

St. Joseph Catholic Community

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B September 2, 2018



Mark 7:6-8

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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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e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, September 1**

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. Ryder Jackson

Sunday, September 2**- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Julayne Miller

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

8:00 a.m. Deb Osborn +
 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 4

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:00 a.m. Lily Sunio & Purita Sumabat +
 8:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 5

6:40 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, September 6

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Wilma Van Camp +
 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass**Friday, September 7**

8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 8**- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -**

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, September 9**- Twenty-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. Leonard Smythe +

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 3 - Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Labor Day - 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Lk 4:16-30

Tues., Sept. 4 - 1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk 4:31-37

Wed., Sept. 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious - 1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk 4:38-44

Thurs., Sept. 6 - 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Lk 5:1-11

Fri., Sept. 7 - 1 Cor 4:1-5/ Lk 5:33-39

Sat., Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Sun., Sept. 9 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 2, 2018 - Year B

Having completed the Bread of Life Discourse from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, which is the center of our three year cycle of readings, we now return to St. Mark's Gospel. In a sense, we have heard from our Lord about that food which He has given us, His very Body and Blood, that is to nourish and change us into His Body. And, now, in St. Mark's Gospel, we hear how our hearts, united to the Lord's Sacred Heart, must guide us. In hearing the word of God in the Scriptures and in receiving the Word of God Himself in the Eucharist, we are called to action and service. As St. James says, we must become "doers of the word" in our lives, putting our love of Christ daily into action.

In our first reading (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8),

Moses, nearing the end of his life, is offering his final words and exhortations to Israel. Reminding them of all they have experienced throughout the exodus, he calls them to continued faithful observance of the Law and obedience to God. Entering into a covenant with God, Israel is no longer a wandering people. Instead, they are God's chosen people and are prepared to enter into the promised land. Moses reminds them that their faithful to the Lord and His Law is what separates Israel from all other nations. Yet, their faithfulness is not to simply be observance of the Law, but integrating the Law into their hearts. To become God's chosen people means to enter fully into a personal relationship with Him.

St. James continues this exhortation, now given to the Christian community, in our second reading (James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27). Faithful observance of the Law and obedience to God is found in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God (Mark 14:61-62) and the fulfillment of the Law (Matthew 5:17). We are challenged to not only hear the Word of God, but to become "doers of the word." Our relationship with Jesus Christ cannot be separated from any aspect of our lives, whether it be our personal, work, or casual relationships. Instead, it must permeate our very being. Similar to Israel, then, we are called to become "doers of the word" not out of obedience, but out of love. Our love of Jesus Christ must become the source of our every thought and action.

In our Gospel (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23), Jesus finds Himself at odds with the Pharisees and scribes, the teachers of the Jewish people. In the Pharisees and scribes, we find men who strictly enforce the laws of the Torah. Many of these laws, though not specifically contained within the Torah, arose out of Jewish tradition. The Pharisees and scribes begin to question Jesus regarding these aspects of law and tradition. It has become apparent from their observations of Jesus' disciples that they have not been instructed to follow every minutiae of the laws and traditions as taught by the Pharisees and scribes. In this way, they attempt to undermine Jesus' teaching authority. Jesus, in response, quickly rebukes them.

Jesus reminds the Pharisees and scribes that though they may follow the laws and traditions that they themselves have passed down, this does not mean they are following the Lord. Referencing Isaiah, who spoke to Israel when she had greatly strayed from the Lord, Jesus reminds the crowd that observe to the laws and traditions are meaningless if they are empty actions. Our actions and our hearts must move as one. As Moses reminded Israel, the laws and traditions do serve a purpose. They have been passed down as guides to lead us closer to the Lord in our personal relationship with Him. But, they can only bring us so far.

A guide becomes useless if we lose sight of both the end and why we following the guide to begin with. The Pharisees and scribes had become so caught up with the external practices, specifically regarding purity, they forgot that these actions were to aid in the internal actions regarding purity of heart. Jesus reminds the crowds that, like St. James says, we are to "be doers of the word." That is, in hearing the Word of God, we respond both in action and in heart. This will allow the Word of God, Jesus Christ, to change our very lives. *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.

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend!

STREET FAIR PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, September 18 through
Saturday, September 22

We will be parking cars in the Wabash Electric Parking Lot after 5:00 p.m. each day and all day on Saturday. This is a BIG fundraiser for our Church so please sign up to help! The time slots are only for 1 hour! Thanks!

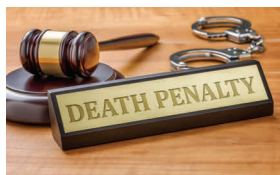


MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, September 4, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. at the Rosary Path, weather permitting; meeting will follow in social hall at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 8:30-9:45 A.M.

In the Social Hall basement,
Fr. David will talk on the Death Penalty.
All are invited!



This is also the first day of Religious Education Classes!



There will be an informative meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith.

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH



If you can carry a tune and love to sing, Sr. Rose and the St. Joseph Choir want you to join them Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. (following 7:00 Mass). You will surely have fun, fellowship and develop lasting friendships!

PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

- 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. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction– 6:45 p.m. / No 7:00 Mass
- Thurs., Sept. 6– RCIA informative meeting– 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.

WEEKEND OF September 8/9, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Marita Crawfis

LECTORS:

5:00 Stacey Coulandot
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Christine Zadyak, Dan/Beth Gordon
7:30 Dave Gruss, Jill Morrissey, Volunteer
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

5:00 Darren/Corey/Brooklyn Huss
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Phillip Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of August 25/26, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,200.00
Child Envelopes- \$8.63
Loose- \$300.56
Religious Ed. Fund- \$50.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$10.00
Assumption- \$90.00
Street Fair Parking Lot Fund-raiser- \$365.00
Votive Candles- \$103.95
Total- \$4,128.14

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

We are \$988.26 behind budget from last week and \$736.13 ahead of budget for the month of August.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00
Diocesan Special Collection-
Catholic Universities- \$416.00

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT May through August, 2018

Because of your generous donations through our St. Vincent de Paul Fund, here at St. Joseph's, we were able to assist the people of Wells County, Bluffton, Indiana with Rent, Utilities, etc.

This is how your donations helped others within our community:

Rent- \$1,141.00
Utilities (electricity and gas)- \$529.29
Gasoline- \$50.50
housing for the night- \$45.00

We have also helped with school supplies through the backpack programs, donations to schools, i.e., help students attend class field trips who otherwise would not be able to go or for school agendas, and much more. Thank you again for helping your brothers and sisters in our community who are in need. Your donations help make a difference in their lives by showing others care.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Contentment is accepting what God provides
with a sense of peace and serenity.

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Phil. 4:11).

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-Mother Teresa

Before you speak...

THINK!

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