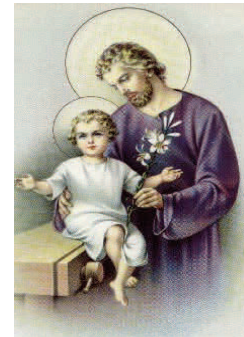


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017



FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.

-MATTHEW 18:20



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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, September 9

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jericho Kobryn + by St. Joseph's K of C
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Victoria Rios + by Linda Huseman

Sunday, September 10

- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- NO 7:30 a.m. MASS Today

- 9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass at Roush Park— 925 W. Silver St., followed by Parish Picnic- Herman (Pete) Leitz & R. Dale Morrissey + by Larry & Nancy Leitz

Monday, September 11

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, September 12

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Tom & Maureen Butler + by Tom & Maureen Butler
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 13

- 5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Marjorie Harty + by Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

Thursday, September 14

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Brooklynn & Katelynn Smith by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, September 15

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Joseph Leitner + by Carol Leitner
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 16

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Neil Bryson & Susan Walsh
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Madlyn Schortgen + by Kurt & Becky Biberstein

Sunday, September 17

- 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. Maria Garcia + by Christine Zadylak Family



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.

23Rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPT. 10TH, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

“WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE I AM IN THEIR MIDST.”

THUS, FRATERNAL CORRECTION IS IMPORTANT AND WE NEED IT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all! **Welcome to our Parish Picnic. It is good that you are here participating in our Parish activities. We grow by interacting with one another. Enjoy the day. I want to call to your minds of something you know already.** It is about the importance of: **Family and Social Values** (do's and don'ts). They are very important. They are formed in us from our childhood. So, sound education is very important for our children. **Parents, please bring your children to Religious Education Classes and to our Parish Youth Programs. Continue to instruct your children on good morals, noble habits. Talk to them in a loving, gentle voice. Children, young boys and girls, please, listen to your parents and obey them and come to our Parish Religious Education Classes and the Youth Programs every Sunday, which begin on this coming Sunday, September 17, 2017.**

In the 1st Reading; Ez 33:7-9: God is asking us through Prophet Ezekiel, to correct one another. We are not free not to fraternally correct our neighbor. If you see someone in error you should fraternally approach the person and talk with him or her. If you fail to give the fraternal correction, listen to what God said: “(the wicked ‘or the sinner’) shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.” This is a horrible situation. He continues, ... But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.” You hear that? So, parents should be more concerned in educating and correcting their children in their early infancy, married people and friends should be honest in their love and friendship, which demands fraternal correction from time to time as needs arise. Government should allow parents to exercise **their God given parental rights and duties over their children.** For, children who are either spoiled or neglected are on their way to becoming bad people or even becoming criminals of tomorrow. Fraternal correction will solve these impending problems.

And in the Gospel; Mt 18:15-20: The Lord Jesus said it all: He said: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses’. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.” You hear what we need to do to win back our brother, our sister or our neighbor. Just do that and you will be fine.

And that is why, St. Paul admonished us in the 2nd Reading; Rom13:8-10: thus: “Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law.” When we love with genuine love, everything will take its normal and proper course and position. For love does no wrong. So, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to sit up, challenge ourselves in doing the good things that please God. We need to correct one another fraternally, avoid murmuring and gossiping in our relationships. Go to a good person for advice, someone wiser than you. Someone who will tell you the truth about the situation. Then, before you act, seek guidance and direction in prayer from God, from the Lord Jesus, who is present to us always, especially in the Blessed Holy Eucharist.

“Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it”.

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, “Parish Based.” Please register quickly.

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 from the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or the Parish Office 260-824-1380.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Josephs Parish is looking for a volunteer(s) to head up the 2018 Vacation Bible School for next summer. Kerry and Tracy Coyne have been in charge for the past few years, but family and other conflicts prevent them from doing it in 2018. We want to give a big "Thank You" to Kerry and Tracy for all their work. However, we need someone to step up and volunteer to be in charge of Vacation Bible School for 2018 if we are to continue with this special ministry. Like everything in our Parish, we need people to be willing to do Christ's work, and we hope you feel compelled to volunteer. There will be guidance and assistance in coming up with a program, knowing what needs to be done, and where to look for help. All we need is someone to volunteer to help keep this valuable program alive and well for the children of St. Josephs. If interest please contact Michelle at the Church office at 824-1380.

Thank you,
St. Josephs Parish Council



With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37



ST. JOSEPH CCW

The St. Joseph Council of Catholic

Women will meet Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Every woman at St. Joseph's is a member of the St. Joseph CCW (Women's Group), so please try and come if you are able to make it. We would love to have you there!

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. If you are interested in being part of the Alpha Leadership Group, please contact George Witwer at 260-824-4503 or Barb Ault at 260-638-4725.



EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Remember! We will have a second collection next weekend, September 16/17 to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Please keep the victims of Hurricane Harvey in your prayers as they start the rebuilding process.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Sept. 10— Parish Picnic at Roush Park— 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton— Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- 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 SEPTEMBER 16 and 17, 2017

CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp
7:30 Tammy Horn
10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Missy Huss
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, John Horn
10:00 Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Dan Geimer, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!**
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Mike Painter, Dave Cowdrey, Brad/Susan Poper

SERVERS:

5:00 Darren/Corey or Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb, Emma Roembke
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Faith Loshe
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Kody/Cassie Coyne

Collection for Weekend of September 2 and 3, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$1,875.00
Child Envelopes- \$17.00
Loose- \$477.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$920.00
Flowers- \$20.00
Total- \$3,309.00

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

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

We are \$1,807.40 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Bolivian Mission- \$10.00
Diocesan Collection:
Campaign for Human Development- \$20.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

8:30-9:45 a.m.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Religious Education Classes, you may do so on Sunday the 17th. Just come to my office and I will give you their packet. The High School Youth Group will be leading the Rosary, so please have your child(ren) to their classrooms by 8:30 as everyone is expected to be in the Church, ready to pray the Rosary by 8:40 a.m. It is going to be another awesome year! Thank you parents and grandparents for walking this faith journey with your children and grandchildren leading them closer to Jesus. Thank you for bringing them to Religious Education Class but most importantly to Mass!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 11 - Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - Col

1:24—2:3/ Lk 6:6-11

Tues., Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary - Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26

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

Fri., Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sat., Sept. 16 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs - 1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49

Sun., Sept. 17 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 27:30—28:7/ Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

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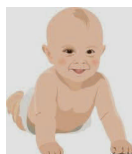


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It's a child, not a
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you "un-pregnant", it
makes you the mother
of a dead child.

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