

St. Joseph Catholic Community

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B November 4, 2018



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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, November 3

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. Cliff Baumgartner + & Paul Hunter +

Sunday, November 4

- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Joseph Mayer +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, November 5

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 a.m. Walter & Gene Chaney +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 7

6:25 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

Thursday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Earl Huss +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, November 10

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. Parish Family

Sunday, November 11

- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 5- Thirty-First Week in Ordinary

Time - Phil 2:1-4/ Lk 14:12-14

Tues., Nov. 6 - Phil 2:5-11/ Lk 14:15-24

Wed., Nov. 7 - Phil 2:12-18/ Lk 14:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 8 - Phil 3:3-8a/ Lk 15:1-10

Fri., Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Ez 47:1-2,8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Sat., Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Phil 4:10-19/ Lk 16:9-15

Sun., Nov. 11 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Veteran's Day - 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 4, 2018 - Year B

A special "Thank You!" to all those who planned and helped with our first annual All Saints' Day Party and Potluck. Your dedicated work made for a wonderful evening for our parish family. As seen on our bulletin cover this weekend, we were also blessed to be joined by our own contingent of the Communion of Saints, with 20 of our children dressed up as their favorite Saints. Mark your calendars for next year as this wonderful parish celebration in honor of All Saints' Day will be an annual event here at St. Joseph's.

Special congratulation to our Sainly Costume Contest winners, 1st Place – Angel as Pope St. John Paul II, 2nd Place – Jacquelyn as St. Therese of Lisieux, and 3rd Place – Ainsley, St. Joan of Arc, and the first group to complete our Scavenger Hunt, Anna and Audrey. Many of our Saints also completed our "Saints and Symbols" and "Name that Apparition" games.

Scriptural Reflection for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our first reading (Deut. 6:2-6) comes from the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth and final book of the Torah (or Pentateuch), which provides Moses last account to the people of Israel as he nears the end of his life. In our reading today, Moses is calling Israel to remain faithful to God and His Law. In verses 4-5, Moses expands upon the First Commandment and emphasizes how this commandment is the very basis of the entire Law. The love of God is what must drive Israel (and each of us!) in all things. This is the very basis of not only the entire Law, but of life itself.

In our Gospel today (Mark 12:28-34), our Lord returns to this passage from Deuteronomy and expands upon it as well. When asked what is the greatest commandment, Jesus, citing Moses' words, states that love of God is the first and greatest commandment. But, He does not stop there. The second greatest commandment, after love of God, is love of neighbor. As each of us are created in the image and likeness of God, respect and love for each other is reflected as love for the Creator. We cannot claim to love God and reject our neighbor and we cannot reject God and claim to love our neighbor. These two commands cannot be separated, but must always go hand-in-hand.

This understanding of love of God and neighbor becomes the very basis for the Christian life. Our desire for God must consume us and it must be reflected in every other relationship that we have. We are called to be imitators of the Lord (Ephesians 5:1-2), so much so that we allow Christ to live in and through us (Galatians 2:20). As we enter into the Sacrifice of the Mass, we are brought before the Lord Himself in the Holy Eucharist. As we hear in our second reading (Hebrews 7:23-28), Jesus as High Priest is a different priesthood than the levitical priesthood. At the Mass, we do not simply offer gifts as a symbol of the Lord's Sacrifice, but we are instead united to His Sacrifice offered "once for all," that is His Sacrifice on the Cross. We enter into this same mystery at every Mass as we are brought forward to that saving moment that is outside of time. And, in participating at the Sacrifice of Mass, we learn from Christ Himself how we are called to imitate Him.

As Jesus Christ has given Himself up for us, we are, in turn, called to give ourselves up to Him. As High Priest, He remains our constant intercessor and invites us to join our sacrifices to His. Our gifts of bread and wine, the work of our hands, are brought to the altar and, through the words of Christ Himself spoken by the priest (ordained to serve *in persona Christi Capitis*, in the person of Christ the Head), are transformed into His Body and Blood. And, as we dare to approach the altar and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist, we ourselves are to be transformed into His Body, that is, the Church.

We are called to act no longer as ourselves, but as Christ. We are called to unite our wills with His; To be so in love with the Lord that we desire only to do those things that will bring us closer to Him. How will we allow the love of God to transform us today? And, how will this love be shown in our love of neighbor?

- In Christ, Fr. David

*Every day shared with the ones we love
Is a gift for which we are very thankful!*



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

MEETING REMINDER!

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



OPEN FORUM/DISCUSSION - Church's Understanding on Marriage, Divorce & Annulments

Presented by Fr. David Viola

Fr. David will have an open forum/discussion on the Church's Understanding on Marriage, Divorce & Annulments Sunday, November 11 between Masses, 8:30-9:45 a.m. For those unable to attend on Sunday but are interested in the forum, Fr. David will consider having an "Encore" on Wednesday, November 14 following the 7:00 Mass. Please let Fr. David or Michelle know.

Advent Parish Mission



The Three Symbolic Gifts

Every Thursday in Advent
7 PM in the Social Hall



1st Thursday of Advent
December 6, 2018
Topic: Gold - Symbol of Kingship



2nd Thursday of Advent
December 13, 2018
Topic: Frankincense - Symbol of Prayer



3rd Thursday of Advent
December 20, 2018
Topic: Myrrh - Symbol of Death

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Joseph Advent
Parish Mission;

The Three
Symbolic Gifts -
Gold

Frankincense,
Myrrh

Each Thursday in
December at 7:00 p.m.
In the Social Hall.

LECTOR TRAINING

Ginny Fenstermaker is planning to have training for those who would like to become a Lector, Proclaiming God's Word at Mass; Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m! Please call the Parish office at 824-1380 if you are interested in the training.



The Word of God

PARISH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2018

- Tues., Nov. 6 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church and meeting at 7:00 in the social hall.
- Sun., Nov. 11 - Open Forum/Discussion - Church's Understanding on Marriage, Divorce and Annulments - between Masses - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 13 - St. Joseph Women's Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Book Study- *Beyond Sunday; Becoming a 24/7 Catholic* by Teresa Tomeo
- Wed., Nov. 14 - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass- 7:00 p.m. (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5-7:00 p.m.)
- Thurs., Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 25 - No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break.

WEEKEND OF November 10/11, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Christine Zadyak, Joe Baur, Janette Minch
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Sherry Makowski
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Ed Shestak, Luisa Sumabat, Tammi Helm

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike/Becky Anderson Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey/Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Abby Wagner
10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of October 27/28, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,956.00
Child Envelopes- \$21.10
Loose- \$145.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$150.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$20.00
Memorial Candle Donation- \$40.00
Votive Candles- \$71.22
All Saints' Day- \$410.00
Total- \$4,813.32

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

We are \$76.92 ahead of budget from last week and \$1,483.68 ahead for the month of October.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$48.00
Bolivian Mission- \$225.00
All Soul's Day Mass Intentions- \$380.00

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

Diocesan Special Collections-
World Mission Sunday- \$45.00



Thank You! For your prayers, assistance and cards as I recover.
God Bless You All! Mary Ann Bickley

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - OCTOBER

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$519.11

Rent/Housing - \$480.00

Thank you for your support in helping our brothers and sisters who needed assistance in our community. God Bless You!



The Greatest Commandment:
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.
The second is:
Love your neighbor as yourself.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

If we are going to serve the Lord, we should do so wholeheartedly, and see what God will do in response.

"Whatever your hand finds to do,
do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

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-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?