

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## Church Cookout & Chili Cook Off \* Saturday, October 5 following 5:00 Mass

# We're Having a COOKOUT!



hamburgers, hot dogs,  
condiments, lemonade  
or water provided



Bring a dish to share &  
drink of your choice!

sign up sheets  
in the narthex

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

Fr. David's direct email: frdavidvioli@gmail.com / Sacramental Emergency Number: 260-296-0511

Director of Liturgical Music: Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA / Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton

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 21

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. Parish Family

### Sunday, September 22

#### - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Dale & Evelyn Morrissey Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

### Monday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, September 24

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Larry Sanders +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, September 25

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the  
Dennis Heyne Family

### Thursday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Tucky Hickert +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates

### Friday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, September 28

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. Parish Family

### Sunday, September 29

#### - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Matt & Jordan Morrissey Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Lillian McCarthy

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Sept., 23 - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest -** Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18

**Tues., Sept., 24 -** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21

**Wed., Sept., 25 -** Ezr 9:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

**Thurs., Sept., 26 - St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs -** Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9

**Fri., Sept., 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest -** Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22

**Sat., Sept., 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs -** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45

**Sun., Sept. 29 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** Am 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019 - Year C

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our upcoming Parish Picnic! **The Parish Picnic will be on Saturday, October 5th, following the 5 PM Vigil Mass.** The Picnic will be potluck style, with the parish providing the meat and the drinks and each family bringing a side-dish to share, if possible. There will be a Chili Cook-Off, games for children of all ages, Euchre, Bean Bags, and much more! I look forward to seeing you there!

Along with the fun and games, there will also be a **Rectory Open House during the picnic.** Over the past year, I've often heard how many have not had a chance to see the inside of the Rectory for some time. The Rectory is where the priest lives, but has also served as the parish office and parish meeting space in the past. After our picnic dinner and as games are starting, I thought it would be fun to hold an Open House at the Rectory (7-7:30 PM) for those interested and invite you in to see my home.

Two common questions that I've received over the past year, especially in these warmer months, is "What are you wearing? Isn't that hot?" To answer those questions in order: The garment is called a cassock and an emphatic "Yes!" as it can be quite warm at times. Diocesan priests often wear two types of garments outside of the liturgy: A Clerical Suit and/or a Cassock.

The Clerical Suit, as worn today, consists of black dress pants, a black clerical shirt, and, often, a suit jacket. It has developed over the past 150 years to serve as both modern yet distinguishing clothing to be worn by clergy. In warmer climates, such as Africa, you may also see different color clerical shirts being worn due to the heat. The Cassock is the long, black garment that developed from the tunic commonly worn in ancient Rome. Even as the Roman tunic began to change in style starting in the 6th Century, the Cassock remained the general garb worn by diocesan clergy throughout the centuries.

Both of these garments are worn by priests to serve as a witness to Jesus Christ present in the world. Every part of our lives, spoken and unspoken, is meant to proclaim Christ to the world. Both garments share the Roman Collar, the white neckband partially covered with black cloth. Spiritually, this collar reminds everyone who sees it that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it (John 1:5).

It is also a reminder that priests are always available to serve the needs of those around him. The priest is not his own, his very life serves as a visible sign of Jesus Christ present to us in the midst of everyday life.

The Cassock often also has three additional symbols along with the Roman Collar. There are 33 buttons from the collar to the toe to mark the 33 years that our Blessed Lord and Savior walked upon this earth. On each sleeve, there are 5 buttons to mark the 5 sacred wounds that our Blessed Lord and Savior suffered upon the Cross (the nail marks in both of His hands and feet and His wounded side from which He was pierced with the centurion's lance). Finally, being a long tunic, it is very easy to trip on the hem of the garment and fall if one is not paying attention to where they are walking. In the same way, it is easy to fall into temptation and sin in the spiritual life if we do not pay attention to the road we are walking. As such, we must always be alert and mindful of every step that we take (Mark 13:33; 1 Peter 5:8; Colossians 4:2).

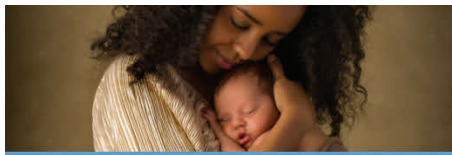
To seek after Jesus Christ means to intentionally seek Him out in all things. Every aspect of our life must be given over to God. For a priest, this can also mean wearing something a bit uncomfortable. It is a daily personal reminder of our death to self and a chance to unite our suffering, both great and small, with the Lord. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI often said: *"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."* Every day of our lives is a chance to live intentionally for Jesus Christ. How will we live for Him today?

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.

**40 Days for Life** is a prayerful, peaceful and lawful endeavor to protect and save the lives of unborn children across the United States and throughout many other countries. Christians



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

from across Allen and surrounding counties like Wells gather for 40 Days for Life in the Fall to provide 12 hours of prayer each day for the unborn (8:00 am – 8:00 pm). The next campaign begins September 25 and runs through November 3. UPDATE: Due to the recent passing of Dr. Klopfer and the opening of a new Planned Parenthood on Lake Ave., the campaign will be shifting to the public right-of-way outside 2930 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Please go to [40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ftwayne](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ftwayne) to sign up for vigil hours or drop in any time during the campaign to help save lives by praying for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life signs will also be available in the church narthex for you to take home and place in your yards.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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All high school students are invited to register for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend high school pilgrimage to the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 23-26, 2020. Students can register to attend with a parish group or through their Catholic high school. Registration can be found online at [www.fwsbby.com](http://www.fwsbby.com). Some of the highlights include participating in the March for Life, a diocesan Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, as well as a visit to our seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Sept. 26 - Mass at River Terrace Estates- 10:30 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 1 - Knights of Columbus meeting; recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; 7:00 p.m. meeting in the social hall.
- Wed., Oct., 2 - 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.
- Fri., Oct. 4 - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 p.m. in front of Church under the canopy.
- Sat., Oct. 5 - Parish Picnic following 5:00 p.m. Mass. Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- Tues., Oct. 8 - St. Joseph Women's Group - meet in church parking lot at 5:50 p.m., carpool to River Terrace Estates to sing for the residents (15-20 minutes), back to Church for our meeting. Bring your voice; everyone is welcome!
- Wed., Oct., 9 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./ Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct., 16 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./ Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 17 - Mass at Christian Care- 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

### WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 28/29, 2019

#### CANTORS:

**5:00** Jay Crisp  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Sophia Emrah

#### LECTORS:

**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Patti-Clark Johnson

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**5:00** Dan/Beth Gordon, Volunteer  
**7:30** Barb Ault, Dave Gruss, Sherry Makowski  
**10:00** Sandy Smythe, Luisa Sumabat, Larisa Sudhoff, Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

#### SERVERS:

**5:00** Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb, Alex Mechling  
**7:30** Mark/Beth Geisel, Clayton Vachon  
**10:00** Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

### Collection for Weekend of September 21/22, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$2,998.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$39.50  
 Loose- \$260.75  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$403.00  
 Religious Ed. Fees- \$450.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$100.00  
 Street Fair Fundraiser- \$120.00  
**Total- \$4,371.25**

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

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

We are \$1,951.45 ahead of our monthly budget.

### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$1,055.00

**Diocesan Special Collection-**  
 Catholic Communications- \$40.00

Online Giving  
[osvonlinegiving.com/4741](http://osvonlinegiving.com/4741)

**St. Francis of Assisi - Feast Day**  
**October 4**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
**4:00 p.m.**



**In front of Church under the Canopy!**

RCIA  
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
**begins**  
**Thursday**  
**September 26**  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

### FRIDAY - OCTOBER 4

All Day Adoration - (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. Sign up sheet in the narthex.



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~Ven. Fulton Sheen



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**smile**  
because it happened.  
-Dr. Seuss

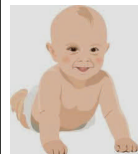
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past, present and future,



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God Bless You!

Before you speak...

**THINK!**

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