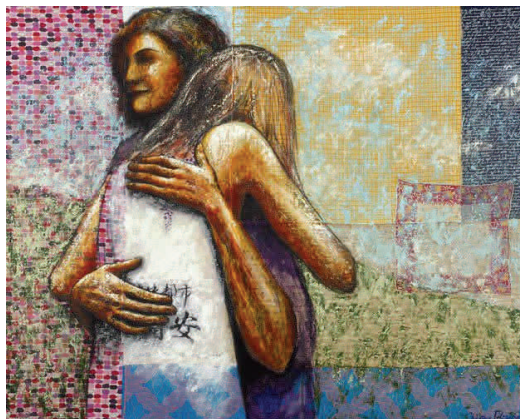
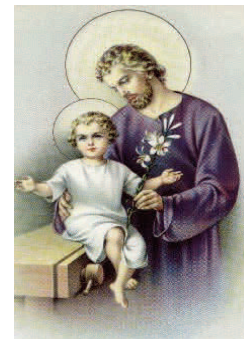


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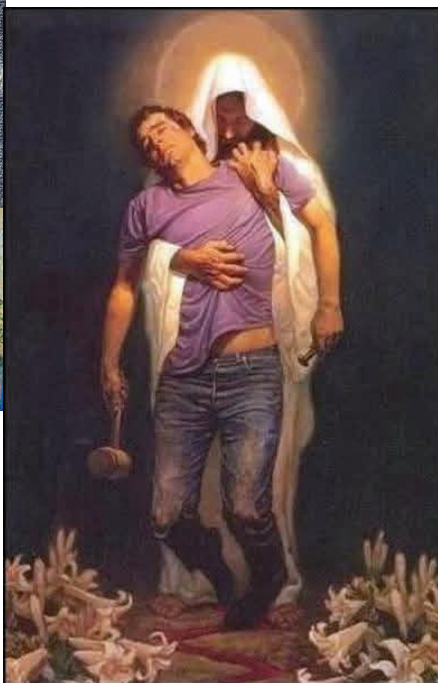
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Madlyn Schortgen + by Kurt & Becky Biberstein

Sunday, September 17

- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Maria Garcia + by Christine Zadyak Family

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 20

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Jericho Kobryn + by St. Joseph K of C

Thursday, September 21

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + Tom & Barb Ault
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, September 22

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Harry Anderson + by Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

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

We encounter God in the ordinariness of life, not in the search for spiritual highs and extraordinary, mystical experiences, but in our simple presence in life.



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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 17TH 2017, YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO FORGIVE, BE KIND AND MERCIFUL

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say peace be with you all. Our Annual Bishop's Appeal is with us. Today is the **"KICK OFF"** day. We have your envelopes at the Narthex. Please pick up yours as you go after the Mass. Then, the coming week Sept. 24, is the **"PLEDGE SUNDAY"**. We shall watch the Bishop's Appeal Video. Please, do your 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 called to forgive, be kind and merciful. Jesus came to elevate human nature and not to destroy it. He came to preserve the best in us, and enable us to be what a Christian man or woman, child or the youth should be. Hatred, revenge and anger are human vices. The law of: **"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"** are Old Testament ethics, but not Christian. Jesus came and Christianized it. So, you must take a realistic look at yourself and check where your personality should be **Christianized**. The child (human) in us may be vengeful, but God, whom we should follow, is different. Today's responsorial Psalm show us who God is: "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Thus, in the 1st Reading; Sir 27:30-28:7: The book of Sirach, explains to us the danger of hate, revenge, wrath, anger, unforgiving heart, been mad at people etc. These are really bad. Please avoid them. It says: "The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, **for he remembers their sins in detail.**" "This is frightening" The Lord continues: "Forgive your neighbor's injustice, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." To be saved, we must overlook all injustices done to us by others, **to save our souls on the Day of Judgment.**

In the 2nd Reading; Rom 14:7-9: St. Paul, tells us that we need one another. We are not autonomous. We must see Jesus in our neighbor. This will help us to forgive all injustices done to us. For the Lord Jesus said, about those who killed Him: "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." (cf. Lk 23:34).

And in the Gospel; Mt 18:21-35: Jesus through the two parables said it all. Peter thought that by forgiving 7 times, he has done a wonderful thing. But Jesus said: **"Not seven times but seventy-seven times."** This means uncountable. Our forgiveness must be unlimited. We must forgive as the master forgave his servant. But because the servant failed to forgive his fellow servant he terribly So, as the Lord is kind and merciful, we should be forgiving towards one another. Our forgiveness should be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. For He alone is the Lord. Forgive and you shall be forgiven. Let go all injustices done to you for the sake of the Kingdom of God. "Heaven is for us all, I hope you are doing something about it.

God bless you. Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

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.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Josephs Parish is looking for a volunteer(s) to head up the 2018 Vacation Bible School for next summer. Kerry and Tracy Coyne have been in charge for the past few years, but family and other conflicts prevent them from doing it in 2018. We want to give a big "Thank You" to Kerry and Tracy for all their work. However, we need someone to step up and volunteer to be in charge of Vacation Bible School for 2018 if we are to continue with this special ministry. Like everything in our Parish, we need people to be willing to do Christ's work, and we hope you feel compelled to volunteer. There will be guidance and assistance in coming up with a program, knowing what needs to be done, and where to look for help. All we need is someone to volunteer to help keep this valuable program alive and well for the children of St. Josephs. If interest please contact Michelle at the Church office at 824-1380.

Thank you,
St. Josephs Parish Council

STREET FAIR MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us at the Wells County March for Life, which takes place in the Industrial Parade at the Bluffton Street Fair on Thursday, September 21st. We start lining up at 5:30P.M. on South Main Street past Cherry St. (Just look for the pro-life signs and people in navy blue shirts. We may be quite a ways down Main St.) We ask that everyone try to wear navy blue shirts or jackets if possible. Pro-Life bracelets and Life Saver candies will be passed out to the crowds. If you want to pitch in with this, you are welcome to bring individually wrapped Life Saver candies to make sure we have enough. You are also welcome to bring 40 Days for Life signs to carry if you wish. Please take this opportunity to stand up for the vulnerable who cannot speak for themselves. Hope to see you all there!

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,

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Package price includes:

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ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR


- 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 23 and 24, 2017


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Christine Zadyak, Linda Huseman, Mary Ann Flowers
7:30 Dave Gruss, Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Michelle Paxton, Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Mike Painter, Dave Cowdrey, Brad/Susan Poper

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, Brett Johnson, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Brendan McCorkle, Clayton Vachon
10:00 Grayson Christal, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of September 9 and 10, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$3,523.00
Child Envelopes- \$14.15
Loose- \$99.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$175.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$207.00
Street Fair Parking lot Fund-raiser- \$330.00
Total- \$4,348.15

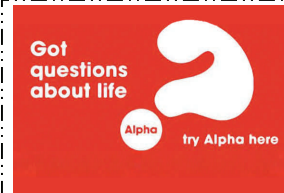
Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

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

We are \$768.25 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$503.00
Diocesan Collection:
Campaign for Human Development- \$175.00
Special Coll., Hurricane Harvey- \$100.00



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 Wither 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.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 18 - Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - 1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 7:1-10
Tues., Sept. 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr - 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Lk 7:11-17
Wed., Sept. 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs - 1 Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35
Thurs., Sept. 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13
Fri., Sept. 22 - 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3
Sat., Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest - 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15
Sun., Sept. 24 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

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To our men and women
in uniform...
past, present and future,



Thank you and
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

THINK!

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

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you
without leaving
happier.

-Mother Teresa