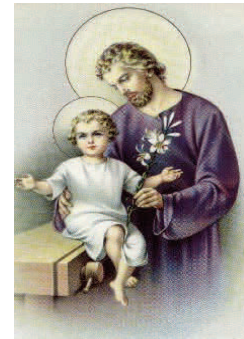


St. Joseph Catholic Community

5th Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018



Jesus said to his disciples
I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vine grower

John 15:1

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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, April 28

No 4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Michael & Christine Zadylak Family by
Steve & Sherry Makowski Family

Sunday, April 29

- Fifth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Ron & Kathy
Marshall
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Msgr. Pius will celebrate this Mass Intention while
gone for Worldwide Seminarian Meetings
in Portland, Oregon
Monday, April 30- Living & Deceased of Diane
Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey

Tuesday, May 1

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne
Witwer Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, May 2 - Please Note Mass Time Change!

5:25 p.m. Rosary
5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Parish Council Members by St. Joseph
Church

Thursday, May 3

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Joe Smekens + by Ron & Kathy Marshall
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, May 4

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Sr. Margaretta Ehrlich + by St. Joseph
Choir
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, May 5

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
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. Leonard Smythe + by Larry & Nancy
Leitz

Sunday, May 6

- Sixth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Mike & Deb-
bie Lautzenheiser
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. First Communion Mass- Parish Family

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 29TH, 2018, YR. B WE NEED UNION WITH THE LORD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER. "I-YOU" OR "I-THOU," RELATIONSHIP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you! **I want to still congratulate those young boys and girls who were confirmed this April, and those who are making their First Holy Communion next Sunday. May the graces of these Sacraments strengthen you. Thanks to the Catechist teachers who prepared them, thanks to their parents, sponsors and all who helped them.**

Last weekend, we reflected on the Good Shepherd: For we need to allow God, and the Lord Jesus to lead us. When we allow the Lord to lead us, we will be able to avoid meaningless existence that sometimes threatens and cripples our life.

In today's Liturgy we need to learn how the early Christians worked together and moved beyond conflicts and thus increased growth in numbers and in faith. We need God and we need one another in our journey to eternity. We need fellowship and not follow-ship. Listen to this: When physically strong animals like water buffaloes are together in herds, they are said to be harmless. But whenever you meet one buffalo alone, you are advised to be careful, for it might be vicious and attack you. Human beings follow a similar rule. "Alone, Loner" can be dangerous, for we need one another to be real human beings. So, let us work together. There is need for togetherness, belonging to, for a Christian who fails to develop relationship with others usually fails to develop relationships with God. The Church encourages us to teach our children to relate with one another in the family, with friends and on parish level. It is when the relationships happen on these levels, can someone have a beautiful relationship with God and Christ. You know that supernatural builds on the natural. Grace builds on nature.

In the 1st Reading; Acts 9:26-31: We read that the Church in Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace, when Saul, now known as Paul, who tried to destroy the Church, became one of the Church's most effective preacher when he joined and began relationship with the apostles. Barnabas helped Saul and introduced him to the Apostles. Then Paul listened and developed relationship with the Apostles and then developed relationship with God. If you remain alone, a loner, you cannot really love. For Love needs the other.

The 2nd Reading; 1 Jn 3:18-24 commands us to love in deed and in truth, not just by mere words and speeches, but love in action. It is the supernatural love, Agape love, that we are talking about.

In the Gospel; Jn 15:1-8: Jesus expresses the need to be in union with him. He said, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains in the stem of the tree. I am the true vine, you are the branches." The vine-image is used here by the Lord Jesus to show the importance of union, togetherness and relationships. So, we need to live in Christ and allow Christ to live in us. There should be an "I-You," or "I-Thou": a person to person relationship, between you and another, and thus between you and Christ. Let us be united and together work out our salvation.

N.B. 1. Please mark your calendar, June 3, is Eucharistic Procession. It starts by 8:30 a.m. and ends about 9:05 a.m. Let's show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2. We will soon tell you the plans we have to fix the parking lot, which is gradually crumbling.

3. The Stewardship Team displayed at the Narthex ways we can use our Time and Talent to serve God by serving our brothers and sisters: our neighbors

God bless you Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilchukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, and Priscilla Rhodes.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



"It shouldn't hurt to be a child."

Did you know: Background checks work.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have

difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. a child. Never forget that offenders lie.



First Communion

THE BREAD OF LIFE...

AND THE CUP OF ETERNAL SALVATION

Please pray for these children as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on May 6 during the First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Wyatt Ault- grandson of Tom & Barb Ault
Jace Draper- son of Neil & Leslie Draper
Cooper Pearson- son of Pat & Pam Pearson

Evelyn Peterson- daughter of Rob & Andrea Peterson

Adrienne Wagner- daughter of Ben & Jenny Wagner

Carmen Ortiz- daughter of Juan & Rosa Ortiz will receive her First Holy Communion in Mexico with her family and Addison Crum was received into Full Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ruby Bowers, mother of Stacey (Corey) Coulandot, died Wednesday, April 18, 2018



May God welcome her home,
Fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 30 - Easter Weekday - St. Pius V, Pope - Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26

Tues., May 1 - Easter Weekday - St. Joseph the Worker - Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wed., May 2 - Easter Weekday - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8

Thurs., May 3 - Easter Weekday - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles - 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14

Fri., May 4 - Easter Weekday - Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17

Sat., May 5 - Easter Weekday - Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21

Sun., May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL/MAY 2018

- Sun., Apr. 29- Last Religious Ed. Class of the year 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- Sun., May 6- First Communion Mass- 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 19- Parish Appreciation Dinner following 5:00 Mass

WEEKEND OF May 5/6, 2018

CANTORS:

- 5:00** Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Dianne Witwer- Choir Mass/First Communion Mass

LECTORS:

- 5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Ben Wagner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dave Gruss, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 Missy Huss, Steve Higgins, Barb Ault, Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Rick Singer,

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike Painter, Brad/Susan Poper, Dave Cowdrey

SERVERS:

- 5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Abby Wagner, Jacqueline Mayer

Collection for Weekend of April 21/22, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$6,075.00

Child Envelopes- \$28.50

Loose- \$121.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$90.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0

Votive Candles- \$86.21

Flowers \$250.00

Total- \$6,650.71

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

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

We are \$1,534.31 ahead of budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$580.00

31st ABA Over Goal- Payment

#2- \$3,378.03

St. Joseph Women's Dues- \$10.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Catholic Home Mission- \$20.00

FORMER AND NEW MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL

Will be gathering on Wednesday, May 2 beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dinner for the council members. Inauguration of the new members and a joint meeting will take place in the conference room with the Building Board Committee and Finance Committee at approximately 7:30 p.m.



MEETING REMINDER! Weather permitting we will pray the **Rosary at 6:40 p.m. on the Rosary Path** and the meeting will follow in social hall at **7:00 p.m.**

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON

Thursday, May 3, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/
Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /Mass- 7:00 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

One of the best things we can do with our time is to spend time alone each day with God.

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation" (Psalm 5:3).

7th GRADE HAITIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Please turn in your 'Cookies in a Jar' Order Forms this weekend, April 28/2. If you have forgotten your forms, you may turn them in on Monday, April 30th to the Parish office. Thank you supporting their efforts!



I wanted to share with you, a letter I received from Fr. Gus from Food for the Poor to the Students:

Dear Students:

Just think of the joy a family will have when they can walk into their own house. Everybody likes their own space and poor people are no different. You folks are attempting something wonderful. I am very proud of you. I find that this generation of young people are a very caring, service orientated group. That is exactly what a follower of Jesus is. Congratulations on your campaign. I hope you will be successful. I am sure you will be. Young people are the best, most creative fund raisers.

Much love to you all, Fr. Gus



ST. JOSEPH NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK! Friday, June 22 at 7:05 p.m. SUPERHERO NIGHT!

Come dressed as your favorite **SUPERHERO** and stay for the post-game fireworks!

We have 50 seats reserved in Section 113 on the 3rd baseline.

Tickets are \$10 each.

Signup sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 824-1380 to reserve your seat!

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER SATURDAY, MAY 19TH AFTER 5:00 P.M. MASS

Don't forget to turn in your RSVP to the Parish Appreciation dinner on Saturday, May 19 on or before May 13th so we can have an approximate count for dinner.

NEW SPIRITUAL CDS COMING SOON!

Watch for new titles of spiritual CDS in the narthex; they should be here next week!



HOLY LAND ITEMS FOR SALE MAY 5/6 WEEKEND

Samar Awwad; a representative of Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries— all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of the mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Please browse the tables in the narthex on your way out of Mass.



The **26th** annual
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The Bluffton Post Office and Wells County Food Bank Drive will be on Saturday, May 12th. You can leave non-perishable goods by your mail boxes or if anyone wants to bring canned goods to the Church, they can do so on Sunday, May 13th. Look for the box in the narthex. Please contact Rick McEvoy at 824-4364 with questions. Thank you!



LECTORS, CANTORS, ORGANISTS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND MINISTER'S OF HOSPITALITY

There will be an evening of Reflection on Tuesday, June 19, light dinner 6:00-6:30 p.m. in social hall; meeting 6:45-7:30 p.m. in church.



SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

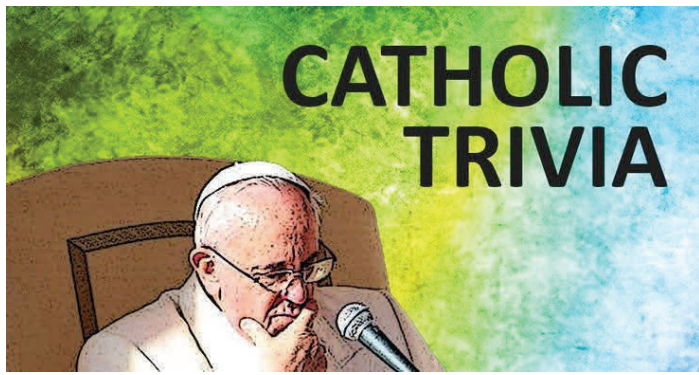
The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass. Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380.

Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased.



*God is a spring
of living water
which flows unceasingly
into the hearts
of those who pray.*

St. Louis de Montfort



Match the Saint with the Quote!

_____ “Jesus, source of my life, sanctify me. O my strength, fortify me. My commander, fight for me.”

_____ “Mary is so full of love, that no one who asks for her intercession is rejected, no matter how sinful he may be.”

_____ “If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint.”

_____ “Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

_____ “Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them”

_____ “Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints - they are your public.”

_____ “You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy - the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud.”

_____ “Oh my God, forgive what I have been, correct what I am, and direct what I will be.”

_____ “Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.”

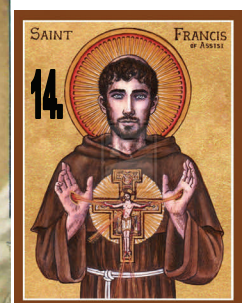
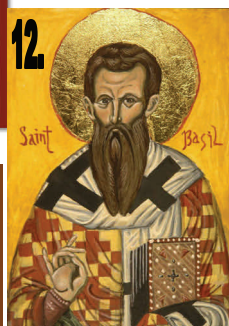
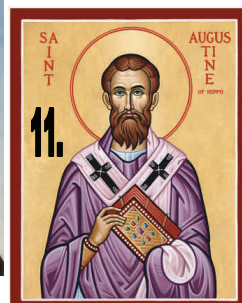
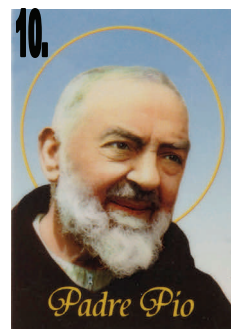
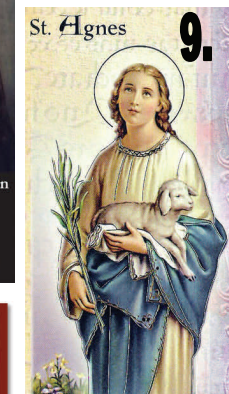
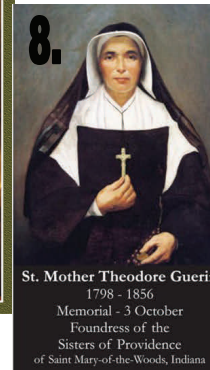
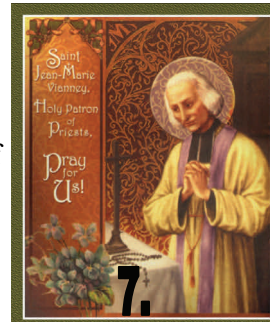
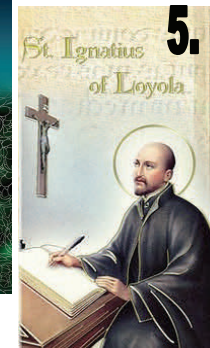
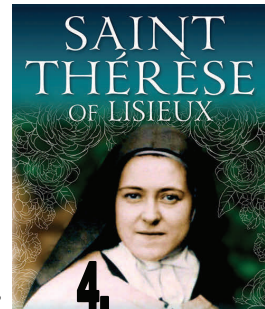
_____ “To sing is to pray twice.”

_____ “Love the children first, then teach

_____ “If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs, leaving the rest to those in want, there would be no rich and no poor.”

_____ “For it is in giving that we receive.”

_____ “The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us.



Answers are on the bulletin board in the narthex!

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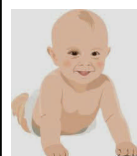
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