

St. Joseph Catholic Community

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B September 30, 2018

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul; The decree of the
LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to
the simple.
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to
the heart.

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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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e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 29

8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Don & Mary Lou Smith- 70th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 30

- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Anne Mayock +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, October 3

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Reyes Ortiz +

Thursday, October 4

8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Madlyn Schortgen +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Francis Braun +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, October 6

8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Joseph Lautzenheiser +

Sunday, October 7

- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Valeria Talerico +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 1 - Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Jb 1:6-22/ Lk 9:46-50

Tues., Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels - Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23/ Mt 18:1-5,10

Wed., Oct. 3 - Jb 9:1-12,14-16/ Lk 9:57-62

Thurs., Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - Jb 19:21-27/ Lk 10:1-12

Fri., Oct. 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest - Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5

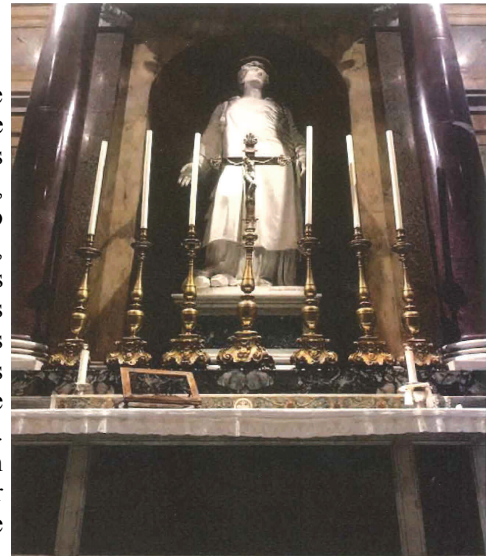
Sat., Oct. 6 - St. Bruno, Priest/ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin - Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/ Lk 10:17-24

Sun., Oct. 7 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Sunday - Gn 2:18-24/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time - September 30, 2018 - Year B

Pictured to the side is a photo from the Chapel of St. Stephen in St. Paul outside the Walls, one of the four major basilicas in Rome. Upon our arrival on Monday, my fellow pilgrims and I made the trek to St. Paul's and, to begin our time in Rome, offered Mass at this altar. I offered this Mass for our parish families and members as well as the many specials intentions that I was asked to pray for during this time. Each day, we will have the chance to offer Mass at a different holy site. These intentions have and will remain with me as we travel to the other major basilicas and churches throughout the city.



As I write this, it is currently a brisk evening and I am sitting outside of St. Peter's Basilica. This morning, I sat just a few feet from the Altar of the Chair, one of the main altars in St. Peter's, and concelebrated the ordination Mass for the 40 men ordained to the diaconate for our country, including our own Dcn. Spenser St. Louis. Now, I am sitting against a small pillar as hundreds of people are milling about the square, praying, talking, taking photos. Next to me is a giant obelisk, once a sign of pagan Rome's greatness. Now, atop the obelisk sits the Cross of Jesus Christ, who must renew all things. Even as the sun has set, there is a glow in the face of every person who passes by. The love of Christ, the great majesty and awe of His presence in this place, cannot help but touch the lives of everyone who passes by in one way or another. In moments like these, I feel a glimpse of understanding of what the Scriptures speak of when it is said that "hope springs eternal."

In our readings today, we hear from the Book of Numbers. This is one of four times that we hear from this book in our entire three-year cycle of Sunday readings. And, in this reading, Moses speaks against the sin of envy. The Spirit, shared with the elders, is given freely by God. Even when it is given in ways or to persons that we would not expect, God will still use these ways and persons to bring about His good.

Jesus continues this lesson in our Gospel reading. The Apostles, jealous at one performing works that they themselves could not do, desire to stop this person. And, the Lord, in turn, rebukes them and reminds them that all things, done in His name, can work for the good, if we will allow them too. Moreso, He continues, those things that can truly separate us from Himself are those things that we pursue, even good things, become ends in themselves. They no longer feed our desire for God, but become that which desire. Because of this, these things, the Lord says in no uncertain terms, must be cut out from our lives.

Our second reading gains a new context within our Gospel. Anything that can keep us from falling deeper and deeper in love with Jesus Christ is useless to us. Putting our hopes in such things will only leave us miserable. We seek not worldly happiness, which is passing away, but eternal joy and beatitude.

This morning, as those 40 young men laid down in front of the altar, they laid down their lives for Christ. They are to spend the rest of their lives seeking Christ in all things. This will, at times, be a very painful path and one fraught with many chances to go astray. Yet, as that Cross that now sits atop the obelisk right next to me testifies, Christ will prevail. He will overcome and renew all things. He will always call us home to Him and His Church to be renewed. Of this, our faith assured us. What things keep us from Christ today? How can we remove these things from our lives? What concrete step can we take to be one step closer to Christ today? - **In Christ, Fr. David**



Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible,
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
- St. Francis of Assisi - Feast Day, October 4



MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, October 2, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. and meeting will follow in social hall at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who parked cars in the Wabash Electric parking lot this year for our annual Street Fair Fundraiser. This is a very big fundraiser for our Church as we netted \$2,355.00! Thanks again; it was much appreciated!



PING PONG TABLE WANTED

Does anyone or know of anyone who has a nice, gently used Ping Pong table they are wanting to get rid of for a reasonable price? If so, please call the Parish office at 260-824-1380.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus who helped put up the Cross Display in our church yard! We have 120 crosses this year. Each cross represents 500,000 babies killed by abortion, with a total of 60 Million babies killed by abortion in the United States since Roe v Wade in 1973. Pray for an End to Abortion!

BRIDGING THE GAP - An "innovative and uplifting" read -

Kimberly C. Paul, Hospice professional and author of the heartfelt book, Bridging the Gap, will be at the Wells County Public Library Thursday, October 4, in the public meeting room for book-signing, from 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. See the flyer in the narthex for more information.

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams and Zella Butler.



PARISH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2018

- Tues., Oct. 2 - Knights of Columbus Meeting; Rosary at 6:40 Rosary Path, weather permitting, or in the Church, meeting at 7:00 in the social hall.
- Thurs., Oct. 4 - All Day Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 40 Days for Life - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. / the 7:00 p.m. Mass will be a Teaching Mass. All are invited!
- Sun., Oct. 7 - Parish Cook Out & Chili Cook Off here at St. Joseph's. Usual Mass schedule - Cook Out following the 10:00 Mass.
- Tues., Oct. 9 - Thurs., Oct. 11 - Priest's Continuing Education; Mass Tues., 8:00 a.m. / No Mass or Adoration on Wed., Oct. 10 and No Mass on Thurs., Oct. 11 / Mass on Fri., Oct. 12 at 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 9 - St. Joseph's Women's Meeting in the conference room at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF October 6/7, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Sophie Emrah
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Larry Leitz (Choir Mass)

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Monica Harris, Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Steve Higgins, Larisa Sudhoff, Volunteer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Todd Hartman/Chris Reifsteck Families

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Kody Coyne

Collection for Weekend of September 22/23, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,661.00
Child Envelopes- \$47.35
Loose- \$321.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$90.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0
Street Fair Parking Lot Fund
Raiser- \$725.00
Votive Candles- \$81.10
K of C Reimb.- \$54.64
Total- \$4,980.09

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

We are \$136.31 behind budget from last week

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$70.00
Diocesan Special Collection-
31st ABA Over Goal Payment #7- \$242.50

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

FIRE UP THE GRILL!



Reminder! Church Cookout/Chili Cook Off Sunday, October 7 following 10:00 Mass Sign up sheet in the narthex. Come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!



ALL DAY ADORATION FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE/

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, October 4, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /
Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.



PLEASE NOTE: The 7:00 Mass will be a Teaching Mass; All are Invited!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Phil. 4:11).

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come to you
without leaving
happier.

-Mother Teresa

Before you speak...

THINK!

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