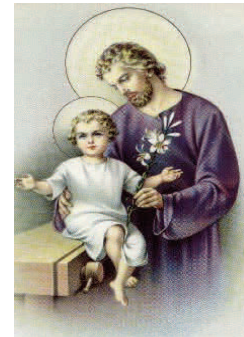


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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B August 12, 2018

*"I am the living bread
that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."*

John 6:51



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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, August 11

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 +

Sunday, August 12

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Robert Bauman +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 14

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Frances Braun +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Vigil Mass- Assumption- 5:30 p.m. - Leonard Smythe +

Wednesday, August 15

**- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
A Holy Day of Obligation**

7:00 a.m. Richard Schortgen +

7:00 p.m. Bob Bender +

Thursday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Norma Bauman +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Fathers of Trent & Mary Beth Patterson +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, August 18

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. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, August 19

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Jericho Kobryn +

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Aug. 13 - Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time -
Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs -**
Ez 1:2-5,24-28c/ Mt 17:22-27

**Tues., Aug. 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and
Martyr -** Ez 2:8—3:4/ Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

**Wed., Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - Vigil Mass:** 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16; 16:1-2/ 1 Cor
15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 - **Day Mass:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a,10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Thurs., Aug. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary - Ez 12:1-12/
Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri., Aug. 17 - Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63/ Mt 19:3-12

Sat., Aug. 18 - Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32/ Mt 19:13-15

Sun., Aug. 19 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 12, 2018 - Year B

A reminder that Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Mass times for the Holy Day are:

Vigil Mass on Tuesday, August 14th at 5:30 PM

Mass on Wednesday, August 15th at both 7 AM and 7 PM

In our first reading (1 Kings 19:4-8), the Prophet Elijah fears he is near death. As he gives up all hope, God responds through the ministry of an angel and provides Elijah bread and water for nourishment. This bread from heaven gives Elijah the strength to continue his journey to Mount Horeb, the same mountain on which God had appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:14) and revealed His name (*YHWH - I Am*). These two themes, God providing that which we need to strengthen us and the revelation of God's name, would have been on the minds and hearts of the crowds that had gathered to listen to Jesus in Capernum.

As we enter our Gospel today (John 6:41-51), Jesus' "Bread of Life" Discourse continues. At the Multiplication of the Loaves, the crowds gathering had their physical hunger satisfied by Jesus. Then, as we heard last week, Jesus challenged the crowds, seeking bread to once again satisfy their physical hunger, to seek out that which will satisfy their spiritual hunger, that longing in their hearts for God. And, as He continues in our Gospel today, Jesus asserts that He is what their hearts have longed for. This causes murmuring and dissension among the crowd, as it should! In His statement, "I am the Bread of Life", Jesus is making two very challenging assertions that would have shocked His listeners: That He comes from God the Father and that He is God.

Jesus' claim to have come from God is challenged as the crowds know His origins, being known as "the son of Joseph." Yet, Jesus shows Himself different from all others who have come before as He is not simply one God has revealed Himself too, but is truly the Son of the Father. As the bread given to Elijah strengthens him to continue towards Mount Horeb, Jesus' presence among us strengthens us for our journey. He strengthens us by revealing our Father to us and, through the Eucharist, uniting us to Himself. In this communion with God, we share in eternal life. As St. Paul says in our second reading (Eph. 4:30-5:2), this is to transform us so that we more closely imitate, or resemble, Jesus in our daily lives.

Finally, Jesus' use of the words "I am" throughout John's Gospel would have immediately captivated the crowd's attention as Jesus takes the revealed name of God given to Moses on Mount Horeb and applies it to Himself. To the crowds, unless He is speaking truth, this would be a form of blasphemy. Jesus, however, gives little time for them to respond as he continues fleshing out verse 51, claiming His flesh as the Bread of Life. From this will flow our understanding of the Eucharist, which is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, given to us "for the life of the world." In the Eucharist, we find that nourishment which is the only thing that can satisfy our longing heart.

We welcome Fr. Lawrence Teteh, CSSp, as our mission speaker. Fr. Lawrence is the pastor of St. Therese in Fort Wayne and a missionary priest serving in our diocese from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers' in Nigeria. So that Fr. Lawrence can be with us this weekend, I will be at his parish of St. Therese to offer their Sunday liturgies. Have a blessed week and I will see you at Mass for the Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Christ, Fr. David



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, 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, Tom Williams and Zella Butler.

STREET FAIR PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Street Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser - Tuesday, September 18 through Saturday, September 22 - If you are interested in helping park cars, you can find the sign up sheet on the big bulletin board in the narthex. We will be using the Wabash Electric Parking Lot after 5:00 p.m. each day and all day Saturday. This is a BIG fundraiser for our Church so please sign up to help if you can! Thanks!



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Newly Baptized - August 5, 2018 - Welcome!
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Quinten Poper and Brittany Caldwell,
Granddaughters of Brad and Susan Poper


Remember! With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37

PARISH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018


- Sun., Aug. 19– Juice/Milk & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by Knights of Columbus
- Sun., Aug. 19– Religious Education Registration Pizza/Sundae Bar immediately following the 10:00 Mass in the social hall.
- Wed., Aug. 22– Mass will be at **8:00 a.m.** instead of 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., & Sun., Aug. 25 and 26– Marriage Encounter Weekend.
- Mon., Sept. 3– Labor Day– Office Closed
- Tues., Sept. 4– Knights of Columbus meeting– Rosary at 6:40 in the church, meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Thurs., Sept. 6– All Day Adoration 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m./Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 9– First day of Religious Education Classes– 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 9– Fr. David will talk on the Death Penalty– 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the social hall– all are invited!
- Tues., Sept. 11– St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting– 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 12– Adoration 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m./Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 16– Juice/Milk & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by St. Joseph Youth Group
- Tues., Sept. 18 - Sat., Sept. 22– Street Fair Parking Lot fundraiser. Sign up sheet in the narthex to help park cars.
- Fri., Sept. 20-Sept. 28– Fr. David will be gone.

WEEKEND OF August 18/19, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nancy Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Marita Crawfis


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Janette Minch, Kathy Marshall, Kevin or Jessica Seago
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski, Barb Ault
10:00 Diana Cole, Tammi Helm, Larisa Sudhoff, Jeff Miller, Rick Singer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Any Huss Sibling, Wyatt Girod, Alex Mechling
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of August 4/5, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$2,937.00
Child Envelopes- \$17.64
Loose- \$362.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$20.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund– \$1133.78
Street Fair Pking Lot Fundraiser- \$30.00
Votive Candles- \$29.40
Hall Rent- \$50.00
Total- \$4,579.82

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

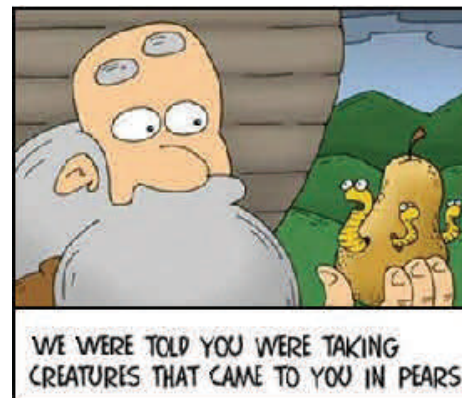
We are \$536.58 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$22.00
Diocesan Special Collection-
CUA Today- \$10.00

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

REMINDER! - Training date(s) for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors will be posted in the bulletin sometime in the next couple of weeks. Ginny Fenstermaker will be training Lectors and Monica Harris will be training those who wish to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please call the parish office at 824-1380 if you are interested in joining either of the ministries.



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n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?