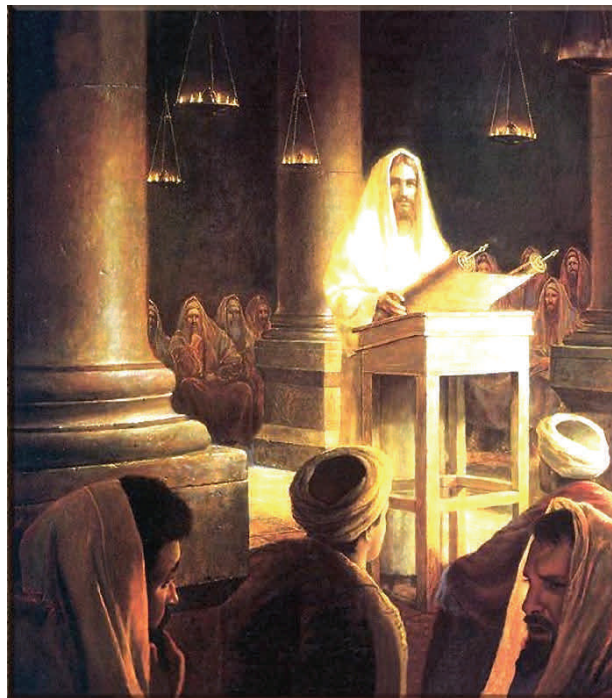
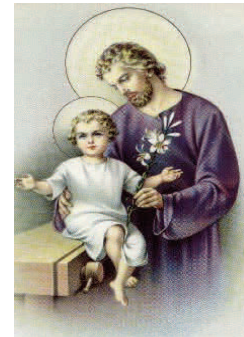


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2018**



**He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Mark 1:22**

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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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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 27

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Larry & JoAnn Dustman Family by JoAnn Dustman

### Sunday, January 28

#### - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Norma Bauman + by Robert & Bonnie Beam
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

**Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of town until February 1, 2018. There will be not be weekday Mass here in our Parish; However, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away in Nigeria:**

- Monday, January 29— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Tuesday, January 30— Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey
- Wednesday, January 31— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Thursday, February 1— Jeanette Ault + by Family
- Friday, February 2— Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu private Mass

### Saturday, February 3

- 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. Josephine Jackson + by Tom & Becky Jackson

### Sunday, February 4

#### - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Marcella Quinn + by Tom & Becky Jackson

## WELCOME!

Jan., 27/28— Fr. Gus Gordon (Food for the Poor)



### SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS -

The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass. Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380.

Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased.



### Please remember in your prayers...

Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, 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 and Rick Cotterman.

## HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

**HOMILY THEME: "THEY WERE ASTOUNDED AT HIS TEACHING, FOR HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY, AND NOT AS THE SCRIBES." (Mark 1:22)**

**BY: Fr. Robert deLeon, CSC**

Some years back I met Kim, a sparkling young woman who, in the course of conversation, shared with me her pain at her grandmother's mortal illness. Kim and her grandmother were especially close, and now with death so near that bond was tightening. Kim was already grieving the anticipated loss, her frequent reports of visits confirming the approaching demise. Then the phone call came early one morning; Grandmother had died. Though I'd never met her, I felt that I'd known her for years through her granddaughter's stories.

On a snowy, blustery January morning, we gathered at the church where the funeral would take place. Meeting new faces with a handshake, I found myself repeating a mantra, "I know Grandmother through Kim." As the Mass began, a few of my own tears joined Kim's when the music mingled with memories. Together we all sang: "Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." Yes, this was Grandmother's faith speaking to us. And it was from this faith that Kim could laugh even amidst the tears as, delivering the eulogy, she related stories of Grandmother's life. We gathered together, a whole church-full, in tribute to a long life of God-centered love.

When Grandmother's funeral procession arrived at the cemetery with the day growing colder and windier, we climbed the hill to her waiting grave beside that of her predeceased husband. Huddling around the casket as if seeking a campfire's warmth, we rushed through the prescribed prayers as ears, noses and fingertips numbed. With our concluding "Amen" a cloud of frosted breath, Grandmother's final request was delivered by Kim. With all the solemnity she could muster as both tears and laughter struggled for the upper hand, Kim addressed us, "Would everyone now take one of Grandmother's flowers and follow me." Thirty of us each plucked a flower from the arrangements surrounding Grandmother's casket and followed Kim through the snow as she approached a grave two rows away and placed her flower before a small headstone now almost hidden beneath a snowdrift. When all of us had done likewise in mysterious tribute to whomever was buried here, Kim's explanation was accented with giggles. "Now that she's dead, I can tell you that Grandmother was a thief. After Grandfather died, she'd come to the cemetery a few times each week and took flowers from this grave to put on Grandfather's. Whoever is buried here always had fresh flowers, so Grandmother borrowed them. She made me promise that we'd square things up when she died." Loud laughter our last frosted salute to Grandmother, we ran to the warmth of our waiting cars.

Life is the best teacher, and the lessons most ingrained in us are those learned from the example of others. In today's Gospel passage, we hear that the disciples "Were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." (Mark 1:22) What so astounded the disciples was that Jesus actually lived what he taught. His words were not empty as were those of other religious leaders of the day.

Grandmother's long life of deep faith was almost taken for granted, but when we entered the church for the last time in her company, it was she who sang to us of her heart's deepest desire: "Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." Grandmother was home—soul in heaven, body on a hilltop, borrowed flowers returned, and a life-long lesson in faith passed on to a new generation.

**Man says... Show me and I will trust you.**

**God says... Trust me and I will show you.**

**Psalm 126:6**

## SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 29 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time** - 2 Sm 15:13-

14,30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20

**Tues., Jan. 30** - 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3/ Mk 5:21-43

**Wed., Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest** - 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/ Mk 6:1-6

**Thurs., Feb. 1** - 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/ Mk 6:7-13

**Fri., Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord - World Day for Consecrated Life** - Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Sat., Feb. 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop** - 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34

**Sun., Feb. 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Jb 7:1-4,6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

## BOLIVIAN MISSION NEWS

The 2018 Bolivian nine month school year begins in February and runs through October. Sponsors of last year's students will receive a picture and letter from their student as soon as the translating is complete. A contribution statement for tax purposes will be included as well. We hope to have these ready by the end of January or early February. The cost to sponsor one student's tuition is \$10/month for 9 months for a total of \$90/school year. It can be paid every month or with a one time payment, or any combination in between. Contact Michelle Paxton at 824-1380 for further information. Thank you!


Contribution Statements were mailed out last Thursday, January 25th. If you did not receive yours, please call the office- 824-1380.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CALENDAR 2018

- Sat./Sun., Feb. 3/4- Blessing of the Throats at all Masses
- Tues., Feb. 6- Knights of Columbus- Rosary 6:40 p.m./ Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 7- Adoration 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 7- Parish Council Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Wed., Feb. 14- Ash Wednesday Masses 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 15- ALPHA- 6:30-8:00 p.m. (each Thursday through May 10 except Mar. 8 & Mar. 29).
- Fri., Feb. 16- Lenten Soup Supper- 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent (except Mar. 16 & 30). All are Welcome!
- Fri., Feb. 16- Stations of the Cross- 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sat., Feb. 17- Student's Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph CCW.
- Wed., Feb. 21- Parish Finance Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Thurs., Mar. 1- All Day Adoration- 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.
- Sun. - Thurs., Mar. 4-8- Parish Mission- watch for details!
- Tues., Mar. 6- Knights of Columbus- Rosary 6:40 p.m./ Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar., 7- Parish Council Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Fri., Mar. 16- K of C All You Can Eat Fish Fry!- 4:30-7:30pm
- Sun., Mar. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph Social Group
- Sun., Apr. 1- Easter Sunday
- Tues., April 3- Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 15- Student's Mass- 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3/4, 2018


### CANTORS:

-  **5:00** Larry Leitz  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Tammy Horn- Choir Mass


### LECTORS:

-  **5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Dan Geimer


### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski, Barb Ault  
**10:00** Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Steve Higgins, Tammy Helm, Luisa Sumabat, Sandy Smythe

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Todd Hartman Family/Christ Reifsteck Family

### SERVERS:

-  **5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Oriana Makowski, Clayton Vachon, Mark Geisel  
**10:00** Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Angela Rogers

### Collection for Weekend of January 20/21, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,950.00

Child Envelopes- \$19.25

Loose- \$174.20

Religious Ed. Fund- \$852.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$670.00

Bulletin Ad- \$250.00

Christmas Offering- \$30.00

Solemnity of Mary- \$10.00

**Total- \$5,955.45**

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

We are \$839.05 ahead of budget from last week.

### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$495.00

Bolivian Mission- \$1,160.00

### Diocesan Special Collections:

Religious Retirement- \$400.00

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



### MEETING REMINDER! Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Meet in Church for the Rosary at 6:40 and meeting to follow in social hall at 7:00.

**Mark your calendars for the K of C All You Can Eat Fish Fry, Friday, March 16- 4:30-7:30 p.m.**



# Alpha ?

**Beginning  
Thursday  
February 15  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Watch for more  
exciting details!**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Time is given equally to everyone,  
but how we use it determines its true value.*

**"Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).**



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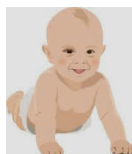
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