks, Barb Poindexter, Shirley Willingham, Angie Wright Baysinger, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Derrick Feldmann, Frankie Stuckenschneider, Bud Oligschlaeger, Edna Berry, Ryan Maskey, Makenna Mularoni, Anthony Arens, Steven Govero, David Welschmeyer, Billie (Welschmeyer) Gering, Jim Gooch, Doris Wieberg, Agnes Bertels, Carolyn Stuckenschneider, Dale (Bud) Craighead, Therese Fennewald, Wesley Andrews, Joe Vance, Edward Borgmeyer, Josh Oliver, Jim Purvis, Kimmy Beal, Penelope Karrenbrock

Confessions will be heard on these dates from 6 pm to 7 pm

**St. John's, Laddonia- March 21st**

**Stations for the Cross at St. Joseph** on Friday at 6 pm for the Parish through Lent. 3:15 pm Stations with the school children every Wednesday through Lent

**Holy Week Services Scheduled:**

March 28—Holy Thursday mass at 7 pm  
 March 29— Good Friday mass at 7 pm  
 March 30—Holy Saturday mass at 8 pm  
 March 31— Easter Sunday at 9 am



As we move through the liturgical year, our goal is that the church environment draws us into worship. You'll notice the statues and crucifix have been covered before masses this weekend. Since the 1962 liturgical calendar and even before, Lent had a division, the last two weeks were considered "Passiontide", time more focused on the Passion and Death of Christ. The Fifth Sunday of Lent was sometimes called "Passion Sunday". This is when statues are covered. Although the name "Passiontide" is no longer used, these last two weeks of Lent, and especially during Holy Week we continue to dwell more closely on the sufferings of Christ. Through the absence of the usual images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing.

**St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration!** Tuesday, March 19 beginning with Mass at St. Joseph Church at 6 pm followed by a parish family meal served at the Knights of Columbus Hall ( approximately 6:45 pm) All the food and drink will be furnished! Come spend the evening celebrating our patron, Saint Joseph and being together as a parish family.

**The Annual Seed Blessing will be at Justin and Julie Stuckenschneider's residence at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20. All are welcome. Please bring a bag or small amount of your seeds (field or garden). Coffee, donuts, and juice will be served after the Seed Blessing. Thanks to Bank of Missouri for the donuts and juice.**

**Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church**

**For those preparing for reception of the Easter sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion.**



Music Ministry—Music practice will be Monday, March 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Church to practice for Holy Week. We would like to have a choir Thursday thru Saturday so all are welcome to come.



**St. Joseph School News**  
Principal - Michelle Hombs

**PK/K Parent Informational Meeting for the 24-25 School Year**

**Thursday, March 21, at 6:30pm** in the basement of the school. Preschooler must be potty trained and 4 years of age by August 1, 2024. Kindergarteners must be 5 years of age by August 1, 2024. Mrs. Harby and myself will share information, answer questions, and schedule a screening and classroom visit for the preschooler. Parents interested in attending please notify the school (492-6283) so that plenty of materials will be available.

**Middle School Track**-First track meet of the season will be Friday, March 22 at Montgomery County, 4:15pm. Those participating this year from SJS are: 8th grade: Sophie Fennewald, Layne Rohan, Kooper Schafer; 7th grade: Kaytlynn Arens, Rylan Arens, Coltin Cope, Bailey Miller, Maci Poindexter, Haydon Swaim

**Diocesan Speech Meet**- Will be held in Jefferson City on Saturday, March 23. Participants are chosen and sent based on the amount of their accumulated points from previous speech meets this school year. We have four students who will be participating at the meet. We wish them much luck! **Kooper Schafer, humorous; Sophie Fennewald, serious; Kaytlynn Arens & Bailey Miller, duet**

**Teacher Opening for 24-25 Year** -Mrs. Poindexter will be moving to the 3rd/4th grade classroom to teach for the 24-25 school year. A full-time 5th/6th grade homeroom teaching position is now available. Applicants must have a Missouri teaching certificate, or its equivalent. Apply online at [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Also send resume and references to the school's address (401 E. Kellett St., Martinsburg) or email, [mhombs@stjosephmb.org](mailto:mhombs@stjosephmb.org).

**Living Stations of the Cross** -presented by the 7/8 grade students on Wednesday, March 27 at 3:15. Everyone is invited to attend

**Looking Ahead to Next Week...** **Monday, March 18**-School IN SESSION, last make-up snow day **Tuesday, March 19**-7:45am Mass, 7/8 read; Confessions for grades 2-8; 8th grade to St. John Food Pantry; Feast of St. Joseph Mass, 6pm with a parish family meal to follow at the KC Hall, **Wednesday, March 20**-StuCo School Store, 7:15-7:30am; SJS Library; Stations of the Cross, 3:15pm, **Thursday, March 21**-7/8 field trip to Jefferson City; PK/K Parent Informational Meeting for the 24-25 school year, 6:30pm; **Friday, March 22**-7:45am Mass, 3/4 liturgical roles; Branch Library visit for all students; Track Meet at Montgomery City, 4:15pm **Saturday, March 23**-Diocesan Speech Meet in Jefferson City, 8:30am doors open **Monday, March 25**-School IN SESSION due to the Easter break, 3/4 Field Trip to Jefferson City

A special thanks for all the guys that helped cut down trees, trim trees and haul them off from the church grounds and the daycare. They cut down nine bad trees and trimmed up two. Thanks again the finance committee.

*But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*  
**Jeremiah 31:33**



DIocese of Jefferson City

As we approach the close of this Lenten season, let us each remember what is written on our hearts and live as faithful disciples of Christ through the sacraments, prayer and offering sacrifices to the Lord.

**Happy Anniversary & Birthdays**



- Mar 17: Aaron Cope, Linda Fennewald
- Mar 18: Lydia Hoyt, Phil Oligschlaeger
- Mar 23: Isaiah Isgrig

Please contact the parish office if you would like a birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin. Parish office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday 9 am until 4:30 pm.

**Egg My Yard Fundraiser** All proceeds go to St. Joseph Early Learning Center in Martinsburg, MO. Order your pre-filled eggs to be hidden in your yard (or someone else's yard) by a member of the ELC committee on Easter weekend. 30 eggs; \$25.00, 50 eggs; \$45.00, 75 eggs \$60.00. Only a limited number of yards available. Deadline is Monday, March 25th. Contact Lexa Kobush to order. 573-721-4100; [elcdirector@stjosephmb.org](mailto:elcdirector@stjosephmb.org) or message us on facebook!

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR MOSER'S RECEIPTS FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL.** We send them in to get cash for the school. Every \$10,000 of receipts gets us \$50. We have already received \$150 this year. There is a box in the back of church where you can put them. There is no expiration date for the receipts. We no longer collect the actual BoxTops labels, but get those points by scanning the receipts within 14 days of purchase. Campbell Soup Company no longer gives us any rewards for their labels.

**Sign Up Today! Tolton Blood Drive - Thursday, April 4th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Help save lives by donating blood! To sign up, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). In "Find A Blood Drive", enter "FrTolton" to schedule an appointment. You will need to Sign In or Create an Account to sign up. Please consider donating as there is an urgent need for blood. Thank you!

The diocese is now accepting applications for college scholarships. Through a generous donation from the families of William H. (Bill) Simon and John L. Warack, funding is available to high school seniors or current college students with financial needs who commit to practicing their faith. Deadline to apply is March 28. Find eligibility details and applications here: <https://buff.ly/3Kd7oWv>



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**Camp Lolek**  
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

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Boys: June 16-21  
Girls: July 7-11

**Adventure**

Sisterhood | Brotherhood  
Leadership



**Camp Maccabee** **Camp Siena**  
FOR YOUNG MEN **FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

July 14-19 July 21-26

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15



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2024 Women's Ministry  
**Spring Pilgrimage**

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary with Catholic speaker Jill Simons

Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary Parish - Shelbina, MO



Register online at  
[diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimage](http://diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimage)



SJC Financial Report:	Income	Expense	Difference
July to January	\$617,843.61	\$573,537.94	\$44,305.67
Percent of Budget	68.2%	60.72%	

Month of January	Income:	Expense	Weekly Feb 4	Weekly Feb 11	Weekly Feb 18	Weekly Feb 25	Weekly Mar 3	Weekly Mar 10
Church	\$ 33,666.76	\$ 15,146.07	\$ 7,832.50	\$6,400.22	\$8,048.14	\$14,511.47	\$12,736.83	\$13,428.37
School	\$ 35,397.98	\$ 30,985.37	\$ 654.20	\$1,943.10	\$ 292.70	\$ 691.60	\$ 3,428.11	\$ 292.70
ELC	\$ 14,567.50	\$ 18,332.96	\$ 2,085.00	\$4,110.00	\$2,085.00	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 3,920.00
Extended Care	\$ 904.50	\$ 333.97	\$ 117.00	\$ 491.50	\$	\$ 460.00	\$ 313.00	\$ 256.50



# EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
ST. JOSEPH EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
MARTINSBURG, MO

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AND  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Order your pre-filled eggs to be hidden in your yard (or someone else's yard) by a member of the ELC committee on Easter weekend.

DELIVERY AVAILABLE IN:  
MARTINSBURG  
WELLSVILLE  
MONTGOMERY CITY  
LADDONIA

CONTACT LEXA KOBUSH TO ORDER.  
573-721-4100  
ELCDIRECTOR@STJOSEPHMB.ORG  
MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK!

30  
EGGS

\$25

50  
EGGS

\$45

75  
EGGS

\$60

Hurry! Only a limited number of yards available. Deadline is Monday, March 25th.