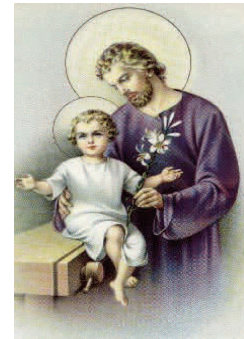


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017



The Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16a
...Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last.

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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, September 23

- 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. Delfin Rios + by Linda Huseman

Sunday, September 24

- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Gerald Beckman + by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 25

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

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu, will be out of the state after Mass Monday, September 25 through Friday, October 6, therefore, there will be no weekday Masses here in our Parish nor Morning Mass on Saturday, October 7. Monsignor Pius will celebrate the weekend Masses as usual on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 at 5:00 p.m., 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. respectively.

These intentions will be said while he is away wherever he is:

- Tues., Sept., 26— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Wed., Sept. 27— Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh
- Thurs., Sept. 28— Urban John Bender & Lloyd Anderson + by Lori Bender
- Fri., Sept. 29— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Sat., Sept 30— Frances Braun + & Mildred Huss by Dave & Margie Huss
- Sun., Oct. 1— Stan Ford + by Anthony & Sara Bear Family

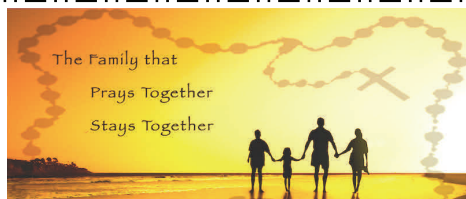
Saturday, September 30

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Joseph Wahman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Sunday, October 1

- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Joe & Edith Baur— 65th Wedding Anniversary by Joe & Edith Baur
- 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., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 24, 2017, YR. A.

GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS, HE IS ALWAYS GENEROUS.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. **Today Sept. 24, is the "PLEDGE SUNDAY". We shall watch the Bishop's Appeal Video. Please, do you best to participate. Let us try to have 100% participation this time. We did well last year. I hope we will do better this year. Thanks in advance for participating and giving generously.**

In today's Liturgy, we are assured that, God is always compassionate to all us, both those who are quick to hear his voice and those who are slow to hear his voice. It seems that in our world today material things, especially money is much cherished in value. Doing something or not doing it seems to depend on the amount of money that goes with it. Even what some students choose as their course, as their major subject study, in schools, colleges and universities depend on what will be cashed remuneration in money tomorrow. However there seem to be some truth in this kind Philosophy and ideology. But there is some misconception in this.

If we apply this ideology to God, it would mean that God is owing us something, call it salvation after we have done some good works. It is true that the bible speaks of reward, but focusing all attention on this aspect alone would result in the immature attitude of a child who thinks that his father owes him/her money for every little work he/she does in the house.

Our main reason for serving God should be love and gratitude and not merely reward, for God does not owe us anything, no matter what work we do.

So, in the 1st Reading; Is 55:6-9: The Israelites in Babylon were felt that their exile was punishment from God for their sins. They deserved it. But Prophet Isaiah promised them freedom. Was the promised freedom, due to good works of the people? Off course no. It was due to God's generosity. For God does not owe anybody anything.

The 2nd Reading; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a: Was written by Paul to the Philippians when he was in prison in Ephesus, the present Turkey. It is important that we should take Paul's advice and behave like people who are worthy of the Gospel of Christ. For if we live we belong to Christ, if we die we are his. So, we should conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ for God is always near to those who call upon him, says the Psalmist.

In the Gospel; Mt 20:1-16a: We realized God's generosity and love. Our reward does not solely depend on our works. We need to work, do well and be kind to others, but our reward does not solely depend on them. The laborers who worked for 12 hours received one denarius each, but those who worked for one hour only also received one denarius each. You can see that their pay does not depend on the amount of work they did. It depends on the decision, love and generosity of the Landowner. God's ways are not our ways. Our duty is to strive to do well and leave reward to God for he is a just God. **Children and young people, listen to your parents, serve them and never demand reward for whatever you do for them. They know what is good for you and they will do it for you.**

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.

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

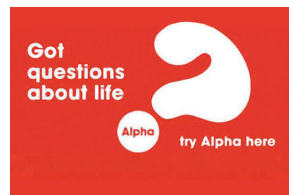


available in the church narthex that explains everything this trip has to offer. 10 Days Package Price: from Ft. Wayne, IN \$3590.00 (OR) from Detroit, MI \$3290.00

Departure Date April 23, 2018 – May 2, 2018

Package price includes:

* Roundtrip airfare * Double occupancy accommodations with breakfast and dinner daily * Sightseeing in private air conditioned bus * Entrance fees to places of interests while on this tour in the Holy Land * Daily Mass



ALPHA

The first Alpha at St. Joseph's has met the past two Friday evenings. Discussion topics were; Is there more to life than this, and who is Jesus. Next session is why did Jesus die. We meet on Friday evenings and share a meal as well. If you are

interested in joining us or finding out more, please call George Witter 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

40 Days for Life begins September 27 – November 5. There will be yard signs available in the Narthex that you may take home and place in your yard. This is a time of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach. 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. Also, you are welcome to drop in at any time on your own that evening. You may park in the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot and walk over from there. You are welcome to bring chairs to sit in and the 40 Days for Life signs to hold, if you wish. 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!

DON'T FORGET!- If you wish to receive a paper copy of Today's Catholic Newspaper, you may still do so this week as the deadline is October 1st. Make checks payable to: Today's Catholic for \$20. Envelopes were available in the narthex in August, if you do not have one, please call the parish office for the address. 824-1380.

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 SEPTEMBER 30 and October 1, 2017

CANTORS:

5:00 Nichole Decker
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Dan Geimer (Choir Mass)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Michelle Paxton, Joe Baur, Linda Huseman
7:30 Barb Ault, Twilla Herr, John Horn
10:00 Steve Higgins, Monica Harris, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

5:00 Any Huss Sibling, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Brendan McCorkle, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Sophia Emrah, Kody/Cassie Coyne

Collection for Weekend of September 16 and 17, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$3,335.00
Child Envelopes- \$46.65
Loose- \$249.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$361.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$20.00
Street Fair Parking lot Fund-raiser- \$90.00
Flowers- \$20.00
Total- \$4,121.65

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

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

We are \$994.75 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$160.00
30th ABA Over Goal- \$423.89
Diocesan Collection:
Campaign for Human Development- \$15.00
Special Coll., Hurricane Harvey- \$1,608.00



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They have a fundraiser (SHARATHON) each spring and fall, inviting parishes to participate. This fall, Msgr. Pius N. Ilchukwu and the Knights of Columbus will chair one hour of the 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., Sept. 25 - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18

Tues., Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs - Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21

Wed., Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest - Ezr 9:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., Sept. 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs - Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9

Fri., Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51

Sat., Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45

Sun., Oct. 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -World Communion Sunday Respect Life Sunday - Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:15/ Mt 21:28-32

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you "un-pregnant", it
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