

# St. Joseph Catholic Community

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**October 7, 2018**



Let the **LITTLE CHILDREN**  
come to me,  
and do not hinder **THEM**,  
for the kingdom of God  
belongs to **SUCH AS THESE**.  
Mark 10:14

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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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e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 6

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. Joseph Lautzenheiser +

### Sunday, October 7

#### - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Clarissa Morency  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, October 10

#### No Mass— Priest's Continuing Education Day

### Thursday, October 11

#### No Mass— Priest's Continuing Education Day

### Friday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, October 13

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. Ernestine Baumgartner + & Dot Hunter +

### Sunday, October 14

#### - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates +

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## SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Oct. 8 - Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time** - Gal 1:6-12/ Lk 10:25-37

**Tues., Oct. 9 - St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs/ St. John Leonardi, Priest** - Gal 1:13-24/ Lk 10:38-42

**Wed., Oct. 10** - Gal 2:1-2,7-14/ Lk 11:1-4

**Thurs., Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope** - Gal 3:1-5/ Lk 11:5-13

**Fri., Oct. 12** - Gal 3:7-14/ Lk 11:15-26

**Sat., Oct. 13** - Gal 3:22-29/ Lk 11:27-28

**Sun., Oct. 14 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



**Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...** Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams and Zella Butler.

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 7, 2018 - Year B

This past week, each parishioner household in our diocese received a special edition of the Today's Catholic. The cover story of this edition is a pastoral letter to our diocese from Bishop Rhoades entitled "*From Crisis to Healing: A Diocesan Day of Prayer and Penance*." If you have not yet had a chance to read this letter, I would highly encourage doing so. Our Bishop offers a beautiful reflection on the state of the Church today and how we, as a diocese, are called to continue to strive after the call to holiness rooted in Jesus Christ.

Bishop Rhoades has also encouraged every parish in our diocese to begin the practice of praying together the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after every Mass. At the Bishop's encouragement, this is a practice that we will begin here at St. Joseph's on November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints. We will pray this prayer together between the closing blessing and our closing hymn. Over the next few weeks, I will include in this weekly column reflections regarding St. Michael the Archangel and the beautiful history behind this prayer.

Our readings this weekend offer a beautiful reflection on the Scriptural grounds of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. As we know from our own society and world today, the Church's teaching on the beauty of marriage are often found to be quite challenging. Yet, in these teachings, rooted in today's Gospel message from our Saviour Himself, we find the true beauty of life and love. Though often so challenging, it is often these same challenges that bring us closer to God. As Paul VI once said, marriage is not "an easy way of Christian life... Rather, marriage is a long path toward sanctification." In married and family life, men and women find together the path to holiness.

In our first reading (Genesis 2:18-24), we hear of the creation of man and woman taken from the second creation account. That man, being formed by God, is not a solitary creature. Instead, he, imaging the Trinity, is called to be in relationship. For this reason, God, taking a rib from the man's side, creates woman. In this way, man and woman are brought together as helpmates, walking side by side. As St. Berdardina beautifully writes, God made woman "out of Adam's rib, which is close to his heart, to teach him to love her truly, as his companion."

In this relationship between man and woman, we find a union formed by God from the very beginning of time. As we hear in our Gospel (Mark 10:2-16), however, this union has, over time, been lost. Jesus, however, reaffirms the sanctity of marriage in citing this passage from Genesis. As He does in all things, He challenges His disciples towards not what is easy, but towards that which will lead us to holiness and to God. This can, at times, cause us great suffering if a relationship falls apart. Yet, even in these moments, our faithfulness is united to Jesus' suffering on the Cross, as we hear in our second reading (Hebrews 2:9-11).

As Jesus humbles Himself and makes Himself vulnerable and able to be hurt for our sake, so does every couple that approaches the Sacrament of Marriage. That willingness to love someone so much that we make ourselves vulnerable before them is the love we see in marriage. It is this love that is shared is the reason that we are willing to do this: To trust someone so much that we open our hearts to them. Sadly, this love may not always be returned. We do risk being hurt. But, uniting ourselves to Jesus, we cannot allow the fear of hurt to stop us from loving.

We, like our Lord, must remain faithful in that love. We must believe in the power of the Sacrament to make us holy and to give the grace to face whatever may come. It is this faithfulness, first and foremost to God, which will see us through all trials, even the Cross itself. May our love for one another only continue to grow; May our love of God always give us the strength to face every trial; "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives" (Psalm Repense).

*In Christ,  
Fr. David*

Evelyn Morrissey, fellow parishioner, will celebrate her 90th birthday on October 16. Her family would love to shower her with cards. Please send her one at: Christian Care, 720 E. Dustman Rd., Rm. 223B, Bluffton. **THANK YOU!**  
From, Janet Lehman, Nancy Leitz,  
Mike Morrissey, & Patrick Morrissey.



### A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Youth Protection." If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mgturtner@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mgturtner@diocesefwsb.org). The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

### MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please bring in your Memorial Candles so they may be placed on the Blessed Mother's or St. Joseph's altar for All Saints Day, November 1st and the month of November. You may put them in the narthex on the desk or drop them by the parish office. If you would like one for a loved one or a friend, please call the parish office 824-1380. There is no specific charge for the candle, however, a donation may be given, but not necessary.

### BOLIVIAN MISSION


If you have not made your donation for your Bolivian Mission student for the 2018 school year, please do so by the end of this month of October. If you wish to add a Christmas gift, please send that as well. Thank you!!

### PARISH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2018


- Tues., Oct. 9 - Thurs., Oct. 11 - Priest's Continuing Education; Mass Tues., 8:00 a.m. / No Mass or Adoration on Wed., Oct. 10 and No Mass on Thurs., Oct. 11 / Mass on Fri., Oct. 12 at 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Meeting in the conference room at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 21 - Juice and Donuts served by St. Joseph Women's Group after the 7:30 and 10:00 Masses.
- Sun., Oct. 21 - Open discussion with Fr. David regarding the scandal of Archbishop McCarrick and letters of Archbishop Vigano between Masses 8:30-9:45 a.m. **OR** Wed., Oct. 24 following the 7:00 Mass.
- Sun., Oct. 28 - Knights of Columbus Pancake/Sausage breakfast after the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Free will donation for their Coats for Kids Project.

### WEEKEND OF October 13/14, 2018


#### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nancy Leitz  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Jay Crisp


#### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulandot  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson


#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Christine Zadyak, Joe Baur, Mary Ann Flowers  
**7:30** Dave/Margie Huss, Sherry Makowski  
**10:00** Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Steve Higgins, Tammi Helm

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Al/Mary Porrata  
**10:00** Todd Hartman/Chris Reifsteck Families

#### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Corey/Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb  
**7:30** Mark/Beth Geisel, Phillip Mayer  
**10:00** Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

#### Collection for Weekend of September 29/30, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,212.00  
Child Envelopes- \$40.50  
Loose- \$317.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$20.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$10.00  
Spiritual CD- \$3.00  
**Total- \$3,602.50**

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

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

We are \$1,513.90 behind budget from last week and \$1,538.66 behind for the month of September.

#### Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$20.00  
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

**OPEN DISCUSSION!-** Join Fr. David for an open discussion regarding the scandal of Archbishop McCarrick, the PA Grand Jury Report, our Diocesan Review Board, and the letters of Archbishop Vigano. On Sunday, October 21 between Masses, 8:30-9:45, in the social hall or Wednesday, October 24 following 7:00 Mass. As horrible as it is for us to hear these things it is so much worse for those who suffered in silence for so many years. May our love and prayers go out to the victims. For them and the future of the Church it is important for us to promote change to be sure this does not happen again.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

#### Benefiting Coats for Kids

Sunday, October 28 after 7:30 and 10:00 Masses, the Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake and Sausage breakfast accepting a free will donation with the proceeds going to Coats for Kids Project. The past few years, with your generous donations, they were able to purchase 36 coats! Please see a Knights of Columbus member if you are unable to attend the breakfast but wish to make a monetary donation.



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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"Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2).



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happier.

-Mother Teresa

Before you speak...

**THINK!**

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