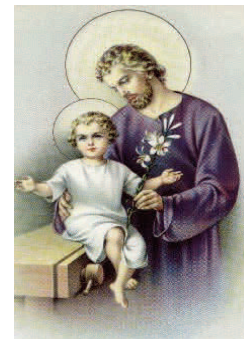


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 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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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 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

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:

- Mon., Oct. 2- Norma Bauman & Lena Felger by Dan & Linda Felger
- Tues., Oct. 3- Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Wed., Oct. 4- Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh
- Thurs., Oct. 5- Urban John Bender & Lloyd Anderson + by Lori Bender
- Fri., Oct. 6- Joseph Lautzenheiser + Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Saturday, October 7

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman + by John Huseman

Sunday, October 8


- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS - The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass. Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380. Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased.

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." - Saint Jean Vianney

Sunshine spills through autumn-colored leaves, lighting up their brilliance like stained-glass windows in a great cathedral, expressing the wonder of God's love, declaring His glory.

 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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPT. 30/OCT. 1, YR. A. OBEDIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE IMPORTANT IN LIFE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. **I am out of State this weekend. We welcome Fr. Jose who is celebrating the Mass with us. You are welcome Fr. Jose. I want to thank you all for the wonderful Annual Bishop's Appeal Pledge you did last Sunday. I am praying for you all. May the Lord God continue to bless you all.**

In today's Liturgy, we all are reminded that, obedience, responsibility and accountability are important in life and in our salvation. We need to be responsible for whatever we do. Projection is as old as Adam and Eve. Adam failed to accept the responsibility of his actions and projected it to Eve. Thus, he responded when God asked him: he said, "The woman ... gave me and I ate it". And in her own turn, Eve projected her responsibility to Satan and said, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." And in our own time we used to say: "Not I, but he/she did it. He/she is responsible not I." Projection is bad. Listen to this: a child was asked, "Who broke the cup? The child said: "The cup got broken". Thus, refusing to accept the responsibility of an act.

In the 1st Reading; Ez 18:25-28: Prophet Ezekiel was admonishing the Hebrews who were deported to Babylon to accept the responsibility of their sins and repent so, as to obtain God's forgiveness. They were projecting their actions to God that what God did was wrong. Let it be clear to us that human freedom implies full responsibility for what we did, what we are doing and what we shall do.

Thus, in the 2nd Reading; Phil 2:1-11: St. Paul admonished us and said, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but for those of others." Let the kind of mind that is in Christ Jesus also be in you. Though he was God but did not cling to it but humbled himself and became obedient and died on the cross. We need to be as humbles as Christ is in all we do.

And in the Gospel; Mt 21:28-32: We read the episode of two sons whose father asked them to do something for him. The first son refused but later changed his mind and did what his father told him to do. He obeyed. The second accepted to do it, but did not do it. The first son was commended for doing his father's will. He represented, took care of his actions. The sinners: tax collectors, prostitutes, who first rejected the kingdom but later repented, asked for forgiveness; were forgiven and were saved. The second son represents people of double dealing, who claim self-righteous, who cover up their sins. These people will have problem on the Day of Judgment. Their salvation has some serious question marks. But those who accepted responsibility for their sins, asked for forgiveness; are forgiven and they are saved. Let us be humble enough to accept our sins. Let us be responsible and accountable for all our actions. Have open mind, heart and eyes for the real Christian values, so that God will continue to fill us with his gift of love.

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.

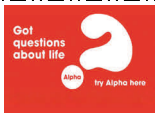
God bless you.

Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu



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 haustgen@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.



ALPHA

The First Alpha at St. Joseph meets on Friday evenings. The coming week's discussion topic is "What and How do we Pray". We share a meal, watch a video on the week's topic and then have a group discussion. If you are interested in joining us or finding out more, please call George Witwer 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. 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. 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!

STREET FAIR PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER- Many THANKS to ALL who parked cars in the heat for our yearly fundraiser: Eric, Tammy, Sam, Alex & Audrey Mechling, Dan & Larisa Sudhoff, Mary Beth Patterson, Patrick, LeAnn, Mitchel & Justin Mayer, Ben Cruz, Jenny Esmond, Mike & Ginny Fenstermaker, Duane Scott, Mike & Jill Morrissey, Dale, Sarah, Brendan, & Spencer McCorkle, John Lohmuller, Steve & Sam Wagner, Kerry & Laura Roberts, Marita & Catherine Crawfis, Kim, Quinn, Connor & Luke Dreiband, Anjie Hartman & Ann Reifsteck, Karl, Anna, Kristen, Kendall & Derek Smith. A big THANK YOU to Ben Wagner who spent two hours with me on Saturday changing out the old signs on the posts and replacing with new ones. And also THANK YOU to Nathan Huss who placed the posts and picked them up from the parking lot. Between the pre-sold spots and the Wabash Electric lot, we deposited a total of \$2,481.00 for our Church! Many hands make light work! Again I appreciate all of you for coming out to help, as I couldn't have done it without you! Michelle

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 OCTOBER 7 and 8, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Marita Crawfis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, Sherry Makowski
10:00 Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Todd Hartman and sons & Chris Reifsteck and sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Clayton Vachon
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Brett Johnson

Collection for Weekend of September 23 and 24, 2017

- Adult Envelopes- \$2,825.00
Child Envelopes- \$33.30
Loose- \$305.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$30.00
Street Fair Parking lot Fund-raiser- \$931.00
Votive Candles- \$61.05
Total- \$4,185.33

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

We are \$931.07 behind budget from last week and \$4,501.47 behind for the month of September.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$20.00
Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!



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in 2002 with the purchase of weekly airtime on a local commercial radio station to broadcast Catholic Answers Live and has since grown into a 24-hour a day, seven day a week, local Catholic radio station reaching thousands of people in northern Indiana. They have a fundraiser (SHARATHON) each spring and fall, inviting parishes to participate. This fall, Msgr. Pius N.

Ilechukwu 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.

With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37



MEETING REMINDER!

Tuesday, October 3rd - Meet in Church for the Rosary at 6:40 and meeting to follow in social hall at 7:00.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., Oct. 2 - Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - The Holy Guardian Angels -** Zec 8:1-8/ Mt 18:1-5,10
Tues., Oct. 3 - Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56
Wed., Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62
Thurs., Oct. 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest - Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/ Lk 10:1-12
Fri., Oct. 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin - Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16
Sat., Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - Bar 4:5-12,27-29/ Lk 10:17-24
Sun., Oct. 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

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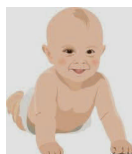


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