



Spring Cleaning Life

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When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God’s temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life’s details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God’s Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

*What might be cluttering
your life right now?*



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of
Passover, many began to believe in his name
when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

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 Tues. - 5:30 PM Wed. - 7:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. after 7:00 PM Mass, Sun. - 7:00 AM,
1/2 h before daily Masses or by appointment

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Office: open Tuesday and Wednesday.
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 2 **Vigil**
7:00 p.m. †John Schoenecker - JS
Sun Mar. 3 **Mass/3rd Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. Graces for Mark & Julia Hart
 Family - TRH

Tues Mar. 5 **Mass**
5:30 p.m. Graces/Lydia Willeke - JW

Wed Mar. 6 **Mass**
6:00 p.m. †Vi Verhoeff - JG

Sat. Mar. 9 **Vigil**
7:00 p.m. †Gabriela

Sun Mar. 10 **Mass/Laetare Sunday**
8:00 a.m. †Adolph & Anna Theurer
 Family - FBE

In need of prayer support, call

Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
Kim Krause: 970-554-1459
Peggy Dreher: 970-554-0546

Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher,
Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray
Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Kresten Wolff, Marcella
Hottinger, Tony Thompson

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord....

Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

1st Sunday Adoration / March 3
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

Shroud of Turin / March 10th
Sacred Heart Parish - Peetz, CO at 1 PM
Presenter, Jim Bertrand M Ed is from the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud. A full size replica of the Shroud on display. For more: **Melinda Beyer at 308-249-1018**

The Divine Mercy Choir / March 25th
from Vilnius, Lithuania
St. Helena - Ft. Morgan at 7 PM
Held in the sanctuary, learn the history and significance of the Original Image of Divine Mercy. Enjoy a concert of ancient sacred music familiar to St. Faustina. The spoken portion will be in English, but the choir sings in Lithuanian and Latin. Attendees will receive Librettos with translations and information on each musical piece.
Tickets are \$15. Seating is limited.
For more information or tickets:
Dottie Philips 970-380-3517
Joan Blossom 303-709-1012

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Lay Minister Schedule
Sierra Mireles
March 10, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Linda Littleton
Pianist: Volunteer
Cantor: Volunteer
Lector: Tracy Samber
Altar Servers: T Weis, A Willeke, K Schrock
Head Usher: Roger Kuntz
Euch Ministers: Terry & Rita Hart

March 10 - No Breakfast or RE classes



Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 10th
set your clock forward one hour

Saint Joseph's corner:

"Obedient Joseph, teach me how to listen and open my heart to the inspirations of divine guidance. Amen"

March 19th - Feast Day of St. Joseph
6:00 p.m. - Mass / After Mass - Dinner
Main course prepared by Pilar.
Parishioners are asked to bring a desert dish.

LENT 2024 - Wednesdays
5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
March 6th - Cathay S. & Rita H.
March 13th - Marjie H. & /need volunteer/
March 20th - Jenny W. & Heather W.

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.
March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron
March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling
March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●



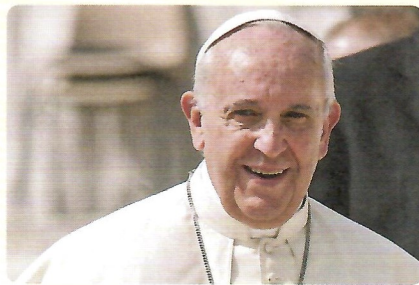
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

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