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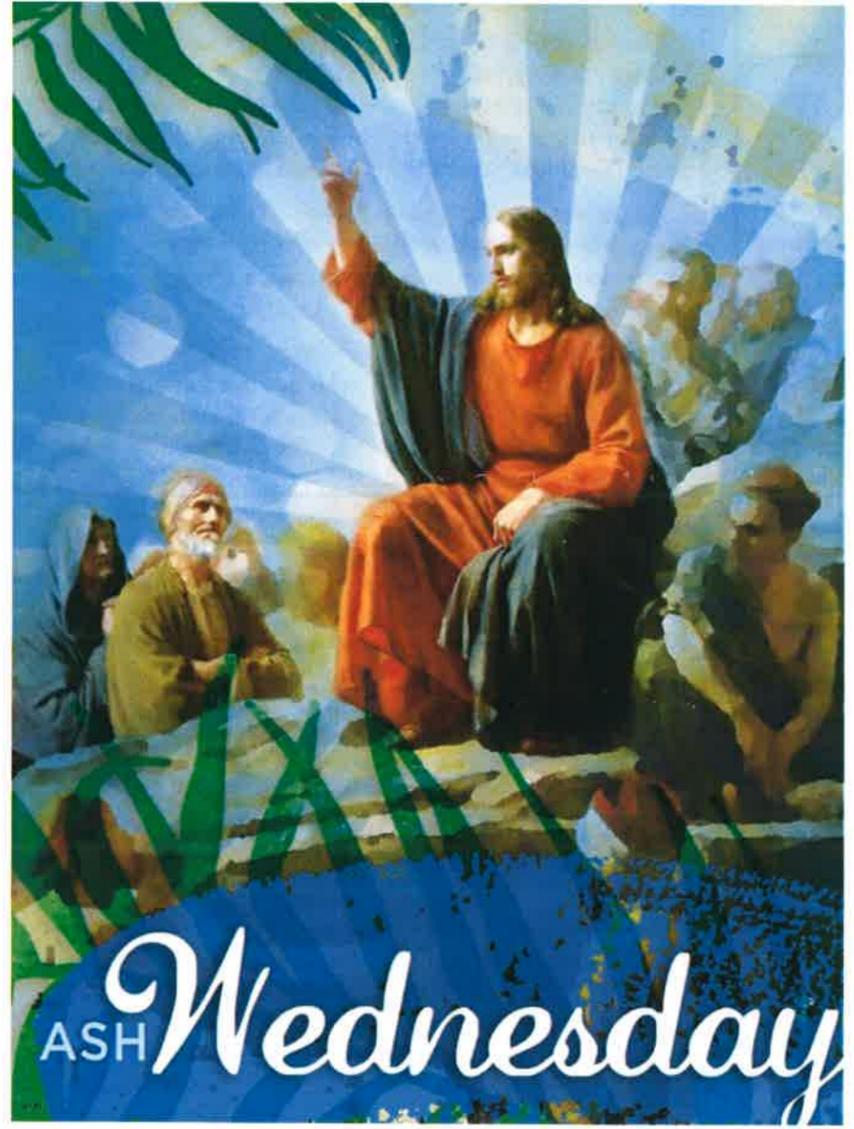
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St. Joseph Church, Boonville  
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Today's Readings begin on pg. 943 Year A

**Sirach 15:15-20**  
No one does he command to act unjustly.  
**Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**  
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!  
**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**  
God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.  
**Matthew 5: 17-37**  
So it was said to your ancestors: but I say this to you.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 14th**  
8:30AM— (St. J)  
-For A Living Special Intention by Kelly Nagy and Family.  
4:00 PM— (St. J)  
-For John Sugar by Jane & Family.

**Sunday, February 15th**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Thomas Crowley by Rosemary Fitts.  
9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Robert Cataldo & Kathryn Helen Cataldo by Kelly Nagy & Family.

**Monday, February 16th**  
8:30AM — (St. J)  
-For Steve, Crystal and Hope Rock by Nikole Rock.

**Tuesday, February 17th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Ash Wednesday, February 18th**  
7:30AM— (St. J) Holy Hour  
8:30AM—(St. P)  
Noon & 6 pm—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Thursday, February 19th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Steve, Crystal and Hope Rock by Nikole Rock.

**Friday, February 20th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
5:30 PM—(St. J) Stations of the Cross  
-For World Wide Chastity by Sara Speno.

**Saturday, February 21st**  
8:30AM— (St. J)  
-For Chuck Montroy by Wife, Nina.  
4:00 PM— (St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Grant D. LaQuay by David and Donna Douglas.  
9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Living & Deceased Members of the Finch Family.

Thank you for supporting those who advertise on our bulletin!

## OFFICE HOURS

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### MASS TIMES

**Daily Mass**  
 Monday through Friday  
 8:30AM (SJ) Boonville; Saturday 8:30AM (SJ)  
 Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport  
**Holy Hours**  
 Monday—Friday 7:15AM-8:15AM (SJ)  
 Exposition and praying of the Rosary  
 during the Holy Hour.  
**Sunday Mass**  
 Vigil Saturday 4:00PM (SJ) Boonville  
 Sunday 8AM (SP) Forestport  
 (confessions from 7:15AM-7:45AM (SP)  
 9:30AM (SJ) Boonville

### Baptism

Please call the office to make arrangements.

### Marriage

Please make an appointment with the priest at least 6 Months prior to wedding date.

### Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday-Friday 6PM-6:30PM (SJ)  
 3:00-3:45PM Saturdays at St Joseph's, Boonville  
 and 7:15-7:45AM Sunday at St Patrick's, Forestport

† To request either the Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick please call the Parish Office. †

**Parish contribution envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Churches.**

*Please pick up your box.*

*If you currently do not have envelopes and would like them, please complete a Parish census form also found in church, and return it to the Parish office. Thank You.*

**"SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE"  
 BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE**

Please join us at Gill Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM-8:00PM for a light meal and discussion with Fr. Ward on the above book. Please check Parish Facebook page for cancellations.

Fr. Ward will also be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on Wednesdays from 6:30PM-7:30PM on the subject of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for interested individuals. The initial sessions will focus on inquiry.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is that time of year when we look forward to the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday and it is my hope that you and your families are preparing well for this penitential season. We may also anticipate this time by having a sense of celebration in the days leading up to Ash Wednesday. In the book LENT AND EASTER A SOURCEBOOK FOR FAMILIES (Edited by Helen Hull Hitchcock) we find some beneficial insights about this season and appropriate practices:

Carnival - Mardi Gras: Carnival is from the Latin Carnevale or "farewell to meat," and it is a time of joyful feasting and fun. The practice of celebrating carnival probably began in ancient times when the Sunday a week before the beginning of Lent was called Dominica Carnevala, or "farewell to meat Sunday"....

Suggestions for Family Activities on Shrove Tuesday: Families can make Shrove Tuesday a spiritual time of preparation for Lent by going to confession where this is possible (a sort of spiritual "pantry cleaning.")

Decide on Lenten sacrifices appropriate to the age of each child, reminding them that our souls need this spiritual exercise to gain strength for living as Christians, just as our bodies need exercise to remain healthy. Our sacrifices are like a gift offered to God, and all real gifts 'cost' the giver something....

Our Lenten spiritual preparations should not be confined to "giving up" things; we should "take on" things -- extra prayers, for example. Especially family prayers. If your family has not already established some form of family prayer, Lent is a good time to begin. We are prepared to do something special during this season anyway. If you have not established the habit of praying together as a family, and in our busy times it is difficult, do set aside some time this Lent to do it.

I personally recommend that families, perhaps after dinner, pray the Rosary or at least one of its mysteries. Another traditional prayer is The Angelus. It is very brief and easy for the whole family to pray together:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: *℟* And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace... Behold the handmaid of the Lord: *℟* Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary... And the Word was made Flesh: (Everyone either bows their head or genuflects) *℟* And dwelt among us. Hail Mary... Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God: *℟* that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

It is my prayer that all of us have a meaningful and fruitful Lenten season.

Grace be with you all,  
 Rev. Thomas I. Ward



REFLECTION



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,  
 Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,  
 Walt Belewich, Sr., Jim White,  
 John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,  
 David Hoffman, Michael Stinebrickner,  
 Ron Cuccaro, Michelle Durney Croniser,  
 Alan Ripp, Wayne Millnitz, Rick Dano,  
 Matthew King., Tim Thayer, Eric Wayne Brown,  
 Everett Otto Stoots, and Jeremy VanValkenburg

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Looking forward to Spring, our next CWC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1. It will be a dish to pass luncheon at 12Noon, followed by a business meeting at 1PM. Please save the date.

**Reminder**— Christ Our Hope Parish will be holding a Synod (listening session) with Fr. Thomas Ward on Monday, February 23rd at 6:30PM in Gill Hall.

### Next Sunday, February 22nd

Please join us for coffee and donuts in Gill Hall after the 9:30AM Mass

NOTE: No coffee & donuts at St. Patrick's until April.



**2025 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY.**

### Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection  
 \$2,381

February 2026 Second Collections  
 Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Catholic Church In Central & Eastern Europe.  
 Feb. 22- Black & Indian Mission Office.

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## Food Pantry Corner

The food pantry has distributed 1302 meals to 20 families in the month of January to date. We sincerely thank all of our neighbors who have donated to us throughout the season and thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help us keep the ship afloat. If you are in need of food, please reach out to us, we are here to help! 315-507-0547.

**THE THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL SPRING**

### FAITH FORMATION

March 1st classes will resume.  
 March 8th - FAITH FORMATION BOWLING PARTY,  
 BOONVILLE BOWL A RAMA 1:00-3:00pm

Please Sign up by contacting Kelly Nagy - DRE  
 email Kelly - [Knagy@syrdio.org](mailto:Knagy@syrdio.org) or text  
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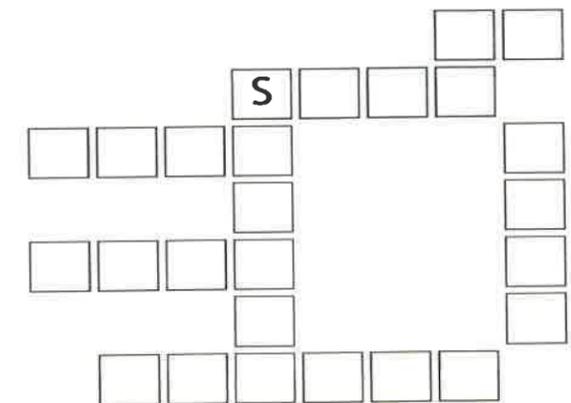
**FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS,  
 FIRST RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN  
 RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY  
 MARCH 8th, AFTER THE 9:30am  
 MASS.**

## KIDS CORNER



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares!

**Your Father sees what is done in secret.**



As a family, decide to skip a meal. Instead of eating, use that time to pray together and give the money you would have spent on food to help the poor. Remember, don't tell anyone so God can reward you!