

# Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax



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If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain or if you have something you'd like us to pray for you can:  
1) Email Deacon Joe at [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com), 2) Email

## Immaculate Conception Church of Colfax

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM

**NO MASS ON MONDAY**

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions by appointment, call 515-674-3711

## Baptisms and Weddings

For information concerning or to schedule a baptism or wedding contact the parish office. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance.

## Religious Education

Religious Education Classes are held September through May. If you have questions please contact the parish Office at 515-674-3711.

## Bulletin Available Online

The bulletin and a calendar of events is available at our website: [www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org](http://www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org) and on our Facebook page.

## Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday

**Greeters:** Sitzmann Family  
**Servers:** Ryan Braun (Cross)  
Sharon Jones (Incense)  
Irma Bell (Book)  
**Readers:** Rita Krueger (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)  
Linda Barnum (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
Rita Krueger (Passion)  
**Gift Bearers:** Shelbee Stier, Karen VD  
**EMHC:** Joann Carothers  
Karen VanDusseldorp



**Diane Wood**  
**Carol Swift**  
**David Shepley**, son of  
Deloris Shepley, Cancer  
**Raegan Lester**: niece of  
Tracey Wilson, Cancer  
**Leland Braun**: husband of  
Dody Braun, Good Health  
**George Ernst**

**Jamie Coady**, cousin of Fr. Ron, cancer  
**Peggy Lester**, sister of Tracey Wilson, Cancer  
**Bruce** (Dementia) and **Mary Jo** (Continued Health) **Stephenson**,  
**Michelle Rebelsky**, friend and former parishioner of Fr. Ron, Cancer  
**Matt Bell**, son of Irma Bell, Recovery from Infection  
**Michael John Holmes**, husband of Michelle Holmes, Cancer  
**Charlene Montgomery**, mother of Lisa Bussan, suffering a fall  
**Michael John Nelson**  
**Terry Hilker**, husband of Lori Colister Hilker  
**David McDowell**, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, lymphoma  
**JoAnn Bessler**, sister of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer  
**Jen Scheetz**, cousin of Karen VanDusseldorp, cancer  
**Suzie Hansen**, former parishioner of Fr. Ron, colon cancer  
**Baby Grace Parker**, newborn granddaughter of Ed and Kathleen  
Parker  
**Karen VanDusseldorp's Mother**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 17, 2024—MARCH 23, 2024

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024, LAETARE SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JEREMIAH 31:31-34 ; HEBREWS 5:7-9; JOHN 12:20-33  
• 9:00AM (+*PRO POPULO*)

### MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

*MEMORIAL: ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOTC*  
DANIEL 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; JOHN 8:1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

**SOLEMNITY: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM**  
2 SAMUEL 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; ROMANS 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
LUKE 2:41-51A  
• 8:00 AM (+*RICHARD ERICKSEN, BY LINDA ERICKSEN*)

### Wednesday, MARCH 20, 2024

**LENTEN WEEKDAY (5)**  
DANIEL 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; JOHN 8:31-42  
• 8:00 AM (+*JEANETTE WELDON BY IRMA BELL*)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

**LENTEN WEEKDAY (5)**  
GENESIS 17:3-9; JOHN 8:51-59  
• 8:00 AM (+*MAGGIE CLARK, BY MARY JO HOSTETTER*)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

**LENTEN WEEKDAY (5)**  
JEREMIAH 20:10-13; JOHN 10:31-42  
• 8:00 AM (*MICHAEL J. HOLMES, BY MARY HOLMES*)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

**LENTEN WEEKDAY (4)**  
EZEKIEL 37:21-28; JOHN 11:45-56

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
ISAIAH 50:4-7; PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11; JOHN 14:1—15:47

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday of Lent, 9:00 AM  
Tuesday, March 19 Daily Mass: 8:00 AM  
Deanery Meeting 11:00 AM  
Social Action Comm. 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, March 20 Daily Mass: 8:00 AM  
Religious Ed. 6:15 PM  
Thursday, March 21 Daily Mass: 8:00 AM  
Finance Council, 6:00 PM  
Friday, March 22 Daily Mass: 8:00 AM  
Adoration, 6:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM  
followed by soup supper

### Holy Week Begins Jesus Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

March 27 **Tenebrae 7 PM**  
March 28 **Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 PM**  
March 29 **Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM**  
**Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM**  
March 30 **Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM**  
**Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM**

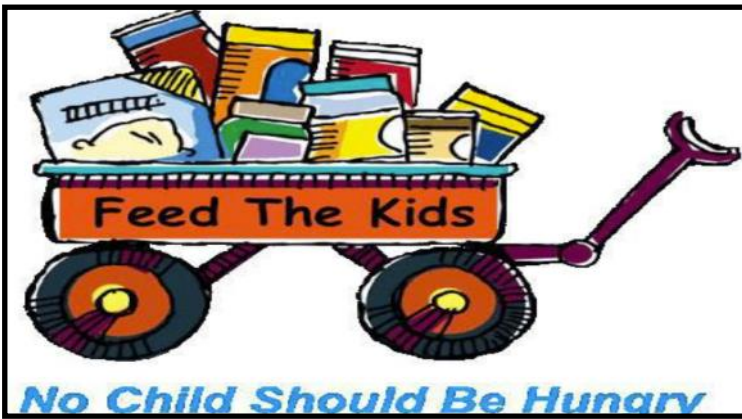
**Easter Sunday**  
March 31 9:00 AM




Leadership Team	Elected Members	Commission Chairs
Tom Wilson President	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Year</u> , Natalie Owen (3) Tom Wilson (3)	<u>Altar &amp; Rosary</u> Peggy Dvorak
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**VANCO**  
FAITH






**LENT**  
 WE CAN THINK OF **LENT**  
 as a time to  
**ERADICATE EVIL OR CULTIVATE VIRTUE**  
 a time to  
 pull up weeds or  
 plant good seeds  
**WHICH IS BETTER IS CLEAR,**  
 for the **Christian ideal**  
**IS ALWAYS**  
**POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE.**  
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## The Christian Pilgrim

*Pilgrimage to France*

with Fr. Marty Goetz

Including Lourdes, Lisieux, Normandy Beaches, and Mont-Saint Michel, and Paris

September 30-October 11, 2024



For More Information contact:  
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### SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:

Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email [fdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:fdanguenther@gmail.com) Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!



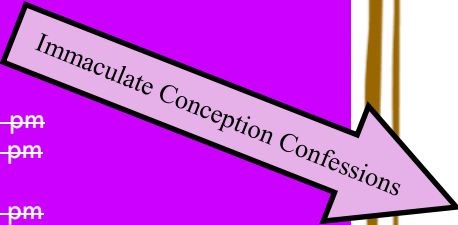
"Maybe we should change the name of the parish to something cool, like the Protestants do and add a coffee bar."

# Lenten Reconciliation Service



## Ottumwa Deanery Communal Penance Services

Feb. 25 St. Mary, Albia, 4pm  
 Mar. 3 St. Patrick, Brooklyn,  
 Mar. 3 St. Mary, Grinnell,  
 Mar. 10 Sacred Heart, Melcher, 2 pm  
 Mar. 10 St. Anthony, Knoxville, 4 pm  
 Mar. 11 St. Mary, Pella, 6:30 pm  
 Mar. 17 Sacred Heart, Newton, 2 pm  
 Mar. 19 St. Mary, Oskaloosa, 6:30 pm



Immaculate Conception, Colfax, will not have a communal penance service, but we will have expanded hours/days for individual reconciliation.

## Our Lenten Calendar

March 15	6 PM <u>Adoration</u> 6:30 PM <u>Stations</u> <u>Soup Supper</u>
March 17	<u>5th Sunday, Lent</u>
March 20	6-7:30 <u>Confessions</u>
March 22	6 PM <u>Adoration</u> 6:30 PM <u>Stations</u> <u>Soup Supper</u>
March 23	9-11AM <u>Confessions</u>

In addition to musicians, and liturgical ministers, we need much help decorating for the various Masses during Holy Week. Below are the times and dates we need help!

March 24	After Mass setup for Holy Thursday
March 26	After Mass setup for Tenebrae
March 27	After Tenebrae, finish setup for Holy Thursday
March 29	Setup for Good Friday, time TBD
March 30	Following Morning Prayer setup for Easter



The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus  
Are Havin' Fish Frys!


Every Friday during Lent!

Immaculate Conception folks, remember that since our council closed last year, our memberships were transferred to the Newton Council. We should support our new council by offerin' our help and eatin' their fish! Here's a note from their financial secretary. Let's help out!

*Lent is here, so that means the KofC fish fries are here as well. We will be setting up McCann Center this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. This entails taking out all tables and chairs so that we will be ready to serve dinner Friday. The more people that we get there Thursday night, the sooner we get done. If you have a few minutes, please stop by and help.*

*If you would like to help with the fish fry on Friday, just stop on by between 4:00 and 4:30. We will find you a spot on our food line. Whether it is frying up fish in the garage, serving meals at the kitchen counter or cleaning up afterwards, this will be a great time to show your stewardship for our parish. If you cannot make it that early, stop by after 5 and we can always use helpers washing dishes and cleaning up the center when we are done. We will be doing this every Friday until easter.*

*Thanks, and God Bless,  
 Jeff Hoebelheinrich  
 Financial Secretary  
 Feel free to call me at 641-521-3439 if you ever have any questions about the Knights.*



**I was asked a question a while ago and I thought I'd do a Q&A. Anyone else have a question?**

**Q:** Why do some people bow during the Creed

**A:** The rubrics, or the instructions we follow for Mass say that everyone should bow slightly from the waist at the words, "Was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man," out of respect and gratitude for the incarnation of Christ (that he was born into our world).

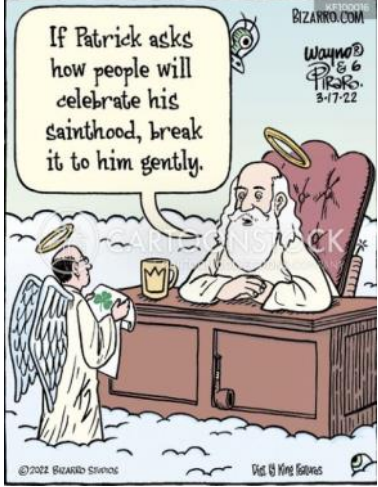
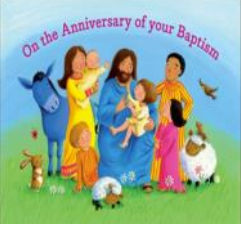


March Wedding Anniversaries  
 Mike and Shelly Wood 3/9  
 Keegan and Lindsey Porter 3/19

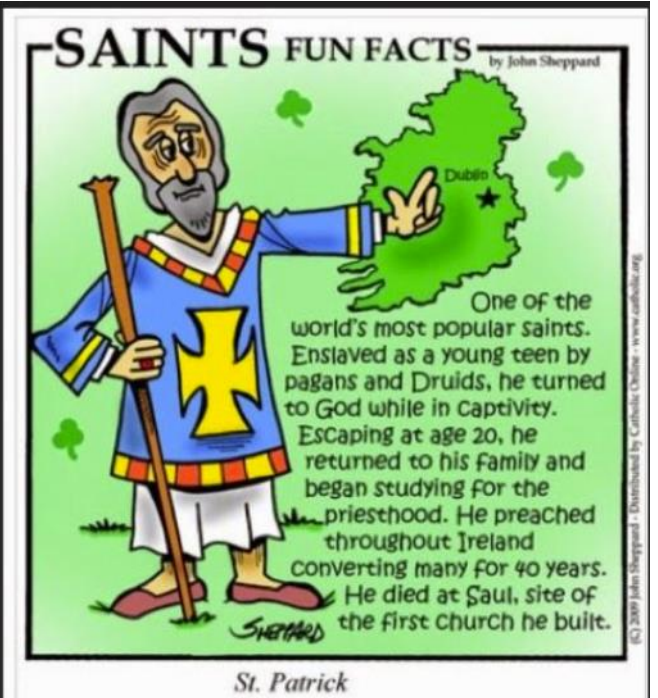
March Birthdays  
 Olivia Bell 3/4  
 Grace Brown 3/5  
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/9  
 Brooke Dross 3/11  
 Alexis Dross 3/11  
 Chloe Muck 3/12  
 Arianna Sitzmann 3/12  
 Peggy Dvorak 3/15  
 Santo Miranda (3/18  
 James Webb 3/18  
 Kyle Wood 3/18  
 Bill Hill 3/21  
 Miguel Miranda 3/27  
 Joe Dvorak 3/28  
 Vince Sitzmann 3/30

**Landscaping Project Update**  
 Our project will begin this spring, exact date TBD.  
 Have you had an opportunity to support the project? If not, there's still time.  
 Please put our contribution in an envelope marked "Landscaping Project" or use the Capital Improvement envelope in your packet. Just put it in the collection basket.

March Baptismal Birthdays  
 Rylan Edgington 3/01  
 Iris Osterhaus 3/21  
 Aidrik Osterhaus 3/21  
 Olivia Bell 3/22



Many thanks to all who made our Mulligan Stew dinner a success! Cooks, bakers, servers, setup people, clean up people, tear down people, dishwashers, and diners.  
 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
 Immaculate Conception Church  
 It's great to see the parish come together to make things happen!  
 To Go Containers Available  
 For more information, call Karen at 345-6699 (x328)



**Do you feel behind in filling your rice bowl?  
 Here are some ideas...**

1. put .05 in your RB for every bag of snacks in your house
2. put \$1 in your RB for each video game system in your home
3. put .25 in your RB for every hot meal you ate last week
4. put .25 in your RB for every pet your family owns
5. put .50 in your RB for each refrigerator/freezer/grill you have
6. put .75 in your RB for every toilet and shower you have

St. Patrick

# IN LOVING Memory

In recent months, parishioners have asked what may be done, for the parish, in the way of memorial gifts given in memory of loved ones. After some thought we've composed a list of idea.

1. Due to some deaths and canceled pledges fulfilling our capital campaign pledges is going to fall \$3,200 short. A gift to decrease or eliminate that shortfall could be given.
2. A gift could be given toward the completion of the landscaping project.
3. Our holy water bucket and aspergillum need to be replaced.
4. We have a number of candlesticks and candelabra that need to be replated.
5. Our white cope and humeral veil need to be replaced. A good deal of the color of the applique is gone and the stains around the neckline no longer come out.

Future items:

1. Installation of a hearing loop system might be useful as as our parish continues to age
2. At some point we will need to look at the stabilization of our stained glass windows.
3. It would be nice to have an automated bell ringing system like the Baptists have.

These are just some things we've thought about as a starting place. If you are interested in providing a memorial for a loved one and have other ideas, please speak to Fr. Ron.

**One of our Lenten obligations is almsgiving. Regardless how little we have, there is always someone with less. We might not see them, and we might not know them (or we might, without knowing their situation) but they deserve the same as we do. Please help our brothers and sisters by participating in CRS's Operation Rice Bowl. Let's fill all our boxes by the end of Lent.**

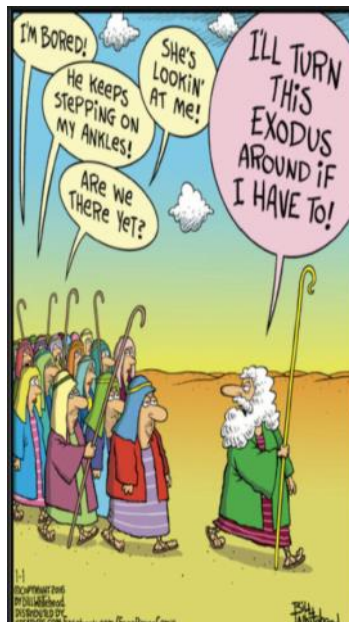
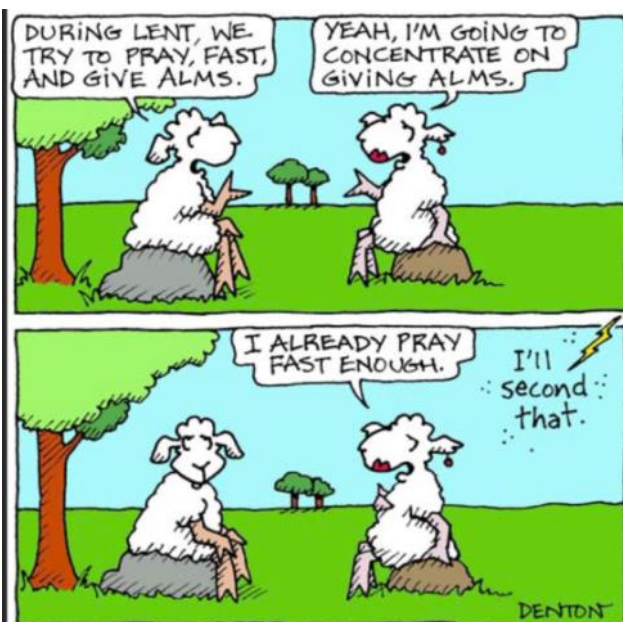
**We can make a difference!**



**Don't forget to fill up your Rice Bowl!**



**We Need Liturgical Ministers, Please Help.**

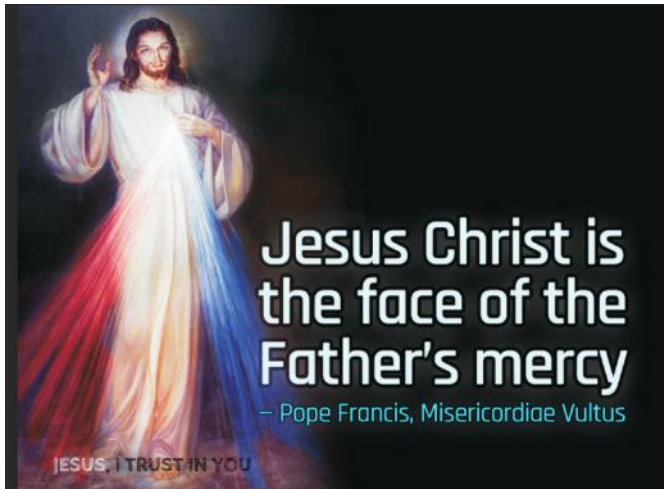


As much as we need funds to operate the parish we need people to fill the needed liturgical roles in the liturgy.

- We have 3 altar servers that serve most of the time. Two of them are over 70.
- We have 6 readers
- We have 5 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- We need 19 ministers each Mass not counting the priest, deacon, and choir.

We need your help. We don't really have the luxury of "retiring" from ministry. S T R E T C H yourself. It's entirely possible you find a gift or talent you didn't even know you had!

Answer, YES, when asked!



**Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Ottumwa Deanery Celebration  
 St. Mary, Centerville  
 1:30-3:00 PM  
 Adoration, Prayers, and Confessions

St. Mary, Sigourney  
 2:00 PM Adoration and Confessions  
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet





If you have palms from years past, we will have a basket available next week and you may



**Saturday, March 23, 9:00 AM—**  
**when we're finished**  
 Easter is almost here and as we've been spending lent preparing our hearts to celebrate Passion of the Lord, we should also prepare our church to celebrate the Passion of the Lord  
**Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails to follow**

*St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville and St. Patrick's, Melrose are pleased to present*

*In Concert*  
**Steve Angrisano and Francesca La Rosa**


3pm, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Simon Estes Auditorium  
 Centerville

*An afternoon of music, faith sharing and entertainment for Youth and Family. All are invited.*  
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## Catholic Lent Word Search

Jesus	Ash	Bible	Holy
Temple	Easter	Purple	Cross
Believe	Prayer	Fasting	Priest
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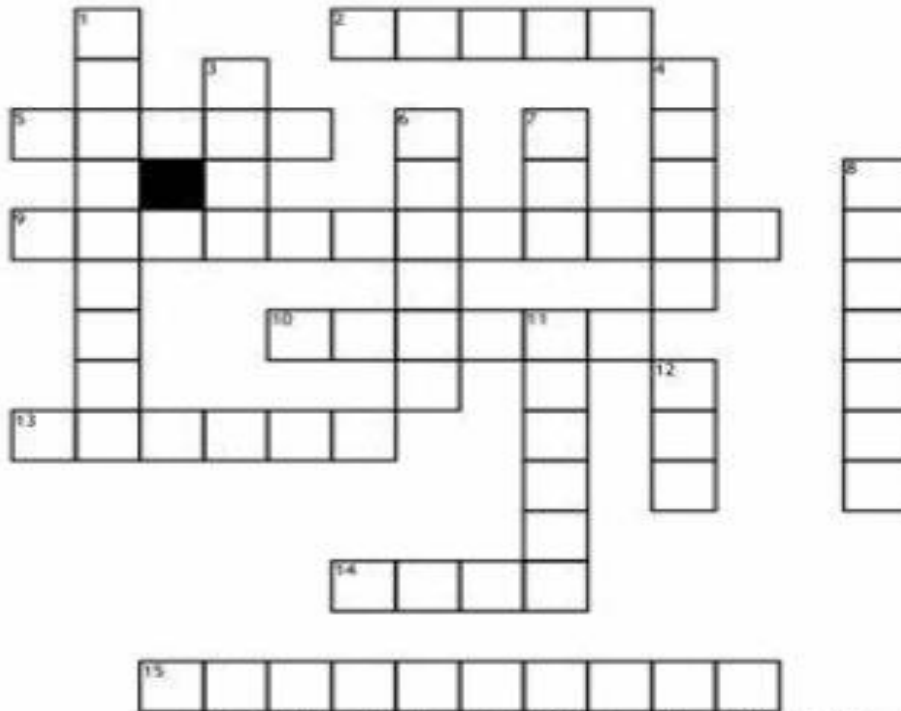
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Lent Crossword



**Across**

- 2. How many Days are there in Lent
- 5. What was Jesus tempted to turn a stone into?
- 9. On what day do we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead?
- 10. In which river was Jesus Baptised?
- 13. On what day of the week did Jesus die?

- 14. What actions offend God
- 15. What is the Sunday before Easter called?

**Down**

- 1. What is the Prayer that Jesus taught us?
- 3. What is the word for giving up something that we like?
- 4. Who tempted Jesus
- 6. Where did Jesus go to pray

- 7. Fill In the blank: Jesus is God the .....

- 8. As well as giving up something and helping people, what else as we asked to do more of in Lent
- 11. Who looked after Jesus?
- 12. How many Old Testament Figures appeared with Jesus on the top of the mountain at His Transfiguration?

**Word Bank**

# Lift for Answers

**MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH**

REMEMBER, O MOST CHASTE SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY, THAT NEVER WAS IT KNOWN THAT ANYONE WHO IMplored YOUR HELP AND SOUGHT YOUR INTERCESSION WERE LEFT UNASSISTED. FULL OF CONFIDENCE IN YOUR POWER I FLY UNTO YOU AND BEG YOUR PROTECTION. DESPISE NOT O GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER MY HUMBLE SUPPLICATION, BUT IN YOUR BOUNTY, HEAR AND ANSWER ME. AMEN.



*St. Joseph  
Pray for us!*



*Happy Feast  
of St. Joseph*

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God.

I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls  
Pray for me. Amen