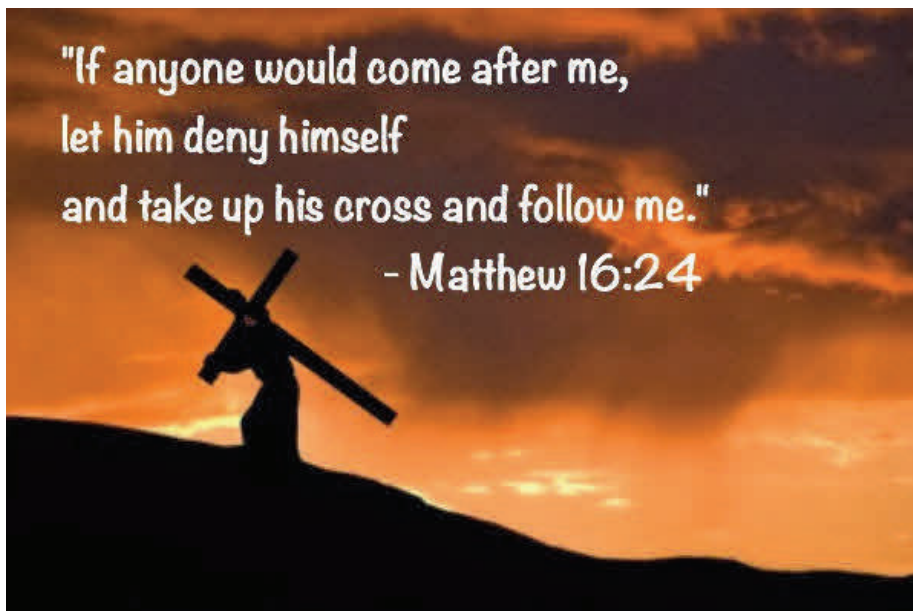
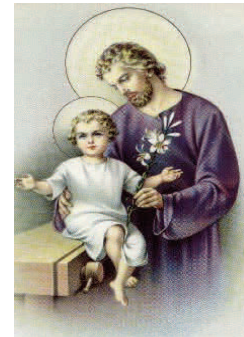


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017



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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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e-mail address: _____

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 4- (Labor Day)

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Norbert & Jeanne Ploetz
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 5

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Fathers of Tom & Maureen Butler + by Tom & Maureen Butler
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 6

6:25 p.m. Rosary
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. Marjorie Harty + by Family

Thursday, September 7

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Jericho Kobryn + by St. Joseph's K of C
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Victoria Rios + by Linda Huseman

Sunday, September 10

- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
NO 7:30 a.m. MASS Today
9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver St., followed by Parish Picnic- Herman (Pete) Leitz & R. Dale Morrissey + by Larry & Nancy Leitz



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPT. 3RD, 2017 YR. A.

LOVE IMPLIES SACRIFICE, SUFFERING, SELF-GIVING AND COMMITMENT

From the Pastor's Desk:

GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT ALWAYS LIKE HUMAN WAYS (HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. **I am not celebrating the Eucharist with you this weekend as has been announced. Fr. Allam who was arranging for a priest who would have preached Mission Appeal for his congregation as was arranged by the Diocese, could not find a priest to do it for him. We got information about this on Tuesday August 29, 2017, very late. He cancelled it. So, the 2nd collection will be for Rainy Day/Repair Fund not for Mission Appeal. I am sorry for this late information. Thanks for your patience and generous gifts. Then we welcome Fr. Jose and his pastor, Fr. Bob who accepted to help us within a very short notice. Thanks Fr. Jose.**

Those who are dedicated to their commitment know that it implies sacrifice. Please, let everybody pay attention now. Take as an example: Married people need to think of their mutual commitment in love, Religious Sister, Brothers and Priests must think and uphold their vows. Children and parents must think and uphold their commitment in their family living as people under one roof exercising their duties seriously every day. **You can now see that Love means self-giving. For God's ways are not always our ways.**

Thus in the 1st Reading; Jer 20: 7-9: Jeremiah the Prophet, who was 100% committed in his assignment saw himself tricked. He said: "You have duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." (Jer. 20:7). God cannot dupe any body. Jeremiah used this word to express his feeling in his commitment to his relationship with God. He saw himself being mocked at every step and he wanted to cut his relationship with God but he could not do it, and he said: "... it becomes like burning fire in my heart". And in (Jer. 23:29), God said, "Is my word not like fire, is it not like a hammer shattering a rock?" That is what commitment is like in our life.

In the same vein, Paul in the 2nd Reading; Rom 12:1-2: admonished us saying: "**I urge you, brothers and sisters ... to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.**" This is not easy. To renew your mind and become perfect need sacrifice and commitment.

In like manner, in the Gospel; Mt 16:21-27: The Lord Jesus spoke in clear language, what He was to face in Jerusalem, death and rise on the third day and that God's standard is not always the same as human standard. Love requires denial of the self and by nature it is sometimes painful. Jeremiah in the first reading wanted to stop speaking in the name of God. All of us can feel the same temptation in certain stages of our lives. Jesus was committed to His Mission. It was challenging, difficult and painful, but he persevered and fought all obstacles on his way to fulfill God's will. To do it, He scolded Peter and called him "Satan", for Peter was forming and becoming a stumbling block for Him.

If you want to be like Jesus, you must take up your cross everyday and follow him. If you want to save your life by your own means you lose it, but if you allow the Lord to lead you and save you, you must forfeit your life for the sake of the kingdom of God. Then, God will save it for you. There is nothing you pay for the exchange of your life. There is nothing we suffer here on earth that can be compared with glorious joy in heaven. So, strive to be committed in your loving relationship with God and your neighbor and God will reward you.

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

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu

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 churches and parishes to join us.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Brother Knights- Our next meeting is Tuesday September 5th; gather at the rosary path at 6:40 p.m., weather permitting, our meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Have a wonderful and Safe labor day weekend. See you next Tuesday. Thanks and God Bless! Dan Geimer, Grand Knight



ANNIVERSARY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop Rhoades will be celebrating an Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. A ticketed reception will follow Mass at St. Mary's Parish— only a couple blocks from the Cathedral. Anniversary couples will receive two free tickets to the reception. Additional tickets for family members may be purchased before the registration deadline for \$10 each. Please register by calling Helen at (574) 234-0687 or by emailing her at hausten@diocesefwsb.org. For those requesting extra tickets for the reception, please send your check by mail to Anniversary Masses, 1328 W. Dragoon Trail, Mishawaka, IN 45644. When registering, please include both of your names, your home address, phone number, wedding date and the Mass you plan to attend by October 6, 2017.

Please see the insert in the bulletin 'Addressing the Sin of Racism' from the USCCB and Bishop Rhoades office.



ST. JOSEPH CCW


The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Every woman at St. Joseph's is a member of the St. Joseph CCW (Women's Group), so please try and come if you are able to make it. We would love to have you there!

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR


- 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.
- Thurs., Sept. 7- RCIA begins at 7:30 p.m. Please call the Parish office if you plan to attend the classes.
- Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- 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 9 and 10, 2017


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Leeann Kennerk
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

 **5:00** Glenn Ryan
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Carol Butler


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Joe Baur, Missy Huss, Janette Minch
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Steve Higgins, Ann Reifsteck, Donna Geisel, Kevin or Jessica Seago, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Dale/Sarah McCorkle

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren/Corey/Brooklynn Huss
7:30 No Mass
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Wyatt Girod, Brendan McCorkle

* Sunday, September 10- No 7:30 a.m. Mass/
10:00 Mass at Roush Park , 925 W. Silver St., Bluffton
followed by the Annual Parish Picnic *

Collection for Weekend of August 26 and 27, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$3,678.00
Child Envelopes- \$13.55
Loose- \$147.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$200.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$40.00
Assumption- \$425.00
Street Fair Pking. Lot Fund-raiser- \$515.00
Votive Candles- \$86.15
Total- \$5,104.70

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

We are \$11.70 behind budget from last week and \$628.01 ahead of budget for the month of August.

Other Collections within our Parish-
St. Vincent de Paul- \$65.00

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

EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Our hearts go out to the people of the Gulf Coast region who have lost loved ones, homes, and businesses due to the devastating floods in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The USCCB has authorized a national collection to assist the victims. Bishop Rhoades is asking that a special **emergency collection be taken up on the weekend of September 16/17**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through USCCB. Please keep the victims of Hurricane Harvey in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 4 - Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - Labor Day - 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30
Tues., Sept. 5 - Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Religious - 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/ Lk 4:31-37
Wed., Sept. 6 - Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44
Thurs., Sept. 7 - Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11
Fri., Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
Sat., Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest - Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5
Sun., Sept. 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

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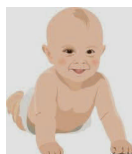


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