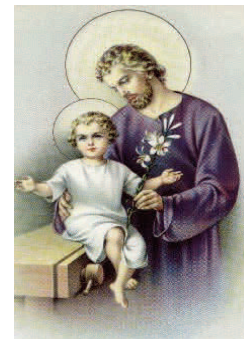


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

ASCENSION



## Ascension of the Lord May 13, 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, May 12

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. Mark Makowski + by Friends

### Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

#### - The Ascension of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

### Monday, May 14

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

### Tuesday, May 15

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. General Intentions of the Parish by John & Karen Geels

8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, May 16

6:25 p.m. Rosary  
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Mark Makowski + by Larry & Nancy Leitz

### Thursday, May 17

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Koe Smekens + by Robert & Judy Grove  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, May 18

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Marjorie Harty + by St. Joseph Choir  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

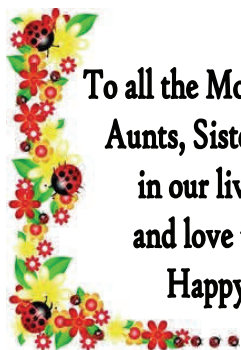
### Saturday, May 19

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. Ruby A. Bowers + by Diana Cole

### Sunday, May 20

#### - Pentecost Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Gloria Riveros  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



**To all the Mothers, Grandmothers,  
Aunts, Sisters and other women  
in our lives that care for us  
and love us unconditionally,  
Happy Mother's Day!**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, YR. B

### (MOTHERS' SUNDAY)

(7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 YR. B.)

We are invited to Eternal Life of Blessedness in heaven.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you! It is an axiomatic truth that the Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven to prepare a place for each one of us. In fact, He has already prepared a place, a state of Eternal life, life of blessedness for everyone of us. We need to take the reality of eternal life very seriously. For, some people this earthly life is the most important thing for them. For others, it is heaven, and for some still, heaven is realized already here on earth in love. To which group do you belong? Christ is our leader, for he is the way the truth and life. It is in faith, following Jesus, shall we see the transcending reality of God, as a loving Father, who waits for us his children. Where Jesus has gone we hope to follow him. It is Ascension that gave meaning to the Resurrection. For, if Christ did not ascend into heaven, where is he now?

**Today is Mother's Sunday. It is a special day we respect, honor, cherish, care in a special and love our mothers. I want to say that every female is a mother, married or not married. Motherhood is not in the flesh but in the heart. So, when I say mother I mean every female.**

**In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Acts 1:1-11: St. Luke the author of the Acts of the Apostles assured us of the Lord's ascension. He said; "In the first book, *Theophilus*, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up... When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight". So, he ascended into heaven. Two angels confirmed it. He will come again from heaven where he has gone, that is Ascension.**

**And Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; Eph 1:17-23: confirmed the Ascension also when he said, that God raised "him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion ..." How could Christ sit at God's right hand if he did not ascend into heaven?**

**Then in the Gospel; Mk 16:15-20: St. Mark the Evangelist said it all, "So then, the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. My dear beloved in Christ our task is to do what Christ has done and do what he commanded us to do. He commanded us to preach by word and example the Good News everywhere in the world. When we do as He has commanded us, then we will be good stewards, giving good account of our stewardship, by making effective use of the gifts and talents God has given to each and every one of us. Today is mothers' Sunday, as I said earlier and each one of us here has a mother, living or dead. And as such we need to respect, love and obey them wherever they are now. Every mother is a precious gift of God to us. Your mother is a precious gift of God to you. Do you hear me? Therefore, you must love your mother. She, in a way, gave you, life. We owe them absolute and unquestionable obedience. They bring peace and joy to their families. A good mother's smile radiates life into her family. Her thoughtfulness put flesh on the bones of her husband and the bones of all around her. Her governed speech and firm virtue are gifts from the Lord. Modest and chaste woman is a priceless gift from God to humanity. She is like the rising sun shining on mount Zion. Her beauty and graceful figure are like golden columns in the house of God. So, please, let us take good care of them.**

**Take home assignment: 1. Who is Theophilus in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading?**

**2. Dear Mothers, please read Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 26:1-23.**

**N.B. 1. Remember that May 19<sup>th</sup> is our Parish appreciation Dinner. All the Councils, the Teams, the Committees, all the Ministries and volunteers are invited. Please try to attend. So, as one Family of St. Joseph, show your face, gentlemen and ladies, boys and girls and infants. Thanks in advance for attending.**

**2. Please mark your calendar, June 3, is Eucharistic Procession. It starts by 8:30 a.m. and ends about 9:05 a.m. Let's show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.**

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

**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, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, and Priscilla Rhodes.

## SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 14 - Easter Weekday - St. Matthias, Apostle** - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17  
**Tues., May 15 - Easter Weekday - St. Isidore** - Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wed., May 16 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 20:28-38/ Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thurs., May 17 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 22:30,23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26  
**Fri., May 18 - Easter Weekday - St. John I, Pope and Martyr** - Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19  
**Sat., May 19 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Jn 21:20-25  
**Sun., May 20 - Pentecost Sunday** - Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/ Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Last week we announced the Ordination of 5 young men to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

This announcement is for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon...

**With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Joyfully Request Your Presence at the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon of Jose Emmanuel Arroyo Acevedo and Daniel Gerhardt Niezer, Through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, IN**



## PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE 2018


- Sat., & Sun., May 12-13- Stamp Out Hunger- Letter Carriers 26th Annual Food Drive. There is a box in the narthex for canned goods or you may leave the non-perishable goods by your mail box for your letter carrier.
- Wed., May 16- Finance/Budget Meeting- 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., May 19- Parish Appreciation Dinner following 5:00 Mass; RSVP's are due on or before May 13th.
- Sun., May 20- Coffee and Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses- served by St. Joseph Youth Group.
- Mon., May 21 - May 30- Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of the country visiting the Holy Land.
- Sun., May 27- Acacia Herr/James Suhrer wedding
- Sun., June 3- Eucharistic Procession- 8:30-9:05. Let us show our Faith and express our belief in the real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.
- Tues., June 5- Knights of Columbus meeting- Rosary at 6:40 in Church; meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Thurs., June 7- All Day Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- 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.
- Sun., June 10- Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus, in the gym- watch for details and a sign up sheet.
- Sun., June 10- Graduation Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by brunch for the graduates and their families in the social hall.
- Tues., June 12 to Mon., June 25- Michelle will be out of the office on vacation.
- Sun., June 17- Father's Day- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by St. Joseph Women's Group
- Fri., June 22- St. Joseph night at the TinCaps Game - It's also SUPER HERO night, come dressed as your favorite Super Hero!! - game begins at 7:05 p.m. followed by fireworks after the game. Sign up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend so tickets may be ordered together.

## WEEKEND OF May 19/20, 2018

### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp (Choir Mass)


### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** George Witwer


### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Janette Minch, Christine Zadyak, Joe Baur  
**7:30** Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski, Barb Ault  
**10:00** Diana Cole, Tammi Helm, Dan Geimer, Jeff Miller, Luisa Sumabat

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers, Volunteers  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Mike Painter, Brad/Susan Poper, Dave Cowdrey

### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Corey or Brooklynn Huss, Emma Roembke, Alex Roembke  
**7:30** Brendan McCorkle, Faith Loshe, Abby Wagner  
**10:00** Catherine Crawfis, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

### Collection for Weekend of May 5/6, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,420.00  
Child Envelopes- \$37.25  
Loose- \$296.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$170.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,045.00  
Ascension- \$26.00  
Paper Gator- \$46.86  
Reimb. From K of C for supplies from Fish Fry- \$150.00  
**Total- \$5,191.11**

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

We are \$74.71 ahead of budget from last week.

### Other Collections within our Parish- \$0

**Diocesan Special Collections:**  
Catholic Home Mission- \$11.00  
Mother's Day/Catholic Charities- \$10.00

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

## SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIANS

**Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education-** Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Education of Seminarians. Please continue to pray for and support our seminarians through this important collection, so that we may have more Seminarians to be ordained, as we will have these five to be ordained Priests on June 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Thank you for your generous response!



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Knights of Columbus will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 10th in the gym. Watch for sign up sheets and more information in the coming weeks.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*We should seek to make the Lord's work a priority in our lives as we seek first God's kingdom and righteousness.*

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