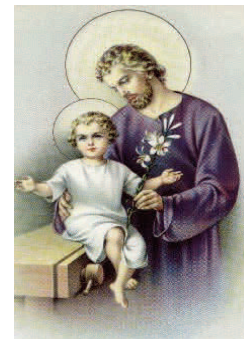


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017



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MATTHEW 25:14-30

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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.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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Name: _____ Phone: _____
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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 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. Joe Leitner + By a Friend

Sunday, November 19

- Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey by Soul Core Ladies

Monday, November 20

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, November 21

Eucharistic Adoration- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + by a Friend
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 22

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Ann Dunwiddie + by The Harris Family

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. For all Priests Living & Deceased

Friday, November 24

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Larry Dustman + by a Friend
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, November 25

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dale Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Donnajean Wahman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Sunday, November 26

- Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by Soul Core Ladies

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017, YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

FIDELITY TO COMMITMENT REQUIRES: COURAGE, DEDICATION, CONSTANCY AND PERCEVERANCE. THUS, WE ARE CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL TO OUR COMMITMENT AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. **Remember that we continue to pray in a unique way for our departed loved ones in this month of November. Pray for them. Book Masses for them.**

For our reflections this week: When you make a commitment, it colors your "modus Vivendi" your way of living. We made some commitments with God and the Lord Jesus Christ at our Baptism. We need to be faithful, dedicated, committed, courageous, and constant and to persevere in fulfilling our commitment with God.

Thus, in the 1st Reading; Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: The book of the Proverbs, admonished women, wives and mothers to be committed in their marriage. Let every mother, wife ask herself: **"Am I a worthy mother, wife, entrusting my heart to my husband?"** Sometime today, let every mother, wife reread the First Reading of today's Holy Mass Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 and meditates on it. It will help you to be a good mother God meant you to be. **Please Men, help the ladies to read the passage.**

In the 2nd Reading; (1 Thes 5:1-6), Paul is warning us to be vigilant, committed for we do not know when the Son of God will come. As children of God, we are the children of light, we must be awake waiting for the quiet, calm and secret coming of the Lord. Be prepared. How? It is simple: **"Be In State Of Grace. Be a good person."**

In the gospel, (Mt 25:14-30) every one of us has received some talents from God. Ask yourself how faithful and committed have you been to the talents God gave you. Look, we must be faithful and be committed to it or to them. This parable is all about the coming/the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, (2 times but really 3 times). When he comes, will he find you ready and vigilant? Reflect on these and tell yourself the truth about your condition, your relationship with God and your neighbor. The Lord will come to judge the entire world. Each of us will give account of the talents God has given to us. Never you be like the third servant. Rather let us work hard like the first and the second servants, who persevered, were committed, faithful, vigilant and constant. They strived, succeeded and were saved and rewarded. Be generous with the talents God gave you. It is given to you, for yourself, your family and others. **So, strive to be saved.**

NB: 1. We plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. Thanks to Janet Lehman and Stacey Coulardot for coordinating this. The Brochure is now available. Pick up one at the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367, Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380 or me.

2. The month of November is a special time we pray for our beloved who have passed away, those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. They need our prayers, our love and our help. One of the best ways, in fact the best way to show love and help them is by booking Masses for them. Do not forget your loved ones who have passed away so that you will be remembered and prayed for, when your own time comes.

3. The coming weekend, November 26, 2017, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the USCCB, gave instruction that we shall pray in a especial way for our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering and being persecuted because of their faith. Let us sincerely pray for them.

4. Advent Penance Service is fast approaching on Monday December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. here in this Church. Please tell others, come yourself and encourage others to come. So, get ready for it.

God bless you.

Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

Pray a Rosary for
November
a Poor Soul in Purgatory

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...
Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 20 - Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - 1 Mc
1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/ Lk 18:35-43

Tues., Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2
Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10

Wed., Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr - 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/
Lk 19:11-28

Thurs., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day - St. Clement I, Pope and
Martyr/ St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin, Pro,
Priest and Martyr - 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44
Wis 7:22b—8:1/ Lk 17:20-25

Fri., Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,
Martyrs - 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/ Lk 19:45-48

Sat., Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr -
1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40

Sun., Nov. 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -
Ez 34:11-12,15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26,28/ Mt 25:31-46



**Immaculate
Conception**
of the
**Blessed
Virgin Mary**
December 8

**A Holy Day
of
Obligation**

Masses:
7:00 a.m.
And
7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Thank you! To everyone who helped the St. Joseph CCW with the 4th Annual Craft & Arts Bazaar that was held this past Saturday, November 11th. Your help in carrying tables, chairs, helping Vendors, etc., was truly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without YOU!! We made over \$2,000.00 which will help pay for new Server Albs, and other needs that come up within our Parish. Thank you again! We hope to have #5 next year, God willing!

For a complete Calendar of Events from St. Joseph's please visit the website at www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Nov. 19- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Thurs., Nov. 23- Thanksgiving Day Mass- 9:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 26- No Religious Ed. Classes/Thanksgiving break
- Fri., Dec. 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- A Holy Day of Obligation- Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11- St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 23 & 24- 4th Sunday of Advent Masses- 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 24 & Sun., Dec. 31- No Religious Ed. Classes/Christmas break
- Sun./Mon., Dec. 24 & 25- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)- Family Mass Dec. 24- 5:00 p.m. / Christmas Night Mass- 10:00 p.m. / Mon., Dec. 25- Christmas Day Mass- 9:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 30 & 31- Usual Mass Times
- Mon., Jan. 1, 2018- Mass at 9:00 a.m. - (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year).

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 25 and 26, 2017

CANTORS:

5:00 Nichole Decker
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Janette Minch, Linda Huseman
7:30 Dave Gruss, Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Dan Geimer, Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Rick Singer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson

SERVERS:

5:00 Any Huss Sibling, Emma Roembke, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Clayton Vachon
10:00 Grayson Christal, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of November 11 and 12, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$4,488.00
Child Envelopes- \$41.05
Loose- \$127.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$55.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$125.00
Votive Candles- \$66.75
Spiritual CD's- \$10.00

Total- \$4,912.80

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

We are \$203.60 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$1,080.50
St. Joseph CCW- \$801.35

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Coats for Kids Pancake and Sausage fundraiser held by our Knights of Columbus, Father Aloysius Phillips Council 7555 in October. With your donations, three cases were purchased and through the kindness of our Knights of Columbus themselves, purchased one more case for a total of 4 cases or 48 coats to be shared with the schools in Wells County and to Family Centered Services to help keep kids warm this winter! Thank you!

Join the Cupertino Classic Fan Bus- This year the Cupertino Classic is at St. Joseph High School in South Bend on Wednesday, December 27. and Redeemer Radio wants to help you get there! Save your seat on the Redeemer Radio Cupertino Classic Fan bus and cheer on the priests and Seminarians. The priests are defending their title, and the seminarians are wanting to take home the trophy. Be part of the excitement, register online: www.RedeemerRadio.com/travel or call Redeemer Radio Travel Coordinator, Tina Schneider, at 260-436-2482

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/
Benediction- 6:45 p.m. / Mass- 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps us plan the day making sure Jesus is not left alone while exposed on the altar. Thank you!

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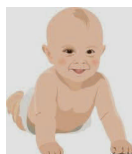


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