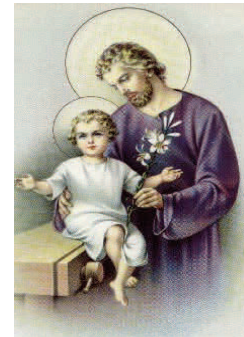


St. Joseph Catholic Community

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018



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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, July 7

Please Note- There will be no Morning Mass this morning.

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Ruby A. Bowers + by Diana Cole

Sunday, July 8

- Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Corey Onweller + by Friends

Monday, July 9

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades - Anniversary

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mothers of Trent & Mary Beth Patterson

8:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, July 11

5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Adoration

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction

7:00 p.m. Dale Morrissey + by Family

Thursday, July 12

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Fathers of Mike & Becky Anderson

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, July 13

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. John O'Keefe + & Barney Gillespie +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, July 14

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. Parish Family

Sunday, July 15

- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico + by Dan & Linda Fel-
ger

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Gene & Kay Keys (June 17, 1983 - 35th
Wedding Anniversary)

Everyone was meant to share

God's all-abiding love and care;

He saw that we would need to know

a way to let these feelings show...

So God made hugs! - Jill Wolf



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., 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 and Tom Williams.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

July 8, 2018

Our relationship with God is exactly that: A relationship. It is a conversation between us and God. Without this conversation, there can be no relationship. In this way, we are called to both speak to God and to listen to Him speaking in our lives. In our readings this weekend, we see different aspects of this conversation.

In our first reading, we hear of the calling of the prophet Ezekiel. At this time, Israel had fallen away from their relationship and broken their covenant with God. The prophet Jeremiah, who lived during the time of Ezekiel, was sent to call Israel back to God, but they would not listen. Eventually, Israel was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar and many Israelites were taken captive to his kingdom of Babylon. Ezekiel was among those forcibly carried away to Babylon.

Having been taken captive, Ezekiel is called by God to prophesy to the remnant of Israel living now in Babylon. Though Ezekiel is told that the people may not respond to his message, God sends him still. Even if His people turn away from and reject Him, God strives to continue His relationship with His chosen people (and with us today). No matter the response they may give, God is always there, waiting for the return of His people.

In our second reading, we hear from St. Paul as he writes a second time to the church he has founded in Corinth. Paul is facing opposition in Corinth by those challenging his authority as an Apostle. It is implied that Paul is speaking not for God, but only for himself. Paul, however, reassures the Corinthians that he is speaking not on his own behalf, but truly as a messenger of God. To this end, he describes how God has kept him humble so that he is not tempted to pride.

Paul, through this "thorn in his side," is reminded daily of his own, personal weaknesses. And, in recognizing his weakness, Paul recognizes that he needs help from another, that he needs God. In remaining faithful to his relationship with God, Paul becomes "strong." We are people called to relationship and it is only when we are in that relationship that we, like St. Paul, are able to thrive.

Finally, coming to our Gospel reading, we see Jesus entering His own town and being rejected. They reject Him because they know Him. Jesus is, in this moment, too ordinary to be the Messiah. They will not listen to or even enter into a conversation with Him. And, because of this, they will never truly know Him.

If we, like those who reject the Lord today, are unwilling to even enter into conversation with Him, we too will not know Him. Instead, if we are willing to give even a moment to Him, to spend time each day in dedicated prayer speaking and listening to God, we begin to build up our relationship with Him. And, we will see how this changes our lives: Knowing God no longer as a stranger, but as a friend and our Savior. - In Christ, Fr. David

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 9 - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22/ Mt 9:18-26

Tues., July 10 - Hos 8:4-7,11-13/ Mt 9:32-38

Wed., July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot - Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12/ Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., July 12 - Hos 11:1-4,8e-9/ Mt 10:7-15

Fri., July 13 - St. Henry - Hos 14:2-10/ Mt 10:16-23

Sat., July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin - Is 6:1-8/ Mt 10:24-33

Sun., July 15 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Am 7:12-15/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13



A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY

The kids get a summer break, and you deserve one, too! Enjoy a Marriage Encounter Weekend with your spouse and rediscover your deep love for each other. Now, more convenient than ever, you can enjoy a weekend 'away' right here at St. Joseph's parish in Bluffton. Join this upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 25 and 26, Saturday morning through Sunday late afternoon, and return to the comfort of your own home at night. For more information or to submit an application, go to www.me-ni.org or call George and Dianne Witwer, 260-824-4503.

Community Care of Wells County Thrift Store— "Change Up Thrift Store" is looking for donations and/or volunteers! We welcome clean used furniture and/or appliances. Change up Thrift Store is located at 428 S. Oak St. on the south side of the old high school/Life Community Church. Hours of operation are Wed/Thu from 1-5pm and Sat. from 9am-Noon. For more information, call Teri at 260-355-8056. Profits go to The Connecting Center for benevolence support to people in the community needing a "hand up" - not a "hand out!"



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrea 'Nana' Carlson, mother of Diana 'Dee' (Jim) Yonker, who died Saturday, June 30, 2018. May God welcome her home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Religious Education Registration Pizza/Sundae Bar - Saturday, August 18 immediately following the 5:00 Mass. Please come and register your children for Religious Education Classes and enjoy Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes, plus meet the Catechists! We had a great turn out last year and the kids wanted, no actually begged, to do it again this year; so here we are! Thanks Kids!



STREET FAIR PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Street Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser - Tuesday, September 18 through Saturday, September 22 - Watch for a sign up sheet to help park cars at the Wabash Electric Lot after 5:00 and all day Saturday. This is a BIG fundraiser for our Church so please sign up to help if you can! Thanks!



PARISH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2018

- Wed., July 11— Adoration 5-7:00 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., July 14— Bishop Rhoades will install Fr. David Violi as Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. A celebration carry-in dinner will follow in the social hall. Please bring an extra-large dish to share if you plan to attend.

WEEKEND OF July 14/15, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Nichole Decker (Fr. David Installation Mass/Choir)
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Michelle Paxton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, John Horn, Christine Zadyak, Dan/Beth Gordon
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, Volunteer
10:00 Diana Cole, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Luisa Sumabat, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson

SERVERS:

5:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Wyatt Girod, Kody Coyne, Abby Wagner
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Phillip Mayer
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of June 30/July 1, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,324.00
Child Envelopes- \$23.90
Loose- \$183.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$719.00
Hall Rent- \$50.00
Total- \$4,299.90

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

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

We are \$816.50 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish:

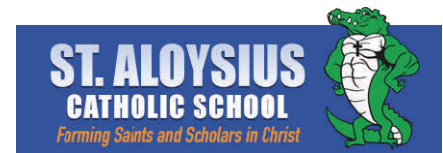
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul- \$25.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Peter's Pence- \$65.00



Please remember, to support your parish, St. Joseph, this summer while you are away on vacation or traveling. Thank you.



If you would like to visit, contact me at 260-622-7151 or tvoors@stalyoder.org and we will find a time that works for both of us. - Mrs. Tina Voors, Principal, St. Aloysius Catholic School

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We should ask God to give us wisdom to comprehend the brevity of life.

"Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Psalm 39:4).

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-Mother Teresa

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