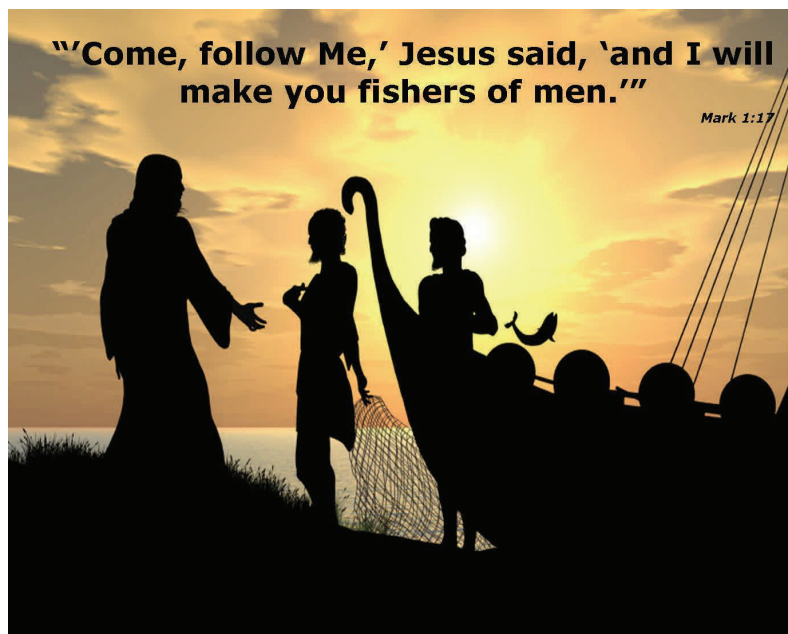
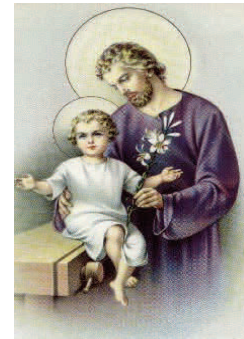


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- January 21, 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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Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Patricia Burwell + by Joel & Patty Makowski

Sunday, January 21

- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Reyes "Bob" Ortiz + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu will be out of town until February 1, 2018. There will be not be weekday Mass here in our Parish; However, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away in Nigeria:

- Monday, January 22— Deceased Family members of Lori Bender by Lori Bender
- Tuesday, January 23— Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey
- Wednesday, January 24— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Thursday, January 25— Charles Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault
- Friday, January 26— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- Saturday, January 27— Joyce Felger by Dan & Linda Felger
- Sunday, January 28— Deceased members of Ray & Chris Hartman by Ray & Chris Hartman

Saturday, January 27

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Larry & JoAnn Dustman Family by JoAnn Dustman

Sunday, January 28

- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Norma Bauman + by Robert & Bonnie Beam
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

WELCOME!

- Jan., 20/21— Fr. Vincent Joseph
- Jan., 27/28— Fr. Gus Gordon (Food for the Poor)



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.



Please remember in your prayers...

Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, 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 and Rick Cotterman.

HOMILY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

HOMILY THEME: "JESUS SAID TO THEM, 'FOLLOW ME.' AND IMMEDIATELY THEY FOLLOWED HIM." (Mark 1:17-18)

BY: Fr. Robert deLeon, CSC



HOMILY: Mark 1:14-20

Why did he pick me? Was it because most of the others nearby were young nurses scurrying to clock-in for work? Was it because I was the only older person in sight not wheelchair-bound or unsteadily maneuvering a walker? Was it because of the Roman collar I was wearing? Or maybe it was because I was traveling against the flow of traffic.

The bright June morning found mobs of us crossing the walkway bridge adjoining the hospital to the parking garage. Throngs of nurses in a bright array of scrubs dashed past me, the urgency of punching in on time a clear reversal of the sauntering casual chatter that marked their exit at end of shift. Pressed for time, these nurses, mostly female, dodged wheelchairs and zigzagged around anxious elders anchored to walkers. Yes, they were all in a near-run to the time clock as hospital duties called insistently.

Already at the hospital for several hours ahead of the stampede, I was struggling against the flow, returning to my car to retrieve a forgotten item as the horde continued past. Drowsy smiles and hurried salutations were hurled at me as they zipped by. I barely noticed the figure caught in the traffic flow until he was upon me. In conservative suit and tie, near desperation on his face, he broke from the rush to address me, "Please, can you help me?"

Both of us now pressed against the walkway windows as the pack passed, I was quick to respond, "Sure, I'll help you if I can. What do you need?" He pleaded, "I have a medical school interview here in 10 minutes and I can't button the top button of my shirt. Can you do it for me?" I laughed. Yes, I just laughed. Here in this place where life and death daily dueled, this young man's concern—this would-be doctor's present care—seemed so innocent, childlike. Buttoning his top button and straightening his tie, I wished him well as he dashed off to his appointment.

Could he have had any idea what was in store should he become a doctor? Of course, as a pre-med college grad he had a fair idea of the physicality of what lay ahead, but what of the demands it would make on his heart, his soul? He could manage flesh and bone, but what of failure, grief, overwhelming stress? He couldn't imagine what was ahead, this young man rushing to a medical school interview.

In the gospel passage we hear today, Jesus approached four fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John, and, as [St. Mark](#) wrote, "Jesus said to them, 'Follow me.' And immediately they followed him." (Mark 1:17-18)

Could they ever have imagined where their following would lead them? Would they have dropped their fishing nets and run off had they known that they were to share in the suffering and death of Jesus? They couldn't have imagined. They couldn't have known. But they went.

The young man on the hospital's bridged walkway—he yearned to be a doctor, his heart having heard something of the call that prompted the fishermen to drop their nets. Buttoning his top shirt button and adjusting his tie, he calmed as he moved on toward what lay ahead. He couldn't have imagined. He couldn't have known. But he went.

Joy comes from knowing God loves me and knows who I am and where I am going... that my future is secure as I rest in Him.
- James Dobson

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 22 - Third Week in Ordinary Time - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - "Mass for Peace & Justice"

Tues., Jan. 23 - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, / St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr - 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3:31-35

Wed., Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 2 Sm 7:4-17/ Mk 4:1-20

Thurs., Jan. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18

Fri., Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:26-34

Sat., Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder - 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Sun., Jan. 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - National Catholic School Week Begins - Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28



7TH & 8TH GRADE BAKE SALE

Next weekend after all Masses, the 7th and 8th grade will host a bake sale; proceeds from this sale will help to sponsor one or two Bolivian Mission children for the 2018 school year. Your generosity is much appreciated!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Red Cross Blood Drive - Sunday, January 28, 2018
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Sign up sheet in the narthex to donate or online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "stjccbluf".




ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CALENDAR 2018


- Sat./Sun. Jan. 27/28- Grade 7 & 8 Bake Sale after all Masses.
- Sun., Jan. 28- Knights of Columbus Blood Drive- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (see bulletin for more information).
- Sat./Sun., Feb. 3/4- Blessing of the Throats at all Masses
- Tues., Feb. 6- Knights of Columbus- Rosary 6:40 p.m./ Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 7- Adoration 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 7- Parish Council Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Wed., Feb. 14- Ash Wednesday Masses 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 17- Student's Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph CCW.
- Thurs., Mar. 1- All Day Adoration- 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. - Thurs., Mar. 4-8- Parish Mission- watch for details!
- Tues., Mar. 6- Knights of Columbus- Rosary 6:40 p.m./ Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar., 7- Parish Council Mtg.- 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
- Fri., Mar. 16- K of C All You Can Eat Fish Fry!- 4:30-7:30pm
- Sun., Mar. 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph Social Group
- Sun., Apr. 1- Easter Sunday
- Tues., April 3- Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 15- Student's Mass- 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27/28, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Larry Leitz
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Missy Huss, Linda Huseman, Janette Minch
7:30 Dave Gruss, Donna Geisel, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Larisa Sudhoff, Rick Singer, Monica Harris, Diana Cole

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Mike Painter, Brad/Susan Poper, Dave Cowdrey

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren/Corey/Brooklynn Huss
7:30 Brendan McCorkle, Faith Loshe, Mark or Beth Geisel
10:00 Grayson Christal, Eve or Gabe McElhaney, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of January 13/14, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,210.00
Child Envelopes- \$19.96
Loose- \$191.30
Religious Ed. Fund- \$70.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$10.00
Votive Candles- \$147.00
Total- \$4,648.26

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

**The amount needed each week
to make budget is \$5,116.40**
We are \$468.14 behind budget
from last week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**
St. Vincent de Paul- \$1,126.00

Diocesan Special Collections:
Latin America- \$10.00



Alpha ?

**Beginning
Thursday
February 15
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Watch for more
exciting details!**

REKINDLE THE FIRE

8th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference- *Fully* ALIVE

**Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the
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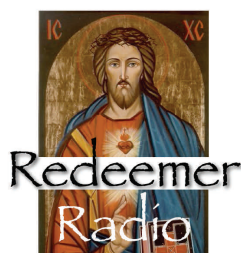
Registration Forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex,
please help yourself to one!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Time is given equally to everyone,
but how we use it determines its true value.*

**"Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).**

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CATHOLIC RADIO SUNDAY



Bishop Rhoades has designated today, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catholic Radio Sunday in our diocese.

He writes: I am grateful that we have Redeemer Radio, a lay apostolate that transmits quality Catholic programming across our diocese. I am also grateful for the support you and your parish already give to Redeemer Radio. Catholic Radio reaches people whom we might never encounter in

our ministry: people who are searching, people who are hungry for the truth of the Gospel, the unchurched, and Catholics who are inactive in the practice of the faith.

I believe so strongly in Catholic radio's power to evangelize that I have devoted substantial time to do a weekly broadcast on Redeemer Radio called *Truth in Charity* that airs Wednesdays at noon and Saturdays and replays Saturdays at 11 am. The show not only provides another medium to teach, it also gives me an opportunity to connect with the faithful in an approachable way, even answering questions submitted by listeners.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council stated, "Ample encouragement should be given to Catholic transmissions which invite listeners to share in the life of the Church and which convey religious truths" (*Inter mirifica* 14). I encourage all the faithful to listen and support Redeemer Radio, our local Catholic Radio station.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION
March 4 - March 8, 2018

FAMILIES: LIVING STONES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 4 - The Eucharist as the Center of the Family- Fr. Steve Colchin

Monday, March 5 - Families Make the Parish- Fr. Dan Scheidt

Tuesday, March 6 - Signs of a Catholic Family- Lisa and/or Fred Everett

Wednesday, March 7- Families are Reconciling - A Penance Service- Fr. Jonathan Norton

Thursday, March 8- Families Reach Out to Others- Steve Higgins and Others in the Community



HELPING HANDS PREGANCY RESOURCE CENTER Baby Bottle Campaign

To protect the monetary donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign, please drop filled baby bottles in the totes only during the weekend Masses. Any other time, please bring them to the Parish office.

Thank you!!

Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by. - Maria Schnell

UNIVERSALIS: TODAY

Come, let us worship the Lord, for he is our God.

There is a website that offers Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, etc., as well as other information and articles regarding Feast Days of Saints. The website is: www.universalis.com/-500/today.htm.

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

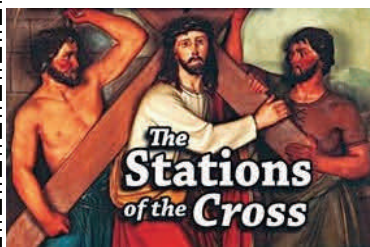
MASSES:
7:00 a.m. and
7:00 p.m.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

**Each Friday of Lent beginning
February 16, 2018- 5:30-6:30pm**

**Please contact Barb Ault to
sign up to help make soup
260-414-3605**



**Each Friday evening of Lent
following the Lenten Soup
Suppers at 7:00 p.m.
ALL are Welcome and invited!**

BOLIVIAN MISSION NEWS

The 2018 Bolivian nine month school year begins in February and runs through October.

Sponsors of last year's students will receive a picture and letter from their student as soon as the translating is complete. A contribution statement for tax purposes will be included as well. We hope to have these ready by the end of January or early February.

The cost to sponsor one student's tuition is \$10/month for 9 months for a total of \$90/school year. It can be paid every month or with a one time payment, or any combination in between. Contact Michelle Paxton at 824-1380 for further information. Thank you!

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BLESSING OF THROATS AT ALL MASSES

February 3 and 4, 2018

Blessing of St. Blaise-

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Amen.

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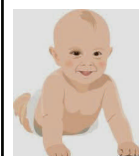


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