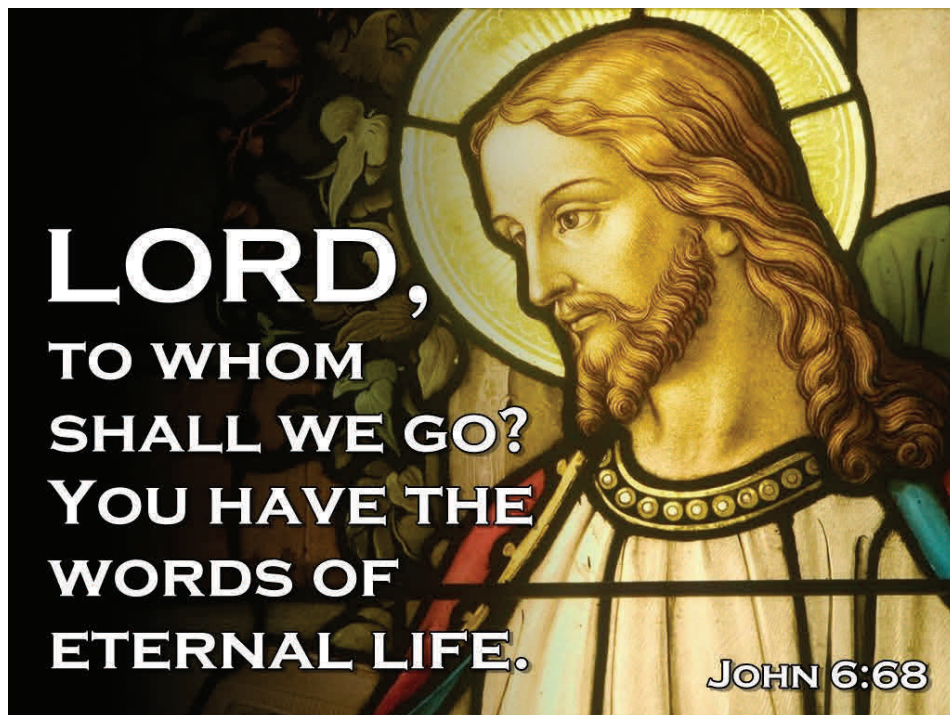


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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
August 26, 2018



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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, August 25

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. Edward E. Bushee +

Sunday, August 26

- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Florence Gillig +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Danny Gruss
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, August 29

6:40 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Deceased members of Joseph & Alma Beckman Family

Thursday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, August 31

8:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Priests
8:30 a.m. Rosary
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates (date change)

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

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass commemorating the 60th anniversary of Bishop Luers High School on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. All are invited.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - St. Monica - 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22

Tues., Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

Wed., Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mk 6:17-29

Thurs., Aug. 30 - 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51

Fri., Aug. 31 - 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13

Sat., Sept. 1 - 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30

Sun., Sept. 2 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 26, 2018 - Year B

Entering into the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come to the end of the Bread of Life Discourse from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel. Next week, we will return to St. Mark's Gospel, which we will remain in until we enter into the new liturgical year ("Year C" of our three-year cycle of the Gospels) at the beginning of Advent. But, today, we keep our focus on the words of our Lord to the crowd that has been following Him over our past several weeks. As the crowd has come to realize, Jesus' words are often quite challenging and uncomfortable for them, and us, to hear. He does not, however, change or alter His words; Instead, He calls us to greater faith.

In our first reading (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b), we hear the conclusion of the Exodus journey. Israel, having been freed from slavery in Egypt, had journeyed to and settled in the promised land. In this passage, then, we are at the very end of this moment in Israel's history. Joshua, serving as Moses' successor, has led Israel into Canaan and settled the promised land. Having re-established Israel as a nation and dividing the land among the twelve tribes, Joshua now gathers the tribes to renew Israel's covenant as God's chosen people.

As Joshua looks back upon the many times that Israel strayed from the Lord during their journey, he now calls them to faithfulness in renewing their covenant. Modeling this faithfulness, Joshua reconfirms his personal and familial commitment to the Lord and invites all others in Israel to do the same. Though he himself has suffered many trials and hardships, he still is able to faithfully and boldly proclaim: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." And, then, having completed his journey and reaching an old age, Joshua is returned to the Lord, his Master, and is buried in the promised land.

In our second reading (Ephesians 5:21-32), St. Paul, writing to the Church in Ephesus, calls for greater unity among the Church. As we are all united together in Christ through our baptism, this call for unity starts at the most basic unit: The Family. St. Paul uses this moment, then, to speak to the relationship between husband and wife. This loving union must imitate the love of Christ and His Church, that is of total self-gift and sacrificial love between spouses. Through this imitation, husband and wife form an intimate relationship mirroring that of our triune God. This relationship, like Christ on the Cross for His Church, requires immense trust and the willingness to open oneself completely to another. Like Christ and His Church, we can often find such a relationship uncomfortable and challenging, but the love shared between husband and wife calls them to have faith in one another as we have faith in Christ.

Keeping this faith can be challenging, as we see in our Gospel (John 6:60-69) today. Those who were following after the Lord, including many who had come to belief as disciples, left Him when His teachings became too challenging. They "returned to their former way of life", forsaking all that they had found in Christ. Yet, the Apostles, his closest followers, remained.

As St. Peter states, they remain not because of any greater insight or special knowledge, but because they have faith. They truly believe, with their hearts, that Christ is "the Holy One of God." In this faith, they have found the desire of their hearts in Jesus Christ. Though they may struggle to understand or be shaken at times, they have put their trust completely in Him. And trust in the Lord is never misplaced. Through this trust, Christ works to sanctify His Church, each and everyone of us. This requires much work, but will ultimately lead us to true joy. As Christ has given Himself over completely to us, how will we renew our faith and trust in Him today? *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

Street Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser - Tuesday, September 18 through Saturday, September 22 - If you are interested in helping park cars, you can find the sign up sheet on the big bulletin board in the narthex. We will be using the Wabash Electric Parking Lot after 5:00 p.m. each day and all day Saturday. This is a BIG fundraiser for our Church so please sign up to help if you can! Thanks!



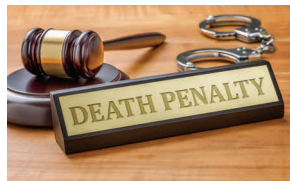
MEETING REMINDER!

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 who would like to attend the RCIA class.

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, September 6, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a 7:00 Mass after Benediction this evening. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.



PARISH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/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
- 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.
- Fri., Sept. 20-Sept. 28- Fr. David will be gone.

WEEKEND OF September 1/2, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Marita Crawfis

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Barb Ault, Dave Gruss, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Monica Harris, Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Ann Reifsteck, Steve Higgins

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of August 18/19, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,998.00
Child Envelopes- \$8.48
Loose- \$630.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$1,182.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$125.00
Assumption- \$781.29
(8/15 deposit Street Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser)- \$590.00
(8/15 deposit Reimb. Tin Caps Tickets- \$50.00
Total- \$7,364.77

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

We are \$2,248.37 ahead of budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish:

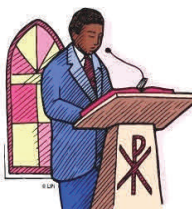
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$158.00
31st ABA Over Goal- payment #6- \$247.35

Diocesan Special Collection- Catholic Universities- \$50.00

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

LECTOR TRAINING

Ginny Fenstermaker will be training new lectors on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m. (following the 7:00 p.m. Mass) in the church. Please call the parish office at 824-1380 if you are interested in becoming a Lector; Proclaiming the Word of God.



ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

The St. Joseph Giving Table is back! If you have an over-abundance of vegetables from your garden, have all you need, and don't want the rest to go to waste, just bring them to Church and place them on the giving table so that others will enjoy the "fruits of your labor"! There is a basket on the table with little paper bags for easy transport home! Thank you for your donations!



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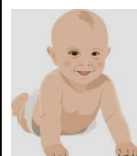
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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?