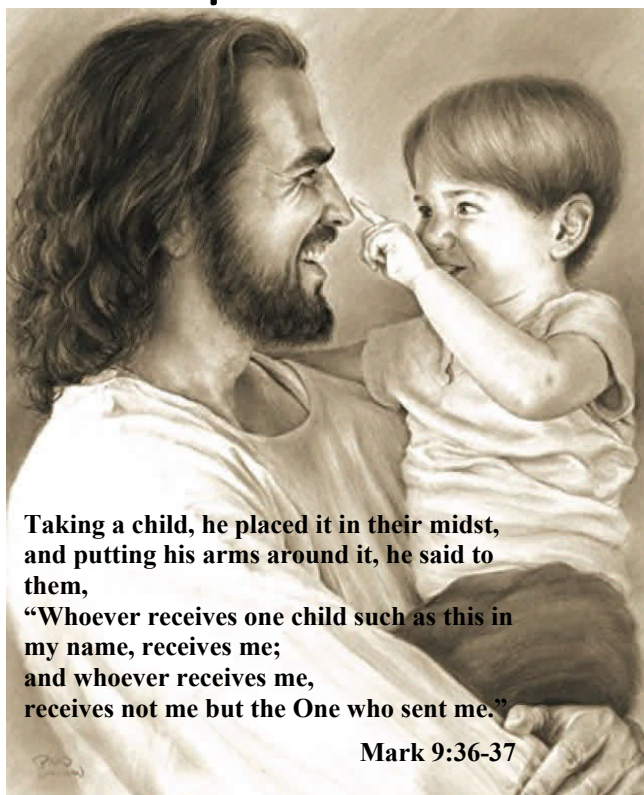


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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B September 23, 2018



Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to
them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in
my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:36-37

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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 22**

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 Bowers +

Sunday, September 23**- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Baur & Stoltz Families
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests
 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 25

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

Wednesday, September 26

6:25 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

Thursday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Fathers of Kevin & Jessica Seago
 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Doug Lilley +
 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 29

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. Don & Mary Lou Smith- 70th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 30**- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico +
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

**SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS
 FOR THE WEEK**

Mon., Sept. 24 - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - Prv 3:27-34/ Lk 8:16-18

Tues., Sept. 25 - Prv 21:1-6,10-13/ Lk 8:19-21

Wed., Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs - Prv 30:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest - Eccl 1:2-11/ Lk 9:7-9

Fri., Sept. 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs - Eccl 3:1-11/ Lk 9:18-22

Sat., Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51

Sun., Sept. 30 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23, 2018 - Year B

We warmly welcome Fr. Louis Fowoyo from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne as our celebrant this weekend. While I am away on pilgrimage, Fr. Louis will be staying with us in the Rectory throughout this coming week to assist with our daily liturgies and to attend to any emergencies that may arise. Know that I will be keeping all of you in my prayers throughout this pilgrimage.

As you may have seen in the news, Bishop Rhoades, as promised, has released the names of all priests from our diocese accused of misconduct with a minor, going back several decades. It is his hope that this act of transparency will serve as a source of healing for the survivors of abuse. This list consisted of 17 priests and 1 deacon, none of whom were ever assigned to our parish. May we continue our prayers for all survivors of abuse and those affected, in way, by these scandals, seeking the intercession of both St. Monica, patroness of abuse victims, and St. Joseph, our patron and the patron of the universal Church.

As these difficult times continue, it is natural for questions to arise. To help our parish family give voice to these questions and seek answers, I will be facilitating a discussion forum in the coming weeks to discuss these scandals that have recently come to light within the Church. More information will follow soon.

Last week, after Peter affirms Jesus as the Christ, Jesus proceeds to predict His passion and death for the first time. In our Gospel today (Mark 9:30-37), Jesus makes this prediction a second time. His disciples, who expect the Messiah to establish an earthly kingdom, do not yet understand His true mission. Though they know the Scriptures, including Isaiah's Suffering Servant and the suffering predicted for the Just One in our first reading (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20), they are not yet prepared to accept how these prophecies truly apply to Jesus. For this reason, they do not understand what He is saying. To be able to do so, they must first rid themselves of their worldly expectations. Jesus places in their midst a child, one who has no cultural status or worldly standing. Yet, this lack of worldly standing in this time period does not diminish the true worth and dignity of that child. In the same way, Jesus, as the Messiah, will bring about not an earthly kingdom, but a heavenly kingdom. They must first be able to accept this so that they are able to accept Him.

Continuing in this theme, our second reading (James 3:16-4:3) speaks of our interior disposition, or our passions. If we live worrying only for ourselves (as the worldly calls us to), we will find only discord and strife. But, if we are able to live for one another (the Golden Rule), we find the fruits of the Holy Spirit alive in our lives. In living for one another, we live for Jesus Christ. Like the disciples after the Resurrection, when they finally understand the Lord, we see the joy of relationship and, ultimately, union with God. To give up the worldly and, instead, to live for the heavenly. How can we live more fully for Jesus Christ and His heavenly kingdom today?

In Christ, Fr. David

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are **Anger and Courage**. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are. - Saint Augustine



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SET ASIDE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 -



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Bring a dish to share!
Euchre, Corn Hole, Bingo
and more!

Sign up sheet in the narthex for
Chili Cook Off Participants!

Cook Out/Chili Cook Off
 Immediately following 10:00 Mass at St. Joseph's

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Buns/Condiments/Lemonade & Water
 Provided by the Church
 or if you prefer Bring Your Own Adult Beverage!



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose
 of the souls of Annabelle Wade Anderson,
 Stepmother of Lori Bender,
 who died Friday, September 7, 2018 and for
 Lena Felger, mother of Dan (Linda) Felger,
 who died Wednesday, September 12, 2018

May God welcome them home, fill them with peace and
 bless those who will miss them.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
 upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
 departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.




40 Days for Life begins next
 week on Sept. 26th and runs
 through Nov. 4th. People are
 invited to pray at Statewood Baptist Church across from the old
 abortion clinic on 2210 Inwood Dr. through this time period in
 thanksgiving for Allen County being abortion free and remembering
 the children aborted there. We will be having a day of Adoration
 here at St. Joseph on Thursday, October 4th 8:30 a.m. to 7:00
 p.m. to pray for the end of abortion in our state and in our nation
 during the 40 Days.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2018


- Tues., Oct. 2 - Knights of Columbus Meeting; Rosary at 6:40
 Rosary Path, weather permitting, or in the Church, meeting at
 7:00 in the social hall.
- Thurs., Oct. 4 - All Day Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/
 Benediction- 6:45 p.m. / the 7:00 p.m. Mass will be a Teach-
 ing Mass. All are invited!
- Sun., Oct. 7 - Parish Cook Out & Chili Cook Off here at St.
 Joseph's. Usual Mass schedule - Cook Out following the
 10:00 Mass.
- Tues., Oct. 9 - Thurs., Oct. 11 - Priest's Continuing Educa-
 tion; Mass Tues., 8:00 a.m. / No Mass or Adoration on Wed.,
 Oct. 10 and No Mass on Thurs., Oct. 11 / Mass on Fri., Oct.
 12 at 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 9 - St. Joseph's Women's Meeting in the confer-
 ence room at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF September 29/30, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** TBA
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp (Choir Mass)

LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulandot
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Kathy Marshall, Linda Huse-
 man
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris, Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer,
 Steve Higin, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** **Volunteers**
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Brad/Susan Poper, Mike Painter, Kerry Coyne

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Wyatt Girod, McKenna McNabb, Emma Roembke
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Catherine Crawis, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of
September 15/16, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,363.00
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 Religious Ed. Fees- \$570.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0.00
 Street Fair Parking Lot Fund
 Raiser- \$115.00

Total- \$4,351.70

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

We are \$764.70 behind budget
 from last week

Other Collections within
our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$473.00
Diocesan Special Collection-
 Catholic Communications- \$5.00

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**ALL DAY ADORATION FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE/
 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday, October 4, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
 Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /
 Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come
 spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.



PLEASE NOTE: The 7:00 Mass will be a Teach-
ing Mass; All are Invited!

HELPING HANDS - We are going to have 2 tables from our church
 for the Helping Hands Benefit Dinner this year. The Benefit is on Sat-
 urday, October 6th at 5:30P.M. at the 4-H Community Building. There
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 so please call Mike or Debbie Lautzenheiser at 2608200316 or
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