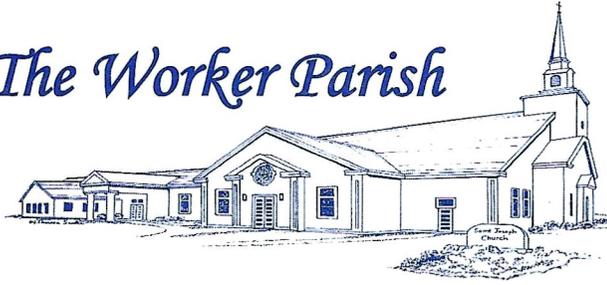


Saint Joseph The Worker Parish



January 2026

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **February 18th, Ash Wednesday**, we will once again enter the Season of Lent. Our Lord invites us to participate in this “acceptable time”, this “day of salvation” and share with him his forty days in the desert when he prayed, fasted, and resisted the temptations of the evil one. This is a time for us to renew ourselves in faith, strengthen our relationship with the Lord, and where necessary, to find reconciliation with those people from whom we might be estranged. It is meant to be a season of grace for us. This year our parish Liturgy Committee suggests that we live Lent under the theme, “**Come Back to Me**”. The Lord invites us to change where necessary so that we grow in intimacy with Him.

In the hope of assisting you to make this Lent a time of spiritual benefit and change of heart, the parish is suggesting a Lenten program with a variety of opportunities to pray, learn, and grow in holiness. You will find enclosed with this letter a list of those various opportunities. I encourage you to make at least some of them part of your Lenten journey.

On Easter, we will celebrate The Resurrection of Christ to New Life. In some way, we need to be “new” as well. May your own Lenten prayer and penance and your participation in our parish Lenten program lead to that newness of life for you and enable you to be a source of light and new life to all those with whom you live.

With every good wish, I am,

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