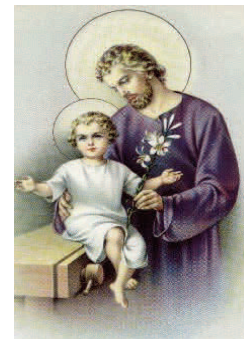


# St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017



Many are invited,  
but few are chosen.

- Matthew 22:14

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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, October 14

- 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 Carol Leitner

### Sunday, October 15

#### - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by Their Children

### Monday, October 16

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Frances Braun + & Mildred Huss by Dave & Margie Huss
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, October 17

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Rose Ann Lautzenheiser + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, October 18

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Ray Ehrlich + by St. Joseph Choir

### Thursday, October 19

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Janette Whitman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, October 20

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, October 21


- 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 Club

### Sunday, October 22

#### - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Janis Lindzy + by Patrick & LeAnn Mayer
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Acts of kindness, especially anonymous acts of kindness, are true gifts not only to the receiver but also to the giver. - CHRISTOPHER DE VINCK

 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.

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2017, YR. A.

### EACH OF US IS INVITED TO "COME TO THE BANQUET OF THE LORD"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. This month of October is a month for Our Lady and St. Joseph our Noble Patron saint. So, I am encouraging you to pray the Rosary more than you have been praying.

Redeemer Radio, is one of the most powerful means of spreading the good of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It helps greatly to fulfill the mandate of spreading the Gospel through New Evangelization. Any time you tune in to Redeemer Radio, you will learn something new or you are reminded of something you have forgotten. It is amazing. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, teaches through the Redeemer Radio, every Wednesday by noon. It also hooks to EWTN Radio and Television. Listen to Redeemer Radio while you prepare your meals in the Kitchen, while shaving, or doing something in your house, while driving to work, etc.

Thus, to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through Redeemer Radio, it organizes SHARATHON (Fund Raiser), in Spring and Fall, thus, inviting parishes to participate. In view of this, Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu and the Knights of Columbus, will chair One Hour of SHARATHON/Fund Raiser for Redeemer Radio, on October 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on behalf of our parish. Every Parishioner is encouraged to participate by calling and supporting the SHARATHON/Fund Raiser. Give any kind of support you wish. No amount is too small or too big. Tune-in to 106.3 FM Northeast Indiana or 95.7 FM Michiana, for South Bend area, and call on that day and support the spreading of the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Thanks for supporting. God bless you and all your loved ones.

**In today's Readings:** The three readings talk on; food, banquet, and enjoyment, especially the First Reading and the Gospel. So, food, drink and enjoyment are important in our lives. We go to parties to enjoy ourselves, to meet one another and feel happy. To attend a party or banquet can be the beginning of a beautiful friendships and relationships or strengthening an existing relationship. A lot can happen at a party.

**Thus, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Is 25:6-10a:** God is inviting each of us to his banquet. Banquet or breaking of bread. You know, eating with a person is a Biblical sign of love and intimate friendship. If we accept God's invitation he will wipe tears of suffering, pains and sadness from our eyes and remove the veil that prevented us from seeing him and being saved. The banquet will be on a mountain. This shows that we need to struggle and strive to climb the mountain. That means that we must try our best to behave well and be holy. To climb the mountain means to endure suffering for the sake of the Kingdom of God. It means to strive and persevere in doing good and avoiding evil.

**In the Gospel; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10:** We may be embarrassed by the treatment given to one of the guests in the banquet hall by the king. He told his servant: "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." Since those who were invited did not come. The guests were not given opportunity to go home and dress well and come back. Even those in the farms were also asked to go to the banquet hall. However, let us look at the situation this way. Yes, everybody was invited, but we need to do some petty things to fit in. If we ask people to come into this Church, anyone coming from any nearby farm, should at least, on entering this Church, will go to the rest room at the back of the Church, remove his or her gloves and wash his or her hands. And then join the rest.

In Jewish culture, those who come to wedding feast receive wedding garments at the door of the hall. Everybody receives it freely. Why did the man come into the hall without the wedding garment? He failed to do the very little thing he should have done,

We all are invited by God to the banquet of the Holy Eucharist. We know that we should be prepared to receive and we know what to do. As the king in the Gospel, came in to meet the quests, so is Jesus here to meet each of us. But in a unique way. He meets us as we queue to receive the Holy Eucharist. Let us be prepared for the Holy Eucharist. As one who needs to wash hands at the rest room, to fit to join, so also someone may need to enter the Confessional room, to wash, to fit to receive. So, let us always be prepared so that we will not be embarrassed at the banquet hall, or at the gate of heaven.

**NB: [1]. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based." Please register quickly. It is from October 20 to 22, 2017.**

**[2]. We are planning a 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.**

**[3]. The Solemnity of All Saint, Nov. 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Commemoration of all Souls departed on Nov. 2, are fasts coming up. Look out for the details next weekend. Remember to write in the journal we will provide, the names of your loved ones who passed and you want them to be remembered and prayed for in a special way, all through the month of November.**

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

### REDEEMER RADIO SHARATHON

Redeemer Radio's Fall Sharathon is October 23 - 27 from 8am - 7pm. The St. Joseph hour is Thursday, October 26 from 6pm - 7pm. Tune-in and donate during Redeemer Radio's Sharathon on 106.3 FM by calling 260-436-1450 or online at RedeemerRadio.com. Please see the Pledge Form inserted in this weekend's bulletin! **Thank you for your generosity.**

**Victory Noll Center**, 1900 West Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750

**Advent Retreat:** Holy Darkness program is Friday December 1 to Saturday December 2.

As the days shorten and the darkness surrounds us, what does it mean to wait in stillness for the action of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christ within us?

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### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

APRIL 23, 2018-MAY 2, 2018

Do you like to travel?

Have you considered a trip to the Holy Land? St. Joseph Church Pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 23- May 2, 2018.

Please pick up a detailed travel brochure in the church narthex that explains everything this trip has to offer.



### ST. JOSEPH CCW SPECIAL MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

The St. Joseph CCW will meet **Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss and finalize the preparations for the **4th Annual Craft & Arts Bazaar** that takes place on **Saturday, November 11- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** If you are able to help in any way, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The great thing about helping the vendors carry in their items... you get to see items that are for sale before others do! Thank you in advance for your help!!

### MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please bring in your Memorial Candles so they may be placed on the Blessed Mother's or St. Joseph's altar for All Saints Day, November 1st and the month of November. You may put them in the narthex on the desk or drop them by the parish office. If you would like one for a loved one or a friend, please call the parish office 824-1380. There is no specific charge for the candle, however, a donation may be given, but not necessary.




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., 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
- Sun., Oct. 29- Pancake and Sausate
- Wed., Nov. 1- All Saints Day- A Holy Day of Obligation- Masses- 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 1- Parish Council Meeting following 7:00 p.m. Mass- (approximately 7:45-8:00 p.m.)
- Thurs., Nov. 2- All Souls Day- Masses 8:00 a.m./ Noon All Souls/ 7:00 p.m. for Pope's Intentions
- Sat., Nov. 11- St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar- 9a-3p.
- Sun., Nov. 19- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group

### WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21 and 22, 2017


#### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Nancy Leitz


#### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Michelle Paxton


#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Joe Baur, Janette Minch, Mary Ann Flowers  
**7:30** Dave Gruss, Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Diana Cole

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Al/Mary Porrata  
**10:00** Todd Hartman and sons & Chris Reifsteck and sons

#### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Darren or Corey Huss, Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb  
**7:30** Oriana Makowski, Mark/Beth Geisel  
**10:00** Grayson Christal, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

#### Collection for Weekend of October 7/8, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$2,831.00  
Child Envelopes- \$17.80  
Loose- \$433.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$86  
Spiritual Cds- \$9.00  
**Total- \$3,376.80**

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

We are \$1,739.60 behind budget from last week.

**Other Collections within our Parish-** St. Vincent de Paul- \$730.50

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

#### Benefiting Coats for Kids

Sunday, October 29 after 7:30 and 10:00 Masses, the Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake and Sausage breakfast accepting a free

will donation with the proceeds going to purchase coats for kids. The Knights will be in the narthex on October 29 after Mass if you are unable to stay for breakfast but wish to make a donation.

### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Oct. 16 - Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin - Rom 1:1-7/ Lk 11:29-32**

**Tues., Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Rom 1:16-25/ Lk 11:37-41**

**Wed., Oct. 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist - 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9**

**Thurs., Oct. 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests - Rom 3:21-30/ Lk 11:47-54**

**Fri., Oct. 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest - Rom 4:1-8/ Lk 12:1-7**

**Sat., Oct. 21 - Rom 4:13,16-18/ Lk 12:8-12**

**Sun., Oct. 22 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday - Is 45:1,4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21**

### BOLIVIAN MISSION

If you have not paid for your Bolivian Mission student for the 2017 school year, please do so by the end of this month of October. If you wish to add a Christmas gift, please send that as well. Thank you!!



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