

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

March 20/21, 2021 Week 38

Attendance: 256 weekly Need: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
2885	50	- 1128	+ 3319

Capital Exp 305 Capital Build Fund 80
 Good Shepherd 150 Feed My Sheep 33
 Easter Flowers 525

Thank you all who give so generously. God Bless you!

*Pray for the Sick
of our Parish*



Charles Downs	Dale Bauer	Mary Cornejo
Jeanne Huffor	Ron Eydt	Maria Figueroa
Susie Ryan	Alvaro Pina	Karen Ruggiero
Dennis Wilson	Hugo Schielke	Patty Swatzell

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy is extended to those who request it).

Event of Death: notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

Happy Birthday – Lisandro Avila, David Brown, Christian Figueroa, Charlotte Gillig, Gerald Kyker, Maria Leon, Esequiel Lopez, Prudencio Lopez, Fernando Mora, Linda Riley

Happy Anniversary – none this week
 To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.



Our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to recite the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thursdays in the Marion Hall. Not on Holy Thursday**

Thought for the Week:

"But Palm Sunday tells us that ...it is the Cross that is the true tree of life."**Pope Benedict XVI**

Palm Sunday's thought:: "Life is full of ups and downs. Glorify God during the ups and fully trust in Him during the downs. **Unknown**



EASTER FLOWERS -

We are collecting donations for Easter Flowers. This is a wonderful way to honor loved ones, living or deceased. Please put your donation of any amount in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" (one is also provided with your March envelopes) and place it in the collection basket or bring it by the church or mail it to SJTW.

Tired of writing checks or forgetting that check?

ONLINE GIVING

Visit our website at www.sjtwrcc.org
 click on the "Donate Now" button

Support Seminarian Education: On Easter Sunday, a collection will be taken up in support of Diocesan Seminarian Education. Though we are one of the smallest dioceses in the US, we are blessed with a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood. The cost of educating one seminarian is over \$50,000. Your investment in the future of the priesthood is greatly needed to help guarantee the growth of the Catholic faith in East Tennessee. Please be generous in supporting our Diocesan Seminarians in their formation as they endeavor through the grace of God to become your future priests.



Pope Francis proclaims 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph, recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the declaration as St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Bishop suggests that each parish do

something to honor St. Joseph. St. Joseph was a loving father as well as a protector and provider for the Holy Family.

Father Julius and the Parish Council ask parishioners to think of ways that our parish can honor and celebrate our patron St. Joseph. Perhaps, we can come up with some creative ideas that we can do individually yet collectively honor the ideals and example of the life of St. Joseph. Please, contact Father Julius, the office or any council members to share your suggestions.

First Annual Race for Kids Virtual 5K & Family Walk: You can help support CCETN’s Children’s Emergency Shelter and C.H.A.P. Program by joining the Kids Virtual 5K & Family Walk. It will be held Sunday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 28, 2021. You can do it virtually, from home or from anywhere. Just go to www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids for more details or to sign up.



Pope Francis: the crucifix is our compass and hope:

“I walked like this, alone, thinking about the loneliness of so many people” These are the words of Pope Francis in the book which recalls the extraordinary moment of prayer that he held in the evening of March 27 last year in a desolate and rain-drenched St. Peter's Square, pleading that humanity may be saved from the clutches of the deadly coronavirus.

The event streamed live was followed by crowds across the globe. The book, “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?”, is a short interview with the Pope by Lucio Adrián Ruiz, Secretary of the Dicastery for Communication, in which the Holy Father relives that memorable event through photos. The Vatican Publishing House will make the book available for the public on December 17, when the Pope turns 85.

The first part of the book includes the impassioned and powerful plea of the Pope to God for humanity at the March 27 event. The second part contains the development of that reflection in the light of the Gospel and the social doctrine of the Church that emerged in the months following that event. He encourages people to make the pandemic an opportunity to rethink the meaning of life, to come out of it better and not worse, and to allow oneself to be questioned and to convert.

A particularly poignant moment of that March 27 evening came when after a moment of silent prayer in front of the drenched crucifix, he kissed the feet of Jesus. “Kissing the feet of the Crucifix,” the Pope says, “always gives hope.” Jesus “knows what it means to walk and He knows quarantine because they put two nails there to hold him in place”. “The feet of Jesus are a compass in people's lives, when they walk and when they stand still. The feet of the Lord touch me a lot ...,” the Pope adds. Apart from the crucifix in that deserted square was also the image of Mary the health of the Roman People. The prayer service was a sort of a stop in time when Christians worldwide were glued to the event in St. Peter’s Square, to invoke God's mercy and to rethink life in a personal/global way.

The Pope has delivered a new cycle of catechesis on healing the world during his weekly general audience from August 5 to September 30, 2020. These reflections on transforming the roots of our physical, spiritual and social diseases, addressed issues such as the common good, the preferential option for the poor, care for the common home and subsidiarity. Focusing on Christ is central, remembering that no one is saved alone, as the pandemic has made it evident in a concrete way.

...By Robin Gomes

