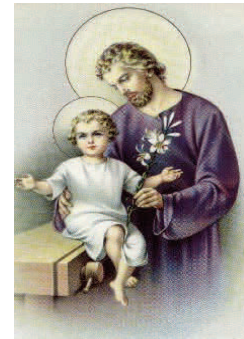


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- January 14, 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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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Julie Johnson + by Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, January 14

- 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. Beatrice Hickert + by Joel & Patty Makowski

Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu will be out of town until February 1, 2018. There will be no weekday Mass here in our Parish; However, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away in Nigeria:

Monday, January 15— Evelyn Morrissey & Carolyn Flaughter by Mike & Jill Morrissey

Tuesday, January 16— Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey

Wednesday, January 17— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

Thursday, January 18— Deceased members of Gerald Beckman Family by Family

Friday, January 19— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

Saturday, January 20— Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family

Sunday, January 21— Living & Deceased Priests of St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton by Parish Family

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

Priests who will be helping with Masses while Msgr. Pius is away; WELCOME!

Jan., 13/14— Fr. Vincent Joseph

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 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) Fr. Joseph Bolin, a diocesan Priest in the Archdiocese of Vienna

Dear brothers and sisters, we stand today on the boundary between Christmas and the liturgical ordinary time. The Christmas crib and Christmas trees are gone, we are clothed in green for the cycle of ordinary time. But the readings, especially the Gospel, continue the grace and mystery of Christmas. Jesus was born as a child, came into the world, and was revealed to it. He showed himself to the world. He also spoke and still speaks to the world, in a particular way through his call, of which we hear in the readings and in the Gospel.

"Behold, the Lamb of God!" says John. These words, which we hear at every Mass, are decisive words. John was a charismatic man, who excited and challenged people. Disciples gathered around him. But John does not want to remain his disciples. He points to Jesus! "Behold the Lamb of God!" With this pointing he fulfills the meaning of his own life. Every one of us seeks meaning in life, and find it in various ways. But very few recognize the meaning of their life so clearly as John. He lives, he exists for one thing alone, to point to Jesus. That is the high point of his life, with which he attains the greatest joy. Now it but remains for Jesus to grow; he, John, may diminish.

What does John set in motion? At first glance it doesn't seem to be anything special. We don't hear of any great stories, any wonders, any astonishing discourses—only a few personal meetings and talks. But these meetings and talks were unforgettable. Certain special happenings—a great, unexpected success, the news of a death or assassination attempt, the "Yes" of a beloved—remain to their small details in our memory. We recall where we were, with whom, when he happened, and so on. It was this way with the disciples who encountered Jesus. This meeting made such an impression on them that they could remember years later at what hour of the day it occurred. It was the tenth hour—4 PM. And this meeting had so inspired them that they couldn't hold themselves back; they had to go quickly to a relative or friend and say to them, "See whom we have found! He is the one for whom we have all waited, on whom we have set our hope!"

John pointed to Jesus, and the disciples followed him. They felt his mysteriously attractive power, but did not yet really know him. They wanted to know who he really is. So they ask him, "Master, where are you staying?" Where are you at home? What is it like to live with you? Jesus did not give them a quick answer, but invited them: Come and see! Or rather, come and you will see! And this answer developed a life-long for the disciples. They learned through Jesus' words and through experience that he is a special way present in the Eucharist, as he promises "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56) And they learned that Jesus is in all his beloved friends; he lives in us when we allow him, when we open ourselves to his love.

God calls everyone of us. But there are many forms that God's call takes. It is few who are called as successors of the apostles. It is perhaps few who experience God's call in as impressive a way as Samuel. But what is essential remains the same, that there is someone from whom we somehow hear, "See him! Listen to him! He is the one who fulfills your longing and your hope, who will make you happy!" and that we have the confidence to say this also to others. Or as in Samuel's case, "Listen to these words, to this teaching, to these thoughts! Thus you will be led well!" And that we seek to learn every more intimately who Jesus, to ask him anew "Where are you staying?", and to experience his presence with us in the celebration of the Eucharist, and in our fellow men and women.

In this Mass, let us pray that we, who have heard and followed his call to faith, may experience still more this longing to know him, and believe and experience ever more strongly his presence among us.

Happiness is a healthy mental attitude, a grateful spirit, a clear heart full of love.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Please bring in your old palms anytime between now and February 7, 2018. The old palms will become ashes for the Ash Wednesday Masses here at St. Joseph's.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 15 - Second Week in Ordinary Time - Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday - 1 Sm 15:16-23/ Mk 2:18-22
Tues., Jan. 16 - 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28
Wed., Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot - 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/ Mk 3:1-6
Thurs., Jan. 18 - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12
Fri., Jan. 19 - 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19
Sat., Jan. 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr - St. Sebastian, Martyr - 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/ Mk 3:20-21
Sun., Jan. 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jon 3:1-5,10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia (Pat) Bales Herring, sister of Bonnie (Ronnie) Burns, died Thursday, January 4, 2018

May God welcome her home,
Fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CALENDAR 2018

- Sun., Jan. 21- Coffee and Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses hosted by St. Joseph Youth Group
- 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)
- 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 20/21, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Leeann Kennerk
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy Leitz (Choir)

LECTORS:

5:00 Ed Shestak
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Kevin or Jessica Seago
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Diana Cole, Luisa Sumabat, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

5:00 Any Huss Sibling, Wyatt Girod, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Quinn Dreiband, Kody Coyne

Collection for Weekend of January 6/7, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,551.00
 Child Envelopes- \$29.75
 Loose- \$140.00
 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary- \$651.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$40.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,600.00
Total- \$6,011.75

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

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

We are \$895.35 ahead of budget from last week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**
 St. Vincent de Paul- \$25.00

Diocesan Special Collections:
 Catholic Charities; Christmas- \$75.00



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".

REKINDLE THE FIRE

8th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference- *Fully* ALIVE
Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
 Registration Forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex, please help yourself to one!

Remember! With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

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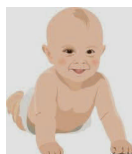


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