

St. Joseph Catholic Community

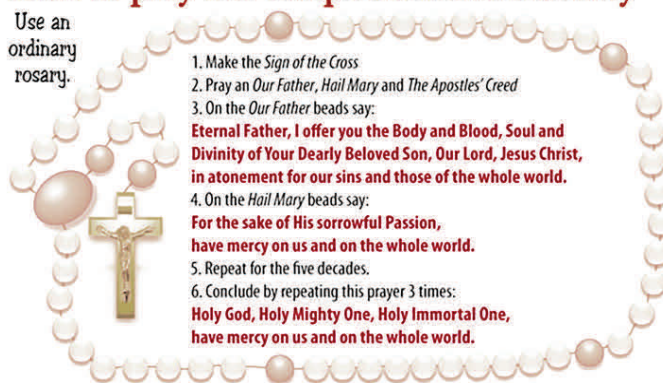
Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 2018



Jesus, I Trust in You

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an
ordinary
rosary.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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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: _____
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 7

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
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. Mark Makowski + by Family

Sunday, April 8

- Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)-

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe + by Friends

Monday, April 9

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Jeannette Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Adoration
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, April 11

6:25 p.m. Rosary
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. Marjorie Harty + by St. Joseph Choir

Thursday, April 12

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, April 13

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

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, April 14

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
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. Mark Makowski + by Doral & Helen Smith

Sunday, April 15

- Third Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by All Their Children

*Take time to notice all the usually unnoticed,
simple things in life. Delight in the never-ending
hope that's available every day!*



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, 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, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, and Carol Lochtefeld.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 8, 2018 Yr. B

MERCY SUNDAY

Mercy and Love in Fellowship of Christ: inevitable for salvation

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. Today is Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II recommended today as the Mercy Sunday following the instruction given by Our Lord Jesus Christ through St. Faustina. Next year we shall try to do some Novena before the Mercy Sunday. Here in St. Joseph's Church, the bells ring at 3:00 p.m. every day. That is an indication of something. What is it. What happens at 3:00 p.m. every day? The bells are calling you to come here and pray the Divine Mercy Rosary. Think seriously about this and let me know what you suggest. So, the ball is in your court.

About this weekend reading readings I want to remind you that the Parish is the True center of Christian Spiritual Fellowship for our community. **In the First Reading; Acts 4:32-35:** The disciples gathered together as a community of believers, praying and caring for one another. They enjoyed the company of one another, breaking bread, that is, the Eucharist in their homes. In their midst, Christian love is put into practice, as we read **in the second reading; 1 Jn 5:1-6.**

In the Gospel; Jn 20:19-31: The baby 'Christian Church' protected herself in closed doors for the fear of Jews, and the risen Lord appeared to them and said, **"Peace be with you"**. It is this peace of Christ which satisfies every desire, the Church wishes us. This kind of peace the world cannot give. This kind of peace is experienced in love, in caring for one another, in forgiveness and in trust and in having mercy. For those who love God everything works onto good. Thomas, one of the apostles was not there when the Lord appeared. When the other apostles told him, **"we have seen the Lord"**, he refused to believe. And when next the Lord appeared, he was there and, in his amazement, when he saw the Lord, he exclaimed, **"My Lord and My God"**. His absence, when the Lord appeared to all of them the first time, brought us blessings; because, the Lord Jesus said, **"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."** We are those who did not see, and we are blessed, if we believe. So, let us believe.

My I use this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful efforts during Lent. A respectable number of you kept the spirit of Lent, volunteered, attended daily Masses, came for Stations of the Cross, went to Confession, especially on March 18, 2015, came for 5 days Mission Week and the Celebration of our Parish 140 Years, - etc. I am very happy. Please keep these efforts up. Do not abandon them, for they help us to be good Christians.

God bless you Rev. Fr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 9 - The Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from March 25) - Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

Tues., April 10 - Easter Weekday - Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15

Wed., April 11 - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr - Act 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21

Thurs., April 12 - Easter Weekday - Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36

Fri., April 13 - Easter Weekday - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr- Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15

Sat., April 14 - Easter Weekday- Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21

Sun., April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter - Acts 3:13-15,17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Jn 24:35-48



WELCOME!

Addison Crum, daughter of Andrea (Roberts) Crum
received in full Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass, March 31, 2018.

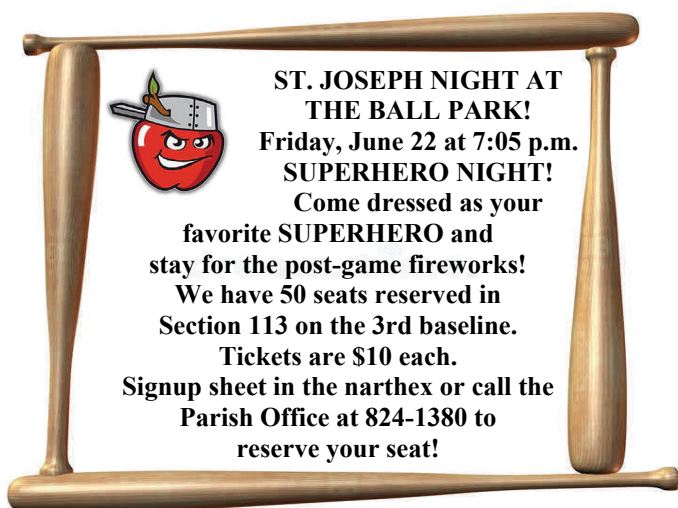
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month




Did you know: The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime? Those who have been abused seldom just “get over it.” The sense of violation goes deeper into a person’s psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Some have even described the feeling as if it has scarred their soul. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones. As a Church, we can help support those who have been abused by keeping them in prayer and providing opportunities for healing.

VOLUNTEERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parish Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, May 19 following 5:00 Mass.
Details and a signup sheet to come!




 **ST. JOSEPH NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!**
Friday, June 22 at 7:05 p.m.
SUPERHERO NIGHT!
Come dressed as your favorite **SUPERHERO** and stay for the post-game fireworks!
We have 50 seats reserved in Section 113 on the 3rd baseline.
Tickets are \$10 each.
Signup sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 824-1380 to reserve your seat!

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018


- Sun., Apr. 8, 15, 22 and 29– Religious Ed. Classes 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Apr. 10– Knights of Columbus Meeting– 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Apr., 10– St. Joseph Women’s Meeting– 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Thurs., Apr. 12, 19, and 26– Alpha Meeting– 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Thurs., Apr. 12– Visitation of the Sick and Homebound.
- Sat., Apr. 14– Alpha Meets 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 14– Tri Kappa Trivia Night– Angel Christal
- Sun., Apr. 15– Student’s Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 15– Coffee and Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by the Knights of Columbus
- Mon., Apr. 23– Psi Iota Xi Basket Bingo in social hall doors open at 5:45 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 23– Wed. May 2– Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu gone for Holy Land Pilgrimage.
- Thurs., Apr. 26– Visitation of the Sick and Homebound.

WEEKEND OF April 14/15, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nancy Leitz
7:30 Tammy Horn
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Catherine Crawfis/Kody Coyne


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Twilla Herr, Dan/Beth Gordon
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, John Horn
10:00 Dan Geimer, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Larisa Sudhoff

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren or Corey Huss, Brooklynn Huss, Emma Rombeke
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Phillip Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Alex Mechling

Collection for Weekend of March 31/April 1, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,208.00
Child Envelopes- \$5.00
Loose- \$205.15
Easter Adult- \$1,464.00
Easter Child- \$10.50
Easter Loose- \$205.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$75.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund– \$1,422.00
Flowers- \$10.00
Votive Candles- \$37.37
Total- \$6,642.02

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

We are \$1,525.62 ahead of budget from last week and \$1,594.36 behind for the month of March.

Other Collections within our Parish–

St. Vincent de Paul- \$540.00
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Catholic Relief Services- \$45.00
Good Friday/Holy Land- \$916.00

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

ST JOSEPH WOMEN’S MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 in the conference room.



ANNOUNCING - WEDDING BANNES II

We are praying for Acacia Herr, daughter of Bruce and Twilla Herr and James Suhrer, son of Andrew and Mary Jo Suhrer, for a successful marriage - May 27, 2018



MEETING REMINDER!

The meeting date has been moved to Tuesday, April 10, 2018 due to the Confirmation Mass on April 3rd.

Meet in Church for the **Rosary at 6:40** and meeting to follow in social hall at **7:00**.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

One of the best things we can do with our time is to spend time alone each day with God.

“In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation” (Psalm 5:3).

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come to you
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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?