

St. Joseph Catholic Church

ESTABLISHED 1869 - NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS

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Last Week's Gift to God and Parish

Feb. 13 Regular Offertory **\$5,309.00**

Thank you for continuing to support your parish. As Catholics, we believe that all we have is a gift from God. Our response in faith is to offer these gifts back to God in gratitude. With gifts of prayer, we pray for our nation, Church and our parishes. With gifts of treasure, we support our parishes even when we cannot be there in person.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be each Friday of Lent at 12:00 noon in the Church for anyone interested in attending.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 3/11 Fri. 8:00 am **Open**
- 3/12 Sat. 7:00 pm **+Rodney Karonika** (Birthday Remembrance)
by Margie, Chester Karonika & Randy Karonika
- Family 3/13 Sun. 9:00 am **Open**
- 11:00 am **Open**
- 3/18 Fri. 8:00 am **Open**

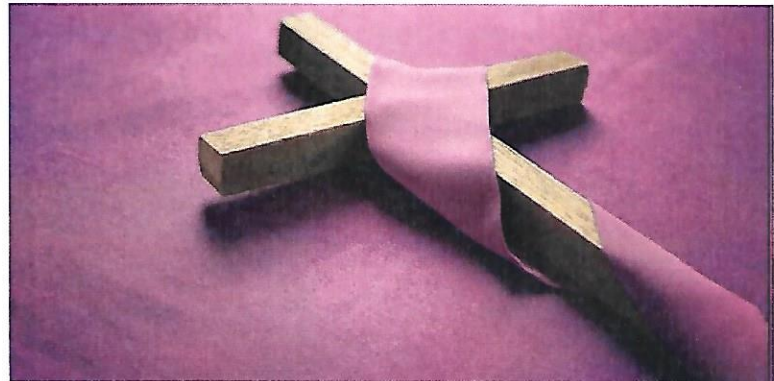
SUNDAY COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP –

This Sunday, March 6 there will be no coffee 4 after the 9:00 am Mass. Next Sunday, March 13 will be sponsored by the Koth Family. Join us for fellowship and coffee. This is a great time for new parishioners to get to know other parishioners in the parish. If a group or an individual would like to sponsor a Sunday, please call Bryan or Dolly Rasco at 936-520-9435 or Barbara Hasara at 936-524-0577 and we will be happy to help you host.

NEW PARISHIONERS – registration forms are available in the back of the church. Fill out and return by dropping off at office, dropping in the collection basket or returning it by mail to: 101 Elmore St. New Waverly, Texas 77358

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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| Josey Billnoske | Randy Lemon | Martin Sandoval |
| Ann Buxton | Jaiden Travis May | Mary Cruz Sandoval |
| Albert Carranza | Violeta Mendoza | Ramon Sandoval |
| David Coffee | Ronnie McSwain | Rosalinda Sandoval |
| Benjamin Daly | Jimmy Novark | Les Schatz |
| Leo Javier Daly | Deacon Klaus Petereit | Kevin Schrader |
| Kathy Demny | Dan Profitt | Louise Slott |
| Barbara Follis | Franicisco Rocha | Martin Slott |
| Michael Haas | Maria Rosales | Lois Ubanoski |
| Chuck Harris | Anna Ross | Phillip Wagner |
| Anna Hyman | Stevie Russell | |
| John Lahey | Evangelina Samano | |



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY will be each Friday of Lent from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. until April 15, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 16663 North Hwy 75, Willis, Tx. Plates will be \$12.00 and include fried catfish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies & dessert. Invite your friends and all go and support our Knights! If you have any questions, call 936-525-7426.

WHAT IS LENT? –

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.