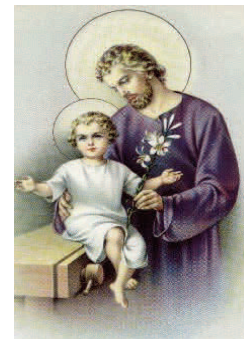


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017



RESTORE US, O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY;
MAKE YOUR FACE SHINE UPON US,
THAT WE MAY BE SAVED.

PSALM 80:19

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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, October 7

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman + by John Huseman

Sunday, October 8

- **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -**
- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, October 9

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jim Cole + by Diana Cole
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, October 10

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + by Doral & Helen Smith
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu, will be out of town after Morning Mass on Tues., Oct. 10 through Fri., Oct. 13 for Continuing Education for Priests. There will be no weekday Masses here in our Parish; however, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away:

Wednesday, October 11— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

Thursday, October 12— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

Friday, October 13— Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh

Saturday, October 14

- 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 Carol Leitner


Sunday, October 15

- **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 + by Their Children



*He Will
Be Our
PEACE.
Mich 5:5*

 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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCT. 8TH 2017, YR. A.

APPRECIATION FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE

FOR US IS VERY IMPORTANT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. **I am back. Thanks for your prayers and I did pray for you all. My journey was smooth and everything went well. I thank God for that. Once again, thanks for your prayers.**

In our Liturgy this week, I want to call your mind to the fact that: Teachers and parents sacrifice a lot of their time and talent to give to their children and students the best they must offer. They love their children and students. I hope that the children and students are aware of these facts and they need to reciprocate adequately by obeying them, respecting them, loving them and praying for them. However, the tasks of parents and teachers are not always rewarded for they are sometimes disappointed by the children and students.

Children listen, do not disappoint your parents and teachers, for they do a lot for you. Know it, lack of response can hurt badly.

Thus, in the 1st Reading; Is 5:1-7: Prophet Isaiah sang a song of beautiful Vineyard. The owner of the vineyard has done everything that should be done in a vineyard for it to produce good and plenty of fruits. But instead of good fruits it produced bad fruits, wild grapes. This is painful to the owner of the vineyard. Parents and teachers will be equally disappointed if their children and students do not perform well. Thus, will God feel disappointed in any of us if we do not produce good fruits. God has done everything good that can be done for us. He created us, gave all the good things, your eyes to see the beauty of creation, beautiful things around us, your ears to hear music, your mouth to eat food, meat, fish, chocolate, spaghetti, pizza and the drinks: juice, tea, coffee, wine, beer, name them. We need to be pleasing to God by our charitable deeds. Living lives that are marked by love, respect, forgiveness and holiness.

In the Gospel; Mt 21:33-43 Jesus also used the parable of the vineyard to teach us how we should behave so that we do not disappoint people and our creator God. The owner of the vineyard is God our creator. **The vineyard in the 1st Reading could be you or me. The tenants in the Gospel are all of us.** Reflect on these questions in your mind. **Now, the way you see yourself, do you think that you are doing what God expects of you? Do you live up to what God expects of you? He created you in his own image and likeness. As I said above, He God gave you eyes to see, hands and legs, mouth to drink and eat and enjoy the taste of food and drinks. He gave you house, wife, husband, children. He gave you your parents and helped you to find your friends. God has done a lot for you.** So, he chose you to go and bear fruits that will last. Thus, it is not enough for you to avoid big sins. You should do good things and always be concerned that you do enough of them. Let us be appreciative for what God has done for us.

God bless you Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based." Please register quickly.

2. We are also planning a 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 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

3. Redeemer Radio, is one of the most powerful means of spreading the good of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It helps greatly to fulfill the mandate of spreading the Gospel through New Evangelization. Any time you tune in to Redeemer Radio, you will learn something new or you are reminded of something you have forgotten. It is amazing. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, teaches through the Redeemer Radio, every Wednesday by noon. It also hooks to EWTN Radio and Television. Listen to Redeemer Radio while you prepare your meals in the Kitchen, while shaving, or doing something in your house, while driving to work, etc.

Thus, to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through Redeemer Radio, it organizes SHARATHON (Fund Raiser), in Spring and Fall, thus, inviting parishes to participate. In view of this, Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu and the Knights of Columbus, will chair One Hour of SHARATHON/Fund Raiser for Redeemer Radio, on October 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on behalf of our parish. Every Parishioner is encouraged to participate by calling and supporting the SHARATHON/Fund Raiser. Give any kind of support you wish. No amount is too small or too big. Tune-in to 106.3 FM Northeast Indiana or 95.7 FM Michiana, for South Bend area, and call on that day and support the spreading of the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Thanks for supporting. God bless you and all your loved ones.

God bless you.

Rev. Msgr. Fr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

A Weekend of Discovery A Lifetime of Love

Marriage Encounter at St. Joseph's, Bluffton!

We are excited to be hosting a Marriage Encounter Weekend right here at our own St. Joseph's parish, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, October 20-22. If you are married and want a weekend to grow as a couple, then Marriage Encounter is for you! Since the weekend is local, you can return to your own home overnight--or may choose to stay at a local hotel for a 'getaway' weekend.

Brochures with registration forms are available in the back of church. Return the registration in the church collection in an envelope marked "Marriage Encounter", or register online at www.wwme.org. Contact George and Dianne Witwer with questions at: dhwitwer@gmail.com or 824-4503.

A cheerful heart is good medicine. - The Book of Proverbs

COMING SPRING OF 2018 - START PLANNING - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Do you like to travel? Have you considered a trip to the Holy Land? St. Joseph Church Pilgrimage to the Holy Land- Please pick up a detailed travel brochure available in the church narthex that explains everything this trip has to



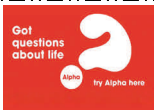
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- * Daily Mass



ALPHA

The First Alpha at St. Joseph meets on Friday evenings. The coming week's discussion topic is "What and How do we Pray". We share a meal, watch a video on the week's topic and then have a group discussion. If you are interested in joining us or finding out more, please call George Witwer at 260-824-4503 or Barb Ault at 260-414-3605 so that we can share times and get food counts. You can read more at alphausa.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - September 27 - November 5

St. Joseph church will be taking part in a peaceful, prayerful vigil located at Park West shopping center at 3942 W. Jefferson (in the southern grassy area in front of Planned Parenthood) from 6:00P.M. - 8:00P.M. on Thursday, October 12. Anyone interested in going may join our carpool which will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:00P.M. For more information on 40 Days for Life go to www.ichooselife.org/40daysforlife. Any questions may be directed to Mike Lautzenheiser at 820-0316 or Debbie Lautzenheiser at 820-0315. This is a great opportunity to stand up for the vulnerable unborn!

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., Oct. 15- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph CCW
- Fri., Oct. 20 - Sun., Oct. 22- Parish Based Marriage Encounter
- Sat., Nov. 11- St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar- 9a-3p.
- Sun., Nov. 19- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 14 and 15, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Leeann Kennerk
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Tammy Horn (CHOIR MASS)

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Ed Shestak
- 7:30 Geoff Frank
- 10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Christine Zadylak
- 7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, John Horn
- 10:00 Diana Cole, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Volunteers
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Todd Hartman and sons & Chris Reifsteck and sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Darren, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb, Emma Roembke
- 7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Faith Loshe
- 10:00 Sophie Emrah, Kody/Cassie Coyne

Collection for Weekend of September 30/October 12017

Adult Envelopes- \$2,815.00
Child Envelopes- \$26.24
Loose- \$385.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$50.00
Religious Ed. Fees- \$80.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$937.00
Flowers- \$250.00

Total- \$4,543.24

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

We are \$573.16 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish- Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

Diocesan Special Collection- Hurricane Irma- \$1307.00

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

MIRIAM'S BLESSING

Do you know anyone who is dealing with a difficult prenatal diagnosis? It may be the detection of a chronic condition like Down syndrome, Spina bifida or Cystic fibrosis, or a life-threatening disorder like anencephaly, Trisomy 13 or Trisomy 18. *Miriam's Blessing* is a new ministry of our diocese which is designed to offer comprehensive and compassionate support to parents before, during and after birth, so that they do not have to face with the unique challenges posed by a difficult prenatal diagnosis alone. For more information, please see our webpage at www.diocesefwsb.org/Miriams-Blessing.

REDEEMER RADIO 106.3FM

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu and the Knights of Columbus will chair one hour of the Fall SHARATHON Fundraiser on Thursday, October 26 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on behalf of our parish. Every parishioner is encouraged to participate by calling and supporting the fundraiser; no amount is too small or too big. Thank you for your support.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 9 - Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - St Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs, St. John Leonardi, Priest - Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37

Tues., Oct. 10 - Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42

Wed., Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope - Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4

Thurs., Oct. 12 - Mal 3:13-20b/ Lk 11:5-13

Fri., Oct. 13 - Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26

Sat., Oct. 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr - Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28

Sun., Oct. 15 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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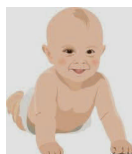


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It's a child, not a
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you "un-pregnant", it
makes you the mother
of a dead child.

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
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without leaving
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