

# ST JOSEPH'S

## EPISCOPAL • CHURCH

### Parish News

#### March Alms



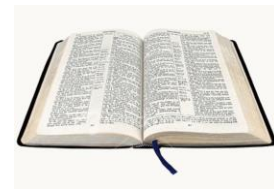
The alms for March will go to Haven House, a domestic violence shelter and program serving victims of family violence in Henry, Jasper, Butts and Lamar Counties.

Another way you may support Haven House is by making a donation of your gently used household goods, fashion accessories and clothing to the Blessings Thrift Store, located at 86 Work Camp Rd in McDonough. When items are not used by the families in need, they may be sold to provide income for the shelter for purchasing food and supplies.

Lastly, if you'd like to support Haven House through our quarterly meal ministry, please contact our church office for more details.

#### Mystics

Please join us as we learn about the lives of ancient and modern mystics. Meet in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 service.



March 10 - Julian of Norwich - Sheryl Parsons  
March 17 - Teresa of Avila - Don Schewe  
March 24 - Thomas Merton - Don Schewe  
March 31 - Parish-Wide Gathering on Identity - Rev. Denise  
April 7 - Annie Dillard - Rev. Denise

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## Wednesday Lenten Supper Series

The season of Lent is a God-given time to reflect on and discuss our lives together as a faith community. As a congregation in transition we must pray, reflect and discuss who we are as a body of Christ. What are we like? What are our strengths and opportunities in this day and time? What skills and talents does our next Rector need to help us accomplish our unique calling to serve our Lord and our neighbor?



Our Lenten Wednesday night dinner series will help us all answer these questions while having fun and deepening our relationships with each other.

We will start dinner at 6pm and the program will start by 6:30pm. The night will take the shape of our liturgy. We begin with prayers, our discussions will be the sermon and we end by sharing the bread and wine of an informal Eucharist.

Weekly topics will be:

March 13 - Change and Readiness in Transition

March 20 - Habits, Norms and Expectations

March 27 - Church Size and Its Implications

April 3 - Power, Authority and Influence

April 10 - Reflections on Lazarus and the life of St. Joseph's

I pray you will join us in this intentional, prayerful walk towards getting to know yourself and fellow parishioners better and understand more deeply what God has in store for St. Joseph's.

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## Discerning Our Identity Summit

Taking time to discern what God is calling St. Joseph's to be and where our mission, in Christ, is leading us is a very important component to any search process.



**Please mark your calendars now for a very important parish-wide gathering on Sunday March 31st. We will have ONE COMBINED service at 9:30am.**

Afterwards we will begin the Summit with a **pot luck meal** and start our program promptly by 10:45. Through your stories we will discover what you hold dear in the life of St. Joseph's. We will have a fun and meaningful conversation about what in God's name is happening at St. Joseph's that will give us a real sense of how the Holy Spirit is moving and leading us.

Please take time to reflect on the [identity questions](#) and bring your answers to our gathering. Invite your friends and family!

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## Directory Information

The online church directory can be accessed [here](#).

A valid email address must be in the directory to gain access.



To be added to the directory, or to update personal information, please click [here](#) and fill out the online form which is electronically submitted to the church. Within one week, you will receive an email from the church office letting you know your information has been added to the directory. You will then be able to create an account and access the online directory.

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## Happy to Visit You!

Message from Rev. Denise:



I want you to know that I'm very pleased to visit all of you -- not just those whose health prevents them from attending church. You don't have to need anything for me to come. The visit is its own reason.

I can be flexible depending on the day and week. Please email [coachfortransitions@gmail.com](mailto:coachfortransitions@gmail.com) or call the church office at 770.957.7517 and we'll find a time to get together.

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## Prayer Request? Praise Report?

Prayer Requests, as well as **Praise Reports**, can now be submitted through the website. The Healing Prayer Team will pray for each submission and will join in praise the answered prayers.



All requests will be kept confidential. If you would like your request to be sent to the Parish, please state this in the Prayer Details section.

Check it out [here](#) and [here](#).

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