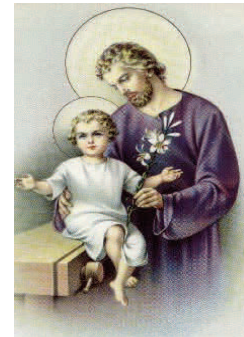


St. Joseph Catholic Community

**Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017**



St. Peter

**IMPETUOUS
BRAVE
HEADSTRONG
COMPASSIONATE
HEROIC
BORN LEADER**

**"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the key of the kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"
(Mt 16: 18-19).**



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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!**

------(cut here)-----

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Joe & Barb Smekens + by Joe & Barb Smekens
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Edward Bushee + by Bob & Betty Miller

Sunday, August 27

- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Daniel Gruss by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, August 28

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Florence Gillig + by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Catechists of St. Joseph's by Parish Family

Thursday, August 31

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Frances Braun + and Mildred Huss by Dave & Margie Huss
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates and Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

- 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. Dennis Heyne + by Carol Leitner

Sunday, September 3

- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Daniel Braun & Earl Huss + by Dave & Margie Huss
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, and Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 27, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

FOR ETERNAL LIFE AND GLORY, WE ARE ADVISED TO OBEY, GOD, POPE, BISHOPS, PRIESTS, ALL CHURCH AND GOOD CIVIL AUTHORITIES

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. It is clear that perseveringly, living up to what Jesus Christ stands for, cannot be done alone. We need one another's inspiration and encouragement. We live Christianity in groups or congregations. So whenever and wherever one establishes a group, one needs institution, rules and regulations as an alternative to chaos. Hence, authority becomes a necessity. So, we are encouraged to support the Pope and the Bishops and their representative.

Therefore, in the 1st Reading; Is 22:19-23: The Lord God through Prophet Isaiah stripped Shebna his authority and invested it on Eliakim. The Gospel reading of today fulfilled this prophecy in this 1st reading. The Church knows that the human instrument of God's authority on earth can fail, but they cannot undo the Divine purpose. Hence, we pray with the Psalmist of today's Psalm, which states thus: "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hand." You can see that we need to pray for the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests, that they will not fail.

Then in the 2nd Reading; Rom 11:33-36: Paul was trying to describe the bounteous love of God, which was visible in Jesus Christ sharing Himself with the sinful humanity. God is great, powerful, and unsearchable. And in that His unsearchable way, God has planned a future for each and every one of us. Do you believe this? We need to believe it because it true. And it is self-evident truth.

In the Gospel; Mt 16:13-20: This Gospel tradition put things in their proper perspective. Jesus is the Son of God. All authority has been given to Him Christ, hence He delegated the authority to the Church, (Mt 18:18), by putting it into the hands of Peter, the keys of the kingdom, Jesus handed to him, Peter, the authority with which he rules over God's people, together with his fellow apostles (Jn 21:15-22). Then Jesus asked a "Billion question:" "Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?" From the answers the apostles gave, the people did not know who is. He then turned to them and asked the Billion Dollar question: Who do you say that I am? By the power of God, it was revealed to Peter who answered: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." An amazing answer. The Lord Jesus blessed Peter and gave him the keys of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' question led to make known who He is, the Christ, the Redeemer.

So, let us obey, pray for and cooperate with the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests and the deacons to continue to build up the Church, which is the Body of Christ. For we all are one in the one Family of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit. God bless you,

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

God bless you 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 next year. It will be after Easter. From the last week of April into the first week of May. I believe that you are interested to join so, contact Janet Lehman at 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot at 260-466-1224. Hurry!

3. The Parish Picnic is on September 10, at Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton, IN 46714. We will have only 2 Masses that weekend: On Saturday Sep. 9, 2017 Mass: 5:00 p.m. On Sunday Sept. 10, 2017 Mass 10:00 a.m. at the Park. Invite your friends from other parishes to join us.

4. It came to my notice that some of us have some concerns about the trees to be cut around the Rosary Path, in order to beautify it, mow grass around the Rosary Path, and prevent weeds growing there. So, because of this concern, do not cut any tree yet, until we all are on the same page. Thanks for respecting this information.

A Weekend of Discovery Marriage Encounter at St. Joseph's, Bluffton!

A Lifetime of Love

Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, October 20-22, 2017.
Registration forms available in the narthex. Return the registration in the church collection in an envelope marked "Marriage Encounter", or register online at www.wwme.org. Contact George and Diane Witwer with questions at: dhwitwer@gmail.com or 824-4503.

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

Thursday, September 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!

ALPHA

You are invited to be part of a pilot group to participate in Alpha at St. Joseph's. Alpha is a series of sessions designed to help deepen our Christian faith. Each session will include some hospitality with food, a talk on a question regarding faith, and open sharing and conversation. If you are interested in being part of the Alpha Leadership Group, please contact George Witwer at 260-824-4503 or Barb Ault at 260-638-4725.



THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

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The weekend of September 2/3, 2017, we will have a second collection for the universal missionary aspect of the Church and our participation in the Diocesan


Missionary Co-Op Program for 2017. Fr. Show Reddy Allam from Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, IL will be here to celebrate Mass with and for us. There will not be a second collection for the Repair/Rainy Day Fund that weekend.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- **Wed., Aug. 30- Catechist's Mtg. after Mass- 7:30 p.m.**
- **Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day- Office Closed for the Holiday**
- **Thurs., Sept. 7- All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - You are invited to spend 1 hour with the Lord.**
- **Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- details coming!**
- **Sun., Sept. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Youth Group**
- **Sun., Sept. 17- First day of Religious Education Classes- 8:30-9:45 a.m.**
- **Tues., Sept. 19 - Thurs., Sept. 23- Bluffton Street Fair- Parking Lot Fundraiser**
- **Thurs., Oct. 5- All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **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.**

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2 and 3, 2017


CANTORS:

-  **5:00** Nichole Decker
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Larry Leitz


LECTORS:

-  **5:00** Michelle Paxton
7:30 Knights of Columbus
10:00 Marita Crawfis


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **5:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Sara Bear, Missy Huss
7:30 Knights of Columbus
10:00 Steve Higgins, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Sandy Smythe

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **5:00 VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!**
7:30 Knights of Columbus
10:00 Mike Painter, Dave Cowdrey, Brad/Susan Poper

SERVERS:

-  **5:00** Any Huss Sibling, Wyatt Girod, Allison Bear,
7:30 Knights of Columbus
10:00 Isabel/Catherine Crawfis, Angie Rogers

Collection for Weekend of August 19 and 20, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$3,834.00
Child Envelopes- \$25.66
Loose- \$436.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$544.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$440.00
Assumption- \$333.00
Street Fair Pking. Lot Fund-raiser- \$30.00

Total- \$5,642.66

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

We are \$526.26 ahead of budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$542.00
30th ABA Over Goal
(Payment # 5)- \$535.44

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

St. Joseph Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 10

Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton.

Sign up on the sheet in the narthex!

Don't

Forget

The

Picnic!




With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 28 - Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10/ Mt 23:13-22
Tues., Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist - 1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mk 6:17-29
Wed., Aug. 30 - 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32
Thurs., Aug. 31 - 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51
Fri., Sept. 1 - 1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13
Sat., Sept. 2 - 1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mt 25:14-30
Sun., Sept. 3 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

 Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a Catholic; RCIA classes will begin Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Catholics who wish to deepen their Catholic faith, may also attend! Please contact the Parish office to obtain a Registration Form- 824-1380.

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it's over
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because it happened.

To our men and women
in uniform...
past, present and future,



Thank you and
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

THINK!

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

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you
without leaving
happier.

-Mother Teresa