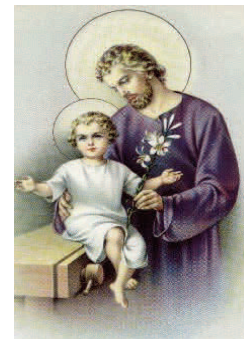


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### November 12, 2017



Prayer leads to salvation with the Lord

"Therefore,  
stay awake,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour."

Mt 25:13

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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, November 11 - Veterans Day

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Dennis Heyne + by Euchre Group

### Sunday, November 12

#### - Thirty-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. Diane Humphrey by Friends

### Monday, November 13

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Robert Bauman & Leslie Felger by Dan & Linda Felger  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, November 14

#### Eucharistic Adoration- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + by Bill Haecker Family  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, November 15

6:25 p.m. Rosary  
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Leo Gillig Family by Family

### Thursday, November 16

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Daniel Braun + & Earl Huss + by Dave & Margie Huss  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, November 17

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Marjorie Harty + by Friends  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, November 18

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Joe Leitner + By a Friend

### Sunday, November 19

#### - Thirty-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. Evelyn Morrissey by Soul Core Ladies

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime  
of listening when you would  
rather have talked".  
Mark Twain



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil,  
Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon,  
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.

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 12, 2017 YR. A

### From the Pastor's Desk:

#### WISDOM IS NECESSARY IN ALL THINGS WE DO IN LIFE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. The book of Wisdom is one of the seven books that are not in the Protestant Bible. Thus, we have 46 books in the Old Testament, while our separated brethren have 39 books. These 7 books do not have their original language in Hebrew. So, Marti Luther, removed them in compiling the Protestant Bible, just to make a difference. Thus, the original language of the book of Wisdom was in Greek, written by a Jew living in Alexandria, in Egypt. Wisdom is personified, a literary device used often in all literatures of the world. Wisdom, which incorporates that mysterious dimension called faith. Wisdom is a gift of God. She (Wisdom) makes her own rounds, seeking those who are worthy of her. It is the first of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. We need her to survive and to be saved. There are 5 senses we know. Senses of: Touch, Taste, sight, hearing, and smell. But there is another one, the sixth sense. Which is that one? It is called Common Sense, and that common sense is: "WISDOM" Without it, nothing goes well. We need it so much for it is indispensable in life. That is why it is a gift from God. God gives her to everyone. But some people do not want to make use of her. Without her there will be trouble and confusion and chaotic situation everywhere.

**In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading just hear, Wis 6:12-16:** The book says about; **Wisdom:** "... she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed." **If you seek her, you will find her, sitting by your gate. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Wisdom is indispensable in life.**

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; 1 Thes 4:13-18:** St. Paul was telling us that those who have died are in peace. We should not weep like those who have no hope. It is Wisdom that will help us to see the reality dead with the eye of faith and pierce the mystery and fear of death with wisdom and comprehend it with hope and love. Wisdom helps us to realize that death is neither the destruction of the human person nor the annihilation of the human life, but rather a transition into glory. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ... Therefore, console one another with these words." Yes, the dead will rise into glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Then in the Gospel; Mt 24:42a-44:** The parable of the ten virgins, shows us the significant role of Wisdom. The wise and the unwise/foolish virgins, to which group do you see yourself? The 5 wise virgins filled their lamps with oil and took extra bottles of oil for their lamps. While the other 5 unwise, foolishly virgins brought no extra bottles of oil. They must face the consequences of their unwise choice. It deprived them the entrance into the wedding hall. So, will the unwise, who continuously postpone their seriousness in working for and walking towards heaven, will miss the Kingdom of God. So be wise and act wisely. **"The Kingdom of Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it". Please, do something now, so that you can enter it.** God bless you.

**NB: 1. We plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. Thanks to Janet Lehman and Stacey Coulardot for coordinating this. The Brochure is now available. Pick up one at the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380.**

**2. The month of November is a special time we pray for our beloved who have passed away, those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. They need our prayers, our love and our help. One of the best ways, in fact the best way to show love and help them is by booking Masses for them. Do not forget your loved ones who have passed away so that you will be remembered and prayed for, when your own time comes.**

**3. On November 26, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the USCCB, gave instruction that we shall pray in a special way for our Christians brothers and sisters who are suffering because of the faith. More details later.**

God bless you

Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilchukwu

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

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### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Nov. 13 - Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - St.**

**Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6**

**Tues., Nov. 14 - Wis 2:23—3:9/ Lk 17:7-10**

**Wed., Nov. 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Wis 6:1-11/ Lk 17:11-19**

**Thurs., Nov. 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin - Wis 7:22b—8:1/ Lk 17:20-25**

**Fri., Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious - Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37**

**Sat., Nov. 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostle; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin - Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8**

**Sun., Nov. 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

Sunday, November 12— Grades 3 & 7

Sunday, November 19— Grades 6 & 8

Sunday, November 26— No Class— Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, December 3— Grades 4 & 5

Sunday, December 10— High School Youth Group

Sunday, December 17— Grade 2— First Reconciliation.

**Please have your classes in the Church and ready to begin by 8:45 a.m.**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**ST. JOSEPH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

**Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

**For a complete Calendar of Events from St. Joseph's please visit the website at [www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org](http://www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org).**

### ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Nov. 19- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Thurs., Nov. 23— Thanksgiving Day Mass— 9:00 a.m.
- Fri., Dec. 8— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— A Holy Day of Obligation— Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11— St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service— 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 23 & 24— 4th Sunday of Advent Masses— 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Sun./Mon., Dec. 24 & 25— The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)— Family Mass Dec. 24— 5:00 p.m. / Christmas Night Mass— 10:00 p.m. / Mon., Dec. 25— Christmas Day Mass— 9:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 30 & 31— Usual Mass Times
- Mon., Jan. 1, 2018— Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

## WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18 and 19, 2017

### CANTORS:

**5:00** Leeann Kennerk  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp (Choir Mass)

### LECTORS:

**5:00** Student's Mass  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Ed Shestak

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**5:00** Dan/Beth Gordon, Christine Zadyak  
**7:30** Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Diana Cole, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Steve Higgins

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

**5:00** Student's Mass  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson

### SERVERS:

**5:00** Student's Mass  
**7:30** Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Faith Loshe  
**10:00** Sophie Emrah, Brett Johnson, Kody or Cassie Coyne

### Collection for Weekend of November 4 and 5, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$3,163.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$22.75  
 Loose- \$167.07  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$50.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,649.50  
 Memorial Candles Donation.- \$65.00  
 Flower Donation- \$250.00  
 All Saints Day- \$809.00  
**Total- \$6,176.32**

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

We are \$1,059.92 ahead of budget from last week.

### Other Collections within our Parish—

Bolivian Mission- \$200.00

### Diocesan Special Collection—

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



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - 9:00 a.m.**



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### COFFEE AND DONUTS

**after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by St. Joseph Social Group**

### ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 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.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps us plan the day making sure Jesus is not left alone while exposed on the altar. Thank you!

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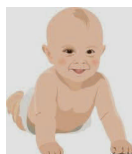


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n - is it necessary?  
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come to you  
without leaving  
*happier.*

-Mother Teresa