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Prayer for Those Recovering from Natural Disasters

Merciful God,

The natural world is both wondrous and terrifying.

It can tear away homes and neighborhoods and leave lost and bereft those whose lives have been upended.

Such is the case now.

Throughout the ages, people have turned to you in times of devastation and heartbreak.

You turned your heart towards them and did not abandon them.

Let your presence now be known by those who have lost so much in the face of this natural disaster, Hurricane Dorian.

Bring them comfort and relief and offer consolation in the midst of desolation.

Make those of us untouched by this disaster mindful of their needs and generous in our response.

In the rebuilding that must take place, draw us together in mutual love and support.

In your gracious name, we pray.

Amen.



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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.

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

- 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. David Paul Butler +

Sunday, September 8

- 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. Janet Smith +

Monday, September 9

- 8:00 a.m. Norma Bauman +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of John Rickord Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, September 11

- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

Thursday, September 12

- 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, September 13

- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Kevin & Jessica Seago
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 14

- 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 +

Sunday, September 15

- 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. Living & Deceased members of Mary Lou & Don Van Camp

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept., 9 - Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - St. Peter Claver, Priest - Col 1:24-2:3/ Lk 6:6-11

Tues., Sept., 10 - Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept., 11 - Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26

Thurs., Sept., 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary - Col 3:12-17/ Lk 6:27-38

Fri., Sept., 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/ Lk 6:39-42

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

Sun., Sept. 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 32:7-11,13-14/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019 - Year C

Our readings this weekend continue the theme of the difficulty and cost of discipleship from Luke's Gospel. St. Luke, a physician (Colossians 4:14) and disciple of St. Paul (2 Timothy 4:11), is writing to a largely Greek and Gentile Christian audience. In writing to Theophilus (Luke 1:1-4) and others like him (*theo-philus* meaning "Friend of God"), St. Luke is seeking to strengthen the confidence they have found in the Faith that they have received. As St. Paul (and, most likely, the Blessed Virgin) has done for him, he desires to introduce each reader of his gospel to the risen Christ and to call them to deepen our personal relationship with Him.

Speaking to the crowd physically following after Him in our Gospel today (Luke 14:25-33), Jesus challenges them to not only follow after Him on foot but also in their hearts. As we have heard over the past several weeks, He seeks to set their hearts on fire (Luke 12:49) and prepare them for the difficult path of discipleship (Luke 13:22-30). Humbling ourselves before the Lord (Luke 14:7-14), we are called to dedicate ourselves to Him entirely (Luke 14:25-33). If we seek to be disciples, nothing can hold us back from the love of Christ. The call to the crowd today is made to each of us: *Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple*.

Following after the Lord requires trusting in His plan, even when we may not fully see the road ahead. In our second reading (Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17), St. Paul writes from prison. Sent out to preach the gospel (*evangelion*, or "good news"), being bound in prison would seem to prevent this. Yet, it does not stop St. Paul as he continues to write to the Churches that he has founded. No matter the situation he has found himself in, he continues the mission he has been given however he is able to do so. As reiterated in our first reading (Wisdom 9:13-18), God has set a plan for us; Even if we cannot see or understand it fully yet, it is there.

As we approach a new week, may we renew our commitment in following the Lord. This means following Him in all things and at every moment. In those times when we fail, may we seek His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Confession and pick up our cross anew. As Mother Angelica, founder of Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), is famous for saying: *Holiness is not for wimps and the cross is not negotiable, sweetheart, it's a requirement*. To follow after the Lord is not an easy path: It leads to Calvary. But, if we are willing to see it through, we will see that it doesn't end at Calvary. Instead, we can glimpse the joy of paradise and heavenly beatitude that lies beyond; The heavenly Jerusalem that awaits. Are we willing to trust and follow after the Lord today and everyday, no matter the path that lies ahead?

Faithfully in Christ,
Fr. David



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. Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased. To schedule a Mass for your loved one, call the parish office at 824-1380.



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Jerry Zigl, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold and Whitney Hockensmith.

Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Introduction meeting in the conference room.



United States
 National Day Of Remembrance
 for Aborted Children
 Saturday, September 14.
 On this day, we remember the
 millions of unborn victims of
 abortion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

River Terrace is having their own "Street Fair" on Friday, September 20th and need volunteers to help residents in wheel chairs to enjoy it. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and games begin at 2:00 p.m. Please call April Moellering if you can help with either the parade or the games; her number is 824-8940.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Smith, husband of Mary Lou Smith, who died Thursday, August 29, 2019 and was laid to rest Tuesday, September 3, 2019



May God welcome Don home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

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

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Sept. 8 - Religious Education classes begin - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. - Grades Kindergarten through High School Youth Group
- Sun., Sept. 8 - Social Group meeting/Parish picnic - conference room - 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 9 - Alpha Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 10 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Wed., Sept. 11 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 18 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day - All Day Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - (following 8:00 a.m. Mass) 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m./ Litany of the Eucharist/ Benediction- 5:45/ Low Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 5 - Parish Picnic following 5:00 p.m. Mass. Watch for details and a sign up sheet!

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 14/15, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Leeann Kennerck
 7:30 Mike Morrissey
 10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Stacey Coulardot
 7:30 Geoff Frank
 10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Joe Baur, Volunteer, Linda Huseman
 7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, Barb Ault
 10:00 Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff, Jeff Miller, Sandy Smythe, Kevin or Jessica Seago, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
 7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
 10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Alex Mechling
 7:30 Justin Mayer, Clayton Vachon, Brendan or Spencer McCorkle
 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Kody Coyne, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of August 31/September 1, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$2,537.00
 Child Envelopes- \$6.00
 Loose- \$500.76
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$130.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,706.00
 Assumption- \$5.00
 Flowers- \$100.00
Total- \$4,984.76

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

We are \$1,396.63 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$5.00
 Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

Special Collection/Mission- Catholic University- \$25.00

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



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Meet the Author - Kathryn Whitaker at St. Patrick Catholic Parish of Arcola (12305 Arcola Road, Fort Wayne) Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 7-9 pm Friday, October 4, 2019 from 9:30-11:00 am (Children are welcome at the Friday morning gathering) Kathryn Whitaker is a popular Catholic author, blogger, speaker who shares what it's like raising a raucous Catholic family. Whitaker shares her journey and challenges you to understand that you, too, can live a life of authenticity with joy-filled purpose, love, and faith. Her sassy authenticity will make you laugh and cry while encouraging you to be honest about mistakes in every area of your life, embrace them, and find a way to let God redeem it all.



Thank You!



A NOTE OF THANKS!

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, get well cards, food and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. I would also like to thank Fr. David Violi for visiting me while I was in the hospital; your visit lifted my spirits!

Thank you again! Tammi K. Helm

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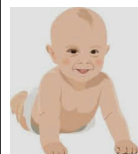
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Before you speak...

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?