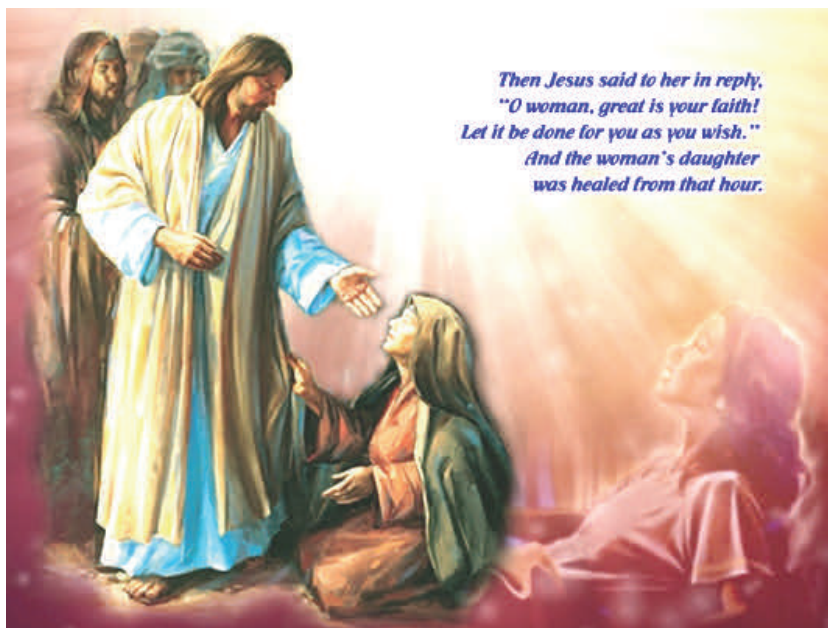
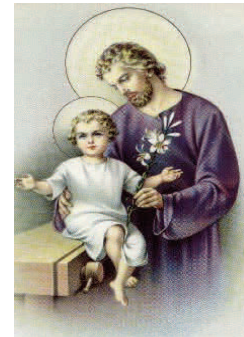


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

**Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 20, 2017**



*Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."  
And the woman's daughter  
was healed from that hour.*

Gospel of Matthew 15:21-28

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 19

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. Thomas Beeks + by a Parish Family

### Sunday, August 20

#### - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Norma Bauman & Lena Felger by Dan & Linda Felger  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, August 21

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Gloria Rupley + by Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, August 22

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Wedding of Ejimofor & Chelsea by Ody Oruche & Family  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, August 23

6:25 p.m. Rosary  
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Bob Morse + by Tom & Barb Ault

### Thursday, August 24

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, August 25

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Father of Ralph Gates + by Ralph Gates  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, August 26

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 a.m. Fathers of Joe & Barb Smekens + by Joe & Barb Smekens  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Edward Bushee + by Bob & Betty Miller

### Sunday, August 20

#### - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Daniel Gruss by Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

May only good things come your way  
Every moment of today.



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, and Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach.

## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 20, 2017 YR. A.

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

### ALL PEOPLES ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP GOD AND SHARE IN HIS DIVINITY

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. Everybody is invited to come to God and share in Him as His sons and daughters. It is a universal invitation and call. But the problem of the syndrome of: "I am better than you", triumphalism has stained the human race, including the Church. We must do our best to see that **"we are better than them, we are right they are wrong"** complex do not jeopardize our salvation. Thanks to St. Pope John XXIII, who through the Vatican Council II opened the windows and strove to do away with "ghetto mentality". Belonging to God's chosen people does not mean that we are necessarily better than other people who follow their own good conscience, seek God in a unique way. Today's readings, show an openness in love and respect for others. The opening prayer of today liturgy shows God's open invitation. It says: "God ... your care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the heart of all who live. May the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble beneath the shadow of your out-stretched arm" So, for God all are welcome to His Kingdom. It is Justice and Salvation for all.

**Thus, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Is 56:1, 6-7:** Prophet Isaiah tells us that God welcomes anyone Jews and Gentiles alike. No discrimination. Thus, said the Lord: "The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, ... them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; ... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." You see that! God's house is for all of us. I hope you are working seriously to be there.

**And in the Gospel; Mt 15:21-28:** Jesus by receiving the Canaanite woman, a pagan, who has tremendous faith, shows universality of God's invitation and acceptance into His Kingdom for all who did his will. Jesus' apparent rejection of the woman, was intentional. It was used by the Lord Jesus to teach us the importance of faith. And that the Kingdom of God is for all of us. Nobody is excluded except the one who excludes oneself from the Kingdom. We all are invited to imitate the faith, the trust and great humility of the Canaanite woman. Listen to this: Jesus said to the woman; "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to house dogs." If you were the Canaanite woman, what would you have done? In great prudence and humility and trust she said to Jesus; "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master" Wonderful. Then Jesus Exclaimed: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. And instantly the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. Great! Wonderful! Amazing. So, **"Heaven is for us all. What are you really doing about it?"**

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

**NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based." Please register quickly.**

**2. We are also planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. It will be after Easter. I believe that you are interested to join so, contact Janet Lehman at 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot at 260-466-1224. Hurry!**

**3. The Parish Picnic is on September 10, at Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton, IN 46714. We have 2 Masses that weekend: On Saturday Sep. 9, 2017 Mass: 5:00 p.m. On Sunday Sept. 10, 2017 Mass 10:00 a.m., please note: there will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass that morning.**

**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.

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." - Saint Jean Vianney



## ALPHA

You are invited to be part of a pilot group to participate in Alpha at St. Joseph's. Alpha is a series of sessions designed to help deepen our Christian faith. Each session will include some hospitality with food, a talk on a question regarding faith, and open sharing and conversation. St. Joseph's Evangelization Team will be offering this pilot series over 11 Fridays beginning September 8 at 5:30 pm. Attendance at every session is not required. After the series, this pilot group would be asked for their thoughts on whether we should offer Alpha parish-wide. Please join us! We want to know what you think.



## THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH Diocese of Fort Wayne-South



The weekend of September 2/3, 2017, we will have a second collection for the universal missionary aspect of the Church and our participation in the Diocesan Missionary Co-Op Program for 2017. Fr. Show Reddy Allam from Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, IL will be here to celebrate Mass with and for us. There **will not** be a second collection for the Repair/Rainy Day Fund that weekend.



## HE WHO SINGS WELL PRAYS TWICE - St. Augustine

Choir Practice begins Wednesday, September 6 after 7:00 p.m. Mass (approximately 7:30)

## A Weekend of Discovery A Lifetime of Love

## Marriage Encounter at St. Joseph's, Bluffton!

Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, October 20-22, 2017. Registration forms available in the narthex. Return the registration in the church collection in an envelope marked "Marriage Encounter", or register online at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Contact George and Diane Witwer with questions at: [dhwitwer@gmail.com](mailto:dhwitwer@gmail.com) or 824-4503.

## ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat. Aug., 26- Parent Registration for Religious Education/ Pizza/Ice Cream Sundaes following 5:00 Mass in the Social Hall.
- Wed., Aug. 30- Catechist's Mtg. after Mass- 7:30 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day- Office Closed for the Holiday
- Thurs., Sept. 7- All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - You are invited to spend 1 hour with the Lord.
- Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- details coming!
- Sun., Sept. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Youth Group
- Sun., Sept. 17- First day of Religious Education Classes- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 19 - Thurs., Sept. 23- Bluffton Street Fair- Parking Lot Fundraiser
- Thurs., Oct. 5- All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 15- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph CCW
- Fri., Oct. 20 - Sun., Oct. 22- Parish Based Marriage Encounter
- Sat., Nov. 11- St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar- 9a-3p.

## WEEKEND OF August 26 and 27, 2017

### CANTORS:

- 5:00 Jay Crisp  
7:30 Donna Geisel  
10:00 Nichole Decker

### LECTORS:

- 5:00 Glenn Ryan  
7:30 Steve Wagner  
10:00 Michelle Paxton

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Christine Zadyak, Mary Ann Flowers, Volunteer  
7:30 Sherry Makowski, Barb Ault, John Horn  
10:00 Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Luisa Sumabat

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family  
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman  
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

### SERVERS:

- 5:00 Darren Huss, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb  
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Mark/Beth Geisel  
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

### Collection for Weekend of August 12 and 13, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$4,414.00  
Child Envelopes- \$48.00  
Loose- \$133.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$230.00  
Assumption- \$5.00  
Votive Shrines- \$84.00  
Street Fair Pking. Lot Fund-raiser- \$835.00  
VBS Pool Rental Reimb.  
(canceled/weather)- \$190.00  
**Total- \$5,964.00**

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40  
We are \$847.60 ahead of budget from last week.

### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$644.00  
Insurance Claim Reimb. (air conditioning units)- \$6,238.00  
St. Joseph CCW Bazaar- \$245.00

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

### St. Joseph Annual Parish Picnic

**Sunday, September 10**

**Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton.**

**Sign up on the sheet in the narthex!**

Don't

Forget

The

Picnic!



### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Aug. 21 - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Pius X,**  
Pope - Jgs 2:11-19/ Mt 19:16-22

**Tues., Aug. 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Jgs**  
6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30

**Wed., Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin - Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16**

**Thurs., Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51**

**Fri., Aug. 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-**  
16,22/ Mt 22:34-40

**Sat., Aug. 26 - Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12**

**Sun., Aug. 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 22:19-**  
23/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

### RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a Catholic; RCIA classes will begin Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Catholics who wish to deepen their Catholic faith, may also attend! Please contact the Parish office to obtain a Registration Form- 824-1380.





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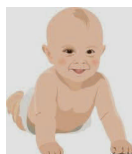


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i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
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come to you  
without leaving  
*happier.*

-Mother Teresa