

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 7-8, 2026 — Third Sunday of Lent



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*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 8

KOC Food Collection
 Religious Ed Stations of the Cross rehearsal 11:15 AM
 OCIA class 11:15 AM

Tuesday, March 10

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 Bible Study: The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM
 Bingo & Potluck 12:00 PM
 Bible Study: The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 Adoration 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
 Reconciliation 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
 Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper 6:00 PM
 KOC 4th Degree meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, March 13

Share the Word (exploring the Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 14

Men's fellowship & breakfast 7:00 AM

Sunday, March 15

KOC Food collection
 Religious Ed 11:15 AM
 OCIA class 11:15 AM

INCOME	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,385.00	\$ 3,826.00
Plate	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,105.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,146.82
Building Fund		\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 5,616.00	\$ 7,177.82

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor
 Joe Schroeder, Deacon
 Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager
 Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager
 Emily Busch, RE Coordinator
 Sydney Wilson, Youth Minister
 Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

Parish Council

Kira Busch | Michael Grieshaber, Chair
 Paul Hittson | Lara McHenry
 Ellen Stoner | Joe Winkler

Finance Council

Joleen Cooney | Ric Gaunt | Jim Novello
 Richard Vann | Joyce Woodard

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM
 Tuesday & Wednesday
 8:30 AM
Reconciliation Wednesdays
 9:00—2:00 PM
Adoration Wednesdays 9:00—2:00 PM

Thank You St. Joseph Parishioners!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 8872, I thank you for your monetary generosity in supporting the Dr. Leroy Byrd Memorial Wheelchair program. Because of your generosity, Council 8872 will purchase 19 wheelchairs for local facilities. Three wheelchairs will be kept at St. Joseph for needs as they arise. The remaining chairs will be given to both Shriner's Children's Hospital and Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Again, thank you for your generous support of the Dr. Leroy Byrd Memorial Wheelchair program.

Chris Boza, KOC Council 8872 Program Director

Holy Week Schedule

April 2 - Holy Thursday - 7:00 PM St. Mary

April 3 - Good Friday - 7:00 PM St. Joseph

April 4 - Holy Saturday - 8:00 PM St. Joseph

April 5 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM St. Joseph

April 6—Easter Monday—Parish closed

Sacristans/Lectors

Sacristans - Saturday, March 14— Patrick & Rebecca

Sacristans - Sunday, March 15 - Dave & Cathy

Lector - Saturday, March 14—Mindy

Lector - Sunday, March 15— Mike K.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 14— Doug & Melinda Y.

Sunday, March 15— Scott S., Sandra N., Parker, Bob

Coffee & Donuts

hosted by Linda H. & Connie S.

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First Reading *Exodus 17:3-7*

Psalm *95:1-2,6-9*

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Gospel Reading *John 4:5-42*

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah.

His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

—*Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7—St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, March 8—Dwane Berens+

Tuesday, March 10—Kevin McKee+

Wednesday, March 11—Radtke Family (special Intention)

Saturday, March 14—St. Joseph Parishioners

2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will conduct weekly food collections during the five weekends of Lent. There will be no collections on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.



The food and cash donations received will, as always, be donated to the North County Food Bank in Elk.

The Knights thank you in advance for your generosity. God Bless You!

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