

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

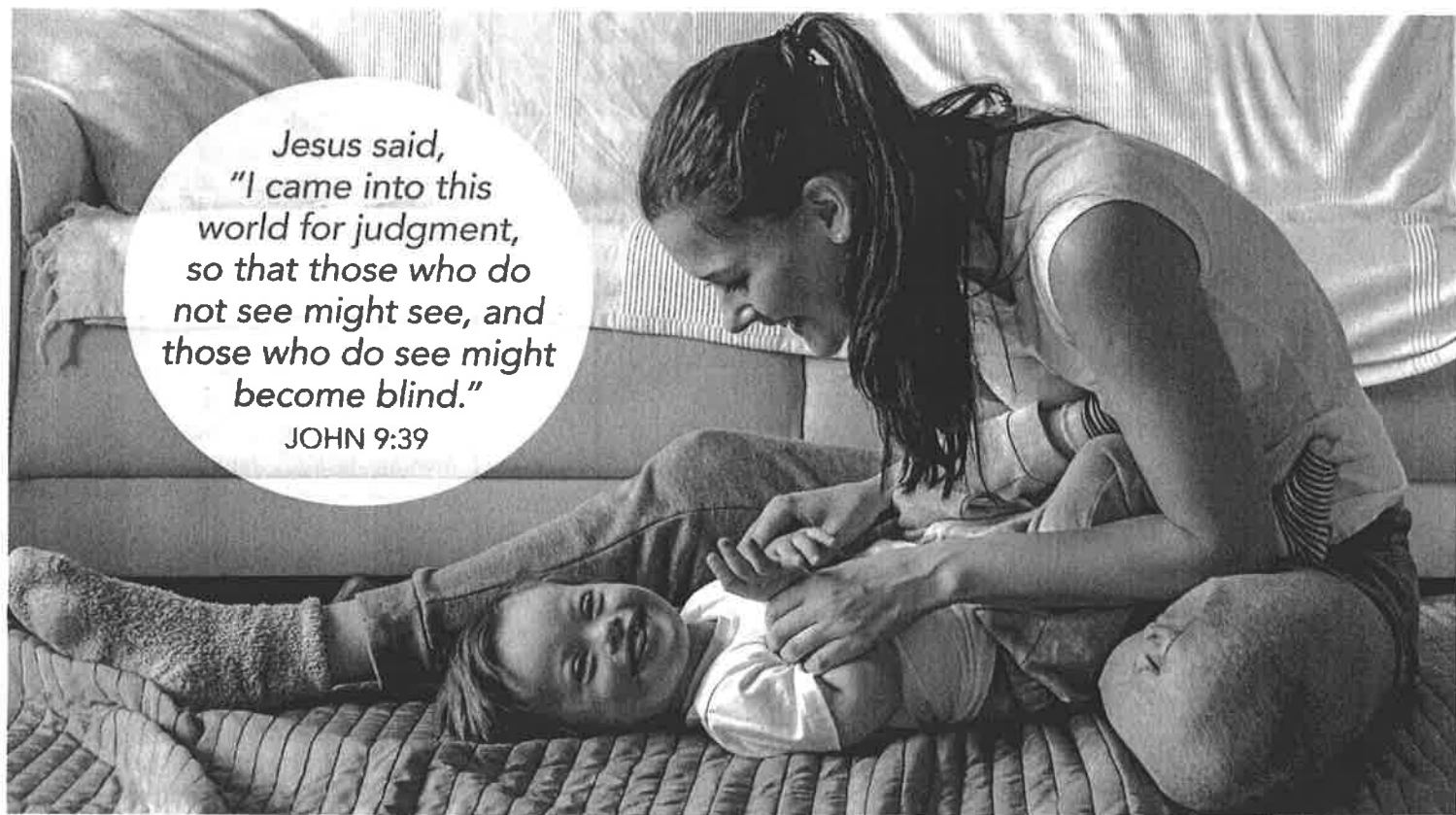
March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Jesus said,  
"I came into this  
world for judgment,  
so that those who do  
not see might see, and  
those who do see might  
become blind."

JOHN 9:39

## I See

**Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand?**

There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Does bias make you blind to the gifts of others?
- ★ Do you find it difficult to recognize the power of God as it unfolds before you? Why?



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Directory	Parish Services	Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius																				
<p><b>Pastor</b> Father Steve Robeson (636)932-4445 <a href="mailto:pastor@saintig.com">pastor@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>Deacon</b> Deacon Paul Hecktor (636) 932-4805 <a href="mailto:sphecktor@gmail.com">sphecktor@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Office Manager</b> Cindy Deters (636) 932-4445 Fax (636) 932-4032 <a href="mailto:cindy.deters@saintig.com">cindy.deters@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Office Hours</b> Mon &amp; Wed-Thurs 8am-3pm Tues 1-5 pm</p> <p><b>Parish Council Members</b> Fr. Steve Robeson      Deacon Paul Hecktor Norb Engemann      Alison Hoglan Kitty Heberle      Dan Mayer-Consultor Patty Koch-School Board      Ralph Glosemeyer-Finance</p> <p><b>School Principal</b> Dr. Arlesa Leopold 636.932.4444 <a href="mailto:lleopold@saintig.com">lleopold@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>School Secretary</b> Sandy Walls 636.932.4444 <a href="mailto:sandy.walls@saintig.com">sandy.walls@saintig.com</a></p>	<p><b>Weekend Masses</b> Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Weekday Masses</b> 8:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and PH Devotions Thursday 6:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment</p> <p><b>Adoration</b> Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. &amp; 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. Thursday 5:00 -7:00 a.m. 4:00-8:00 p.m. First Friday-8:45am-12pm</p> <p><b>Baptisms and Marriages</b> By arrangement with Fr. Steve Robeson</p> <p><i>Weekend Collections</i> <i>Weekend Collections starting March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and until further notice can be mailed to the Rectory, dropped off at the Rectory or put in the mailbox on the rectory front porch. Parish Office is still open. Bulletins will still be published and mailed to all families in our Directory and a small amount will be put in the back of Church.</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent sits across the street from the Planned Parenthood facility on Forest Park Blvd. in mid-town St. Louis. The convent provides a place of prayer and hospitality to visitors and to those who respect life especially the life of the unborn. Adoration and Mass is offered every second and fourth Friday of each month beginning at 11:00 a.m. During the 40 days for Life campaign, on each Monday (March 2,9,16,23,30, April 6) the Convent will have Mass at 7:00 am followed by Adoration until 11:00 am. All are welcome! For more information, please call 314-792-7555 or visit <a href="mailto:prolife@archstl.org">prolife@archstl.org</a> or visit <a href="https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent">https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent</a>.</i></p> <p><b>Pork Loin Dinner 4/17/20</b> <b>cancelled or postponed until further notice.</b></p>	<p>03/22 Church Cleaning Team 3 Debbie Hawkins</p> <p>03/29 Shooting Match</p> <p>04/06 School Spring Pictures</p> <p>04/09 Holy Thursday; Living Stations 10 am; 11:30 Dismissal</p> <p>04/10-13 Easter Break- NO School</p> <p><b>NOTE FROM FATHER STEVE</b> <i>Extra Confessions during the coronavirus crisis. Tuesday evenings 7-8:15 pm March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, during Eucharistic Adoration. If the suspension of Masses and public prayer gatherings in Church continues past Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, these Tuesday Confessions will continue at the same time.</i></p> <p><i>Extra Confessions for Lent will be held after 5 pm Mass March 28<sup>th</sup>.</i></p> <p>We are back and asking for your help again!!! The Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese- in conjunction with the Respect for Life office- will be collecting diapers for infants and toddlers as part of our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life endeavor to help families in need. Last year-with your help- we collected over 325 thousand diapers. With your help again, we hope to exceed that amount. So please prayerfully consider helping with a donation. All sizes are gratefully accepted but sizes 4 &amp; 5 are the most needed. All donations will be delivered to the Pregnancy Assistance Center in Washington. Please bring your donation to Church beginning the weekend of March 21 &amp; 22 and continuing thru the weekend of April 4 &amp; 5. An area in the back of Church will be designated as a collection spot. We do ask- even if you can not donate- that you pray for the success of this project! On behalf of the babies and families who will benefit from your generosity-Thank You!</p> <p><b>THANKS!!</b> Thanks to all who participated in and assisted with the World Day of Prayer. It was a great gathering of Christian women of the churches of southern Warren County. (A special thanks to Sean Polston who joined us to help-and was a big help)!! And as the saying goes- a good time was had by all!! Thanks again.</p>																				
<p><b>Sunday Offerings</b></p> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$4049.00</td><td>Loose Collection</td><td>\$48.00</td></tr><tr><td>Tuition</td><td>\$575.00</td><td>Votive Stand</td><td>\$11.50</td></tr><tr><td>Book Fees</td><td>\$500.00</td><td>Misc. Refund</td><td>\$48.90</td></tr><tr><td>Scrip</td><td>\$670.00</td><td>Lunch Money</td><td>\$148.50</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4"><b>TOTAL \$ 6,050.90</b></td></tr></table> <p>70 general offering envelopes collected, including children.</p>	General Fund	\$4049.00	Loose Collection	\$48.00	Tuition	\$575.00	Votive Stand	\$11.50	Book Fees	\$500.00	Misc. Refund	\$48.90	Scrip	\$670.00	Lunch Money	\$148.50	<b>TOTAL \$ 6,050.90</b>					
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<p><b>SPECIAL COLLECTON 3/22/20</b> <b>The Catholic Relief Services</b> This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Envelopes are in your packets or in the back of church.</p>																						

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21, 2020

† Marilyn & Leroy Engemann

Sunday, March 22, 2020

† Kevin Shortt

† Roselyn Barringhaus

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Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

† Roselyn Barringhaus

Thursday, March 26, 2020

† Sylvester Engemann

Friday, March 27, 2020

† Albert & Veronica Sander

Saturday, March 28, 2020

† Marilyn & Leroy Engemann

Sunday, March 29, 2020

† Kevin Shortt

† Lawrence & Armella Glosemeyer

## Pastor's Letter to the People of St. Ignatius

I write this in great sadness. For the first time in 35 years as a priest, (except for vacations), I will not get to celebrate the Eucharist with my people. For the sake of public health, Archbishop Carlson has suspended all Masses until at least April 6th. He will revisit the current situation sometime before that date and let us know if we may return to Mass. I am celebrating Mass everyday myself on behalf of all of you and your intentions. In the meantime, I ask all of you to practice what the Church calls a Spiritual Holy Communion. To receive this Grace, you tell Jesus that you want to be at Mass. I write that while remembering that there is also a large number of members of every parish who will not feel the loss of Eucharist because they never feel that anyway.

I now ask every faithful Catholic who is reading this to pass this bulletin letter onto someone you know who is intentionally absent from the Eucharistic Table. The Lord uses a time like this when everyone is deprived of the Eucharistic Feast, to remind those who have walked away from this Gift, that whatever you may think about the shortcomings of priests, or the Church, or God, (or yourself?), that this Gift is far greater than any list of wrongs. Somebody---you know the name---died to give this to you. Gratitude is the only proper attitude in response to such a Gift. In the name of Jesus who loves you so much, I call you back during this desert time in the Church. When the Mass returns, you must return, or at least talk with me about what is keeping you away. Give Christ who died to bring you this Gift, enough respect at least to do that. Adults are accountable for such gifts. So be an adult and come back with gratitude or talk to me. Consider this desert time in the Church and all over the land, a wake-up call. Are you up for it? Since you are a member of the Body of Christ, the Church at Saint Ignatius, you are welcome to keep on reading the rest of this letter.

In this strange Lenten fast from the Eucharistic food itself, I want to pass on to all the Scripture that I read at the last Communion Service I held with the children and teachers and kitchen staff this past Tuesday, the last day before the suspension of school. Deuteronomy 4 verse 7 says, "What great nation has gods as close to it, as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him?" I told them we won't be able to be 'close' around God's altar for a while at our school Masses, and that I will miss them. I remind you that Deuteronomy was written before Jesus had given us the Mass. Therefore, God is capable of being close within you, until that greatest Gift of holy intimacy, the Eucharist, returns. God will find some way to keep me feeling like a priest though I cannot gather with you around His altar. I am hungry for the day when I get to satisfy your hunger again, for the Bread and Cup of Life. In the meantime, He will find a way to stay close within you. All my love,  
Father Steve

## Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Joan Meyer	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Connie Buenemann	Evelyn Tucker	Ethel Thomas
Duck Brinker	Shelbee Mauldin	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Karen Brinkmann	Jim Grafrath	Dawn Borgmann
Pillman Family	Andrew Hellebusch	Natalie Ulett
Kim Smith	Carol Jacquin	Audrey Wagener
Tabitha Kersey	Margaret Seats	Olivia Jasper
Judy Brouk	Ralph Glosemeyer	Carl Jacquin
Mary Ann Heggeman	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Tom Meyer	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Cindy Faust	Jim Smith	Kitty Heberle
Kenneth Engemann	Frank Dowling	Jim Derner
Donny Kopmann	Gerald Molitor	Jerome Heggemann

## Notice from the Warren County Health Department

### Are you in need of resources?

We realize with social distancing due to COVID-19 you may not have access to basic necessities. We may be able to help with contacts and phone numbers.

636-456-7474-- Call us for help!

## Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

3/01/07 Jerome Ruether	3/20/86 Aloysius Borges
3/02/80 Eleanor Bocklage	3/21/80 Oscar Hellebusch
3/05/13 Rusty Borgerding	3/23/14 Doug Hitchcock
3/06/04 Albert Sander	3/26/09 Christine Hellebusch
3/11/94 Brenda Forbes	3/26/15 Walter Volkerding
3/15/04 Bernice Nieder	3/28/03 Angela Grotweil
3/16/76 Albert Westhoff	3/30/90 Veronica Volkerding
3/16/05 Linus Glosemeyer	3/30/14 Glenn Hellebusch
3/17/01 Merine Hellebusch	3/31/76 Henry Bocklage
3/17/01 Elmer Glosemeyer	

# Dear Padre,

## Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

**S**aint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns



that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: “Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt” (Matthew 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

### Tuesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

### Wednesday

MARCH 25

The Annunciation

of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Thursday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

### Friday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

### Saturday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

### Sunday

MARCH 29

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45 or

Jn 11:3–7, 17,

20–27, 33b–45



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

**We can imagine what Joseph must have been thinking. How is it that the Son of God has no home? ...And those of us who do have a home, a roof over our heads, would also do well to ask: Why do these, our brothers and sisters, have no place to live?**

—MEETING WITH THE HOMELESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015