

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 5

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Leonard Smythe + by Larry & Nancy Leitz

Sunday, May 6

- Sixth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. First Communion Mass- Parish Family Monday, May 7

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, May 8

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil Family by Ron Smith
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Adoration
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction
7:00 p.m. Deceased members of Gerald Beckman Family

Thursday, May 10

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Living and deceased of Diane Humphrey Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick/Homebound

Friday, May 11

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Marjorie Harty + by St. Joseph Choir
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, May 12

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski + by Friends

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

- The Ascension of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
August 25-26, 2018 (See insert in bulletin)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6TH, 2018, YR. B GOD IS LOVE: SO, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you! **I want to inform you that Thursday of this week is The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus, but in our Province, it is transferred to Next Sunday the 7th Sunday of Easter, May 13th. So, Thursday this week is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. Ascension occurs 40 days after Easter, and 10 days before Pentecost. Thus, Pentecost is 50 days after Easter.**

It is worth mentioning that weekdays after Ascension through Saturday before Pentecost is a special time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit starts on Friday May 11. You can use any form of prayer for the Novena Prayer.

In today's Liturgy we celebrate love in a distinctive way. GOD IS LOVE. SO, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER. St. Augustine said: "Love and then do whatever you want". Yes, because Love does not seek its own advantage or glory. It does not take offence or store up grievances. It does not do wrong. Love is not rude, or jealous or boastful. Love never comes to an end. Love is kind, patience, always ready to make allowance. It trusts, hopes and endures whatever comes. The three readings expressed love, **the Agape love.**

In the First Reading; Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; God's spirit of love came down on a Gentile family of Cornelius, even before they were baptized. As we read, that while Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on them and he said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" You can see that God's love is universal, he does not discriminate.

The Second Reading; 1 Jn 4:7-10: announces love. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." **God is love and love is God. Thus, everyone who loves is begotten by God.** Are you begotten by God? Where is God in your life? In trying to attain your goals in life, where does God fit in? Whoever is without love does not know God. Only love makes your life meaningful and worth living. "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So, pray for selfless love, the spiritual love, "Agape".

In the Gospel; Jn 15:9-17: Jesus gave us a new commandment of love, when he said; "As the Father loves me, so I love you. Remain in my love." Thus, let us love one another as He has loved us. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. If I have everything, or if I can give out all I have and even give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, they mean nothing. Love is supreme. It is the greatest of all virtues. **It is important to mention that Love is taught. You must teach your children how to love. It is Agape Love; it is the Spiritual love, the love that does not know evil, the love that does not change.** If you love Paul, what you should love is the "Paulness" of Paul, or if it is Peter, it is the "Peterness" of Peter that you should love. Paul and Peter can change but Paulness and Peterness do not change. So, you need to love, for love comes from God and God is love and God does not change. **To love is not optional. It is a command from God. So, let us love as God loves us.**

God bless you **Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu**

N.B. 1. Remember that May 19th is our Parish appreciation Dinner. All the Councils, the Teams, the Committees, all the Ministries and volunteers are invited. Please try to attend. So, as one Family of St. Joseph, show your face, gentlemen and ladies, boys and girls and infants. Thanks in advance for attending.

2. Please mark your calendar, June 3, is Eucharistic Procession. It starts by 8:30 a.m. and ends about 9:05 a.m. Let's show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

3. The Parish Council, the Finance Council and the Building Committee have agreed and approved that our crumbing parking lot should be fixed. Read the Bulletin for more details.

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, and Priscilla Rhodes.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 7 - Easter Weekday - Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues., May 8 - Easter Weekday - Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11
Wed., May 9 - Easter Weekday - Acts 17:15-22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
Thurs., May 10 - Easter Weekday - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest - Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20
Fri., May 11 - Easter Weekday - Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
Sat., May 12 - Sts Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr - Easter Weekday - Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28
Sun., May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of the Lord - Mother's Day - Acts Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13/ Mk 16:15-20



With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend Announces the Ordination of, Patrick J. Hake, Jay P. Horning, David S. Huneck, Nathan A. Maskal and Thomas W. Zehr to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the Imposition of Hands and The Invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



HAITIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISER - Cookies in a Jar

The 7th Grade Religious Education Class will be filling the jars with the dry ingredients on Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. If you want to help, please call the Parish office at 824-1380. Many hands make light work!! Also, thanks to your generosity, they have deposited over \$2,000.00 toward their goal of \$3,600.00!! **THANK YOU!!** The jars will be ready for pick up in the narthex after all Masses the weekend of May 12/13. If you are not available to pick them up that weekend, they will be in the Parish office for safe keeping!

PARKING LOT

The Parish Council, the Finance Council and the Building Committee met this past Wednesday, May 2nd and have agreed and approved the work on the parking lot. Details will come later.



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 3 8:30 - 9:05/9:10 A.M.


Let us show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018


- Sat., & Sun., May 5/6— Land of Peace, Holy Land items for sale in the narthex.
- Sat., May 12— The 7th Grade Religious Education Class will be filling the jars with the dry ingredients for their Haitian House Fundraiser. They are beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help them, please call the Parish office at 824-1380.
- Sat., & Sun., May 12-13— Stamp Out Hunger— Letter Carriers 26th Annual Food Drive. There is a box in the narthex for canned goods or you may leave the non-perishable goods by your mail box for your letter carrier.
- Sat., May 19— Parish Appreciation Dinner following 5:00 Mass; RSVP's are due on or before May 13th.
- Mon., May 21 - May 30— Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of the country visiting the Holy Land.

WEEKEND OF May 12/13, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Marita Cawfis


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** John Horn, Dan/Beth Gordon
7:30 **Volunteer, Volunteer**, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Sandy Smythe, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Larisa Sudhoff

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers, Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike Painter, Brad/Susan Poper, Dave Cowdrey

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren/ Corey/ Brooklynn Huss
7:30 Mitchel/Justin/Phillip Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Cawfis, Kody Coyne

Collection for Weekend of April 28/29, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$2,509.00
Child Envelopes- \$24.50
Loose- \$185.64
Religious Ed. Fund- \$45.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0
Total- \$2,764.14

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,352.26 behind budget from last week and \$1,999.25 behind budget for the month of April.

Other Collections within our Parish- \$0

Diocesan Special Collections:
Catholic Home Mission- \$289.00
Rice Bowl- \$415.51



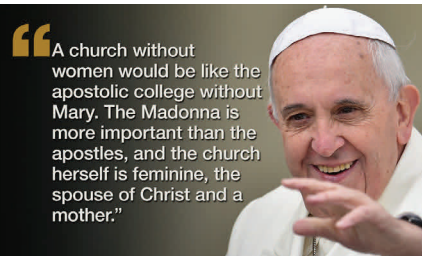
NEW SPIRITUAL CDs

There are several new CDs to choose from in the narthex. Please check them out! They are still only \$3.00 and you may put your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CDs".

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

**Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00pm
in the Social Hall.**

**All women of the Parish
are invited. We will be
discussing the Fall Bazaar.
Refreshments will be
served!**



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*We should seek to make the Lord's work
a priority in our lives as we seek first
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Before you speak...

THINK!

T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?