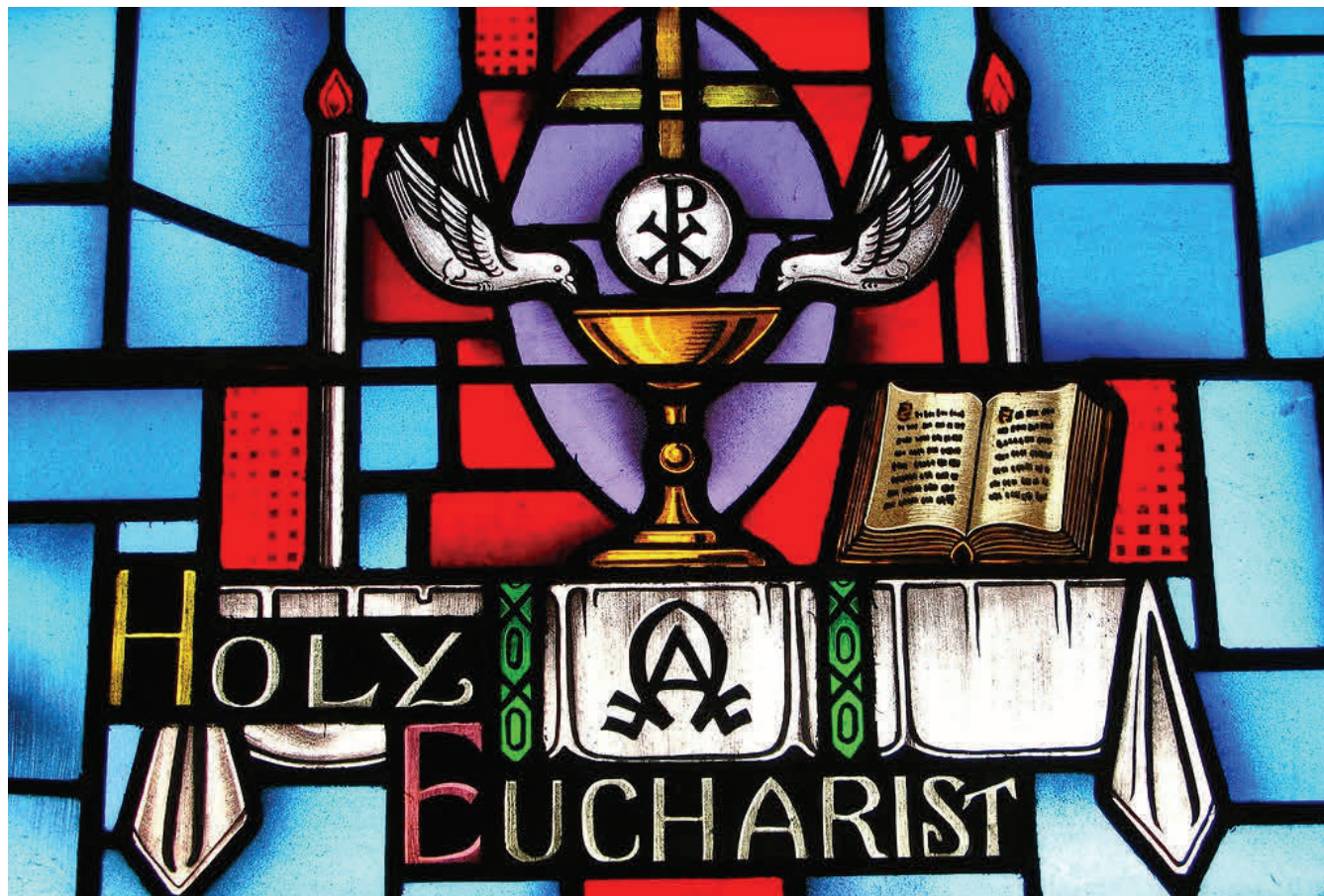


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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 4

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Leonard Smythe +

### Sunday, May 5

#### - Third Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Gerald Beckman +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 a.m. Diane Humphrey Family +  
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, May 8

5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration  
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist / Benediction  
7:00 p.m. Fr. John Gillig +

### Thursday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Dan and Beth Gordon Family +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, May 10

8:00 a.m. Ruth Brown +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Mothers of Tom and Becky Jackson +

### Sunday, May 12

#### - Fourth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Janis Lindzy +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 6** - Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29  
**Tues., May 7** - Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35  
**Wed., May 8** - Acts 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40  
**Thurs., May 9** - Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51  
**Fri., May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest** - Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59  
**Sat., May 11** - Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69  
**Sun., May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day** - Acts 13:14,43-52/ Rv 7:9,14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 5, 2019- C

*A special "Thank You!" to our Social Committee and all those volunteers who assisted at the Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend. It was a wonderful parish event and I hope that we can look forward to it becoming an annual tradition!*

This weekend, we celebrate, with great joy, the First Holy Communion of ten of our young parishioners. **A special "Congratulations!" to these ten young men and women!** These ten have spent the past many months in our Religious Education program preparing for this wonderful day. May we rejoice with them as a parish family and keep them, and their families, in our prayers. May we also use this moment as a chance to recall our own First Holy Communion, when we first received the Lord in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, which is the Bread of Life, is a treasure whose value cannot be measured. In it, we receive Christ Himself and, in receiving Him, are transfigured ever more closely into His Mystical Body. Every time that we present ourselves to receive our Eucharistic Lord, may we become ever more united to Him whom we receive.

In receiving our Lord in His Body and Blood, we must become like the Apostles in our first reading (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41). Their love for the Lord cannot be contained and they go throughout Jerusalem preaching His name. We must do the same in our everyday lives. We must, as the Psalmist says, praise Him who has rescued us. And, as St. John describes in our second reading (Revelation 5:11-14), our cries of praise are united to the eternal worship of God found in the Heavenly Liturgy. The praises of the Church Militant, we here on earth, are united with the Church Triumphant, the Communion of Saints in Heaven, and the Church Suffering, those undergoing purgation. May the joy of our First Communions this weekend serve to renew our own joy in receiving our Lord in the Eucharist and keep His praises always on our lips!

This weekend, we also celebrating May Crowning, where we honor the Blessed Virgin, Mother of our Lord, as the "Queen of May." As Pope St. John Paul II described the wonderful tradition of May Crowning, "The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute 'crown' of creation." Though dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin is a more recent tradition, most likely arising in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century, devotion to the Blessed Virgin is traced back to the earliest days of the Church. I encourage each family to dedicate this month to our Blessed Mother by a daily recitation of the Holy Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary everyday and you will never be led astray from Jesus and Mary. **(Reminder:** Our Discussion Forum next weekend will look at Mary's role in the Church.)

As previously mentioned, I will be away from our parish for a part of the summer. At Bishop Rhoades' request, I am pursuing further studies over the next four years in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. I will formally be away from our parish for classes starting Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and will return to St. Joseph's on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the remainder of the year, I will be completing courses online through CUA while remaining, of course, as pastor here at St. Joseph's. During both June and July, a priest will be assigned by Bishop Rhoades to remain at St. Joseph's and assist with Masses, emergencies, and all sacramental needs.

Come August, I would like to begin the process of formulating a five year plan for our parish. A five year plan allows us to ask ourselves where we, as a parish, are going and how can we continue the good work that is happening here at St. Joseph. To start this process, we will begin to update our parish census over the summer. Then, once I return in August, we will hold town hall meetings after all Masses one weekend. This will allow me the great opportunity to have a chance to hear from you and for us, as a parish family, to discuss a variety of topics. I look forward to working closely with our various committees and each of you as we plan for our parish's future. Information will be included in the bulletin as we move closer to the summer months.

In Christ, Fr. David

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle. Amen.



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, and Pat Pfeifer.





Parish Code:  
7N68MY



Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass next weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and fill it with change, dollar bills and/or Checks to assist Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center, as they serve women and their families in our community. There will be a container in the Narthex through the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> where you can drop off the filled Baby Bottles. All checks need to be made out to

Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a great way to celebrate Mother's Day by helping young mothers and their families. Thank You in advance for your generosity!

**Fr. David's Discussion Forum**  
**Topic: Mary, Our Blessed Mother**  
**Sunday, May 12 - 8:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 15 - 7:30 p.m.**



Teresa McIntyre, a new member of our Parish Family is in need of a ride to Mass on weekends. Teresa lives at Capri Ct. Her first choice is 5:00 Mass and her second is 10:00. Please call the Parish office if you can help 824-1380.

## PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., May 5 - May Crowning/First Holy Communion Mass - 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., May 6 - New Evangelization Team Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 7 - Knights of Columbus - recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church - 7:00 p.m. meeting in social hall
- Wed., May 8 - Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., May 11/12 - Sat./Sun., June 8/9 - Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign
- Sun., May 12 at 8:30 a.m. & Wed., May 15 at 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Forum on Mary, our Blessed Mother
- Mon., May 13 - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur, IN- 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 - Alpha Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 19 - A Celebration of Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA, 60th Anniversary of Religious Life, carry-in following 10:00 a.m. Mass. Sign up sheet in the narthex. All are invited and welcome!
- Thurs., May 16 - Mass at Christian Care - 10:30 a.m.
- Mon., May 27 - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- Thurs., May 30 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.

## WEEKEND OF MAY 11/12, 2019

### CANTORS:

**5:00** Leeann Kennerck  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp

### LECTORS:

**5:00** Glenn Ryan  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**5:00** Christine Zadyak, Joe Baur, Linda Huseman  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Diana Cole, Luisa Sumabat, Monica Harris

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

### SERVERS:

**5:00** Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb, Volunteer  
**7:30** Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon  
**10:00** Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Kody Coyne

### Collection for Weekend of April 27/28, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,478.00  
Online Giving for the Month- \$1,600.00  
Child Envelopes- \$23.75  
Loose- \$269.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$260.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$120.00  
Easter Offering- \$582.00  
**Total- \$6,332.75**

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to St. Joseph's!*

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

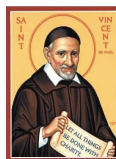
We are \$1,966.38 ahead of our monthly budget.

### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$502.00  
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

### Diocesan Special Collections-

Good Friday/Holy Land- \$1,143.00  
Home Missions- \$519.00



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AND COMMITTED TO THE POOR

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - MARCH 2019

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$783.07  
Rent/Housing - \$100.00

Thank you for your support in helping our brothers and sisters who needed assistance in our community. God Bless You!

### ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. This is the last meeting for the summer. We are on Chapter 4 of our book, Beyond Sunday, Becoming a 24/7 Catholic. Please bring a finger food to share; drinks will be provided! Please call the Parish office if you need a ride at 260-824-1380.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPENINGS-** There are a couple of openings for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 school year; Grade 1 - co-teach with Ann McNabb; Grade 7 - would like 2 volunteers; Grade 6 - co-teach with Marita Crawfis. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our wonderful team of Catechists! Thank you! Michelle

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-Dr. Seuss

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past, present and future,



Thank you and  
God Bless You!

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