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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
September 9, 2018



Mark 7:31-37

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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 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 +

Monday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Roger Van Camp +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests of St. Joseph Catholic Church

8:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Adoration

6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction

7:00 p.m. Johnny Kasper +

Thursday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Anne Mayock +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Joe Leitner +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 15

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. Larry Dustman +

Sunday, September 16

- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Zandra Kurtz

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 10 - Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary

Time - 1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11

Tues., Sept. 11 - 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary - 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26

Thurs., Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/ Lk 6:27-38

Fri., Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

Sat., Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - 1 Cor 10:14-22/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sun., Sept. 16 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 50:5-9/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 9, 2018 - Year B

Next weekend will begin the 32nd Annual Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal serves to facilitate the many different ministries, programs, and services offered by our diocese. Our generous response to this appeal helps to further the spread the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ to those in need within our community throughout northern Indiana. Next weekend, we will have the opportunity to view several of the ministries that the Bishop's Appeal supports and see how these ministries help to change lives for the better. There will be more information regarding the Bishop's Appeal in next weekend's bulletin.

In our first reading (Isaiah 35:4-7a), the author of the text is, most likely, writing during the Babylonian Exile, which falls six hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ. At this time, Israel has been decimated and the Israelites taken in captivity to Babylon. The words from Isaiah are meant to be reassuring to a people who are in despair. The Israelites, having suffered such great loss, are yearning for freedom and a return to their homeland. This prophecy, then, reminds them of the promise of God to His chosen people. He has not abandoned Israel in their exile, but will instead save them and return them to their homeland.

The imagery presented in both Isaiah and our Psalm (Psalm 146:6-10), especially the physical healings described, are understood by the people of Israel to be signs that will be performed by the coming Messiah. Just as God will free Israel from the Babylonians, His anointed one will free Israel from all oppression and limitations, both political and physical, and usher in God's Kingdom. As the Israelites believed that physical limitations were the result of a sinful life, the restoration of the body spoken of by Isaiah also represents a spiritual healing in God's Kingdom. And, in this Kingdom, there will also be new life, as symbolized by the pools and springs of water in Isaiah. Through their trust in God, all things become possible.

In our Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), we see these messianic prophecies come to life in Jesus Christ. The prefigurements of the Old Testament truly become incarnate and are fulfilled in Jesus. And, in this instance, we are invited to see the true compassion of our Lord as he tenderly cares for this man. The physical healing He brings about opens this man's whole life to a newness he did not know before. We can, then, begin to understand the excitement of not only this man, but all those who saw this miracle and could not keep quiet.

The word Mark records in his Gospel, *Ephphatha*, is from Jesus' native tongue of Aramaic. We ourselves would have heard this word spoken to us in our baptism as the priest blessed our ears and our mouth as he said this word. Just as the man in our Gospel today had his ears and mouth opened by the Lord, the *Ephphatha* said at our baptism signifies our openness to hearing and proclaiming God's Word. Like the man, this openness offers us a whole new life, now based in Jesus Christ. As we put on the "new man" (Ephesians 4:24) through the waters of baptism, we find ourselves united together in the one Body of Christ.

Acknowledging that we are one in the Lord, St. James uses our second reading (James 2:1-5) to remind us how we are to live this reality. In Jesus Christ, there can be no discrimination or division among His body. Instead, we are to recognize one another as we are before the Lord, as equals, and to love one another as brothers and sisters. Through Jesus Christ, this unity not only becomes possible, but, in the Church, becomes a reality. In living this reality, we preach the Gospel message, not simply by our words, but through our actions: Through our love and care for one another. Let us ask ourselves today how we can continue to foster this unity in Christ. Looking at our personal relationships, where do we find division and what can we do to, instead, foster unity? *Faithfully 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.

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!



MARCH FOR LIFE AT THE STREET FAIR

The March For Life in the Bluffton Street Fair Industrial Parade will be Thursday, September 20 at 6:00P.M. We will start

lining up at 5:30P.M. on S. Main St. past Cherry St. (Just look for the Navy Blue Shirts and the Pro-Life signs.) We ask that everyone try to wear navy blue shirts or jackets if possible, however no one will be turned away who wants to march. We will be passing out Pro-Life bracelets and Life Saver Candies to the crowds. Please take this opportunity to stand up for the vulnerable unborn, handicapped & elderly who cannot speak up for themselves.

REMINDER!

St. Joseph Women's
Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 11
7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
Refreshments served!
All are welcome!

*"Where two or more are
gathered in my name, I
am there among them"*

Matthew 18:20



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Monica Harris will be training new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Tuesday, September 11 and Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. This is a two-day training session, so you will need to come for both days. If you are an active Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you may also attend as a refresher of the ministry.

JUICE, MILK AND DONUTS!

Sunday, September 16 we will have donuts after the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses served by our St. Joseph Youth Group!



PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

- 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 fund-

WEEKEND OF September 15/16, 2018

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Nichole Decker??
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Nancy Leitz (Choir Mass)

LECTORS:

- 5:00 John Vanderkolk
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Ed Shestak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Janette Minch, Kathy Marshall, Kevin or Jessica Seago
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski, Donna Geisel
10:00 Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Larisa Sudhoff, Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Steve Higgins

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Any Huss Sibling, Wyatt Girod, Alex Mechling
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
10:00 Kody Coyne, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of September 1/2, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,530.00
Child Envelopes- \$45.25
Loose- \$413.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$180.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund—
\$1,683.00

Total- \$6,851.25

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

We are \$1,734.85 ahead of budget
from last week

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00
Diocesan Special Collection-
Catholic Communications- \$20.00

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

The Divine Mercy Funeral Home and Catholic Cemetery announced that it plans to provide, free of charge, committal services and a final resting place for cremated remains on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The Committal Service will take place at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 3500 Lake Avenue at 2 p.m. with

Msgr. Robert Schulte presiding. Burial will take place immediately after the Committal Service.

For more information, visit <http://www.divinemercyfuneralhome.com>



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