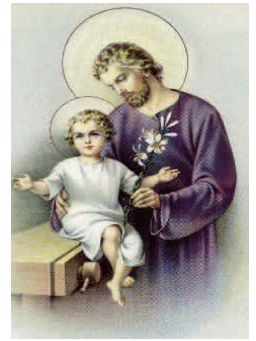


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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

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, August 18

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. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, August 19

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Jericho Kobryn +

Monday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Clarissa & Michael Kobryn

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 21

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

8:00 a.m. Eileen Rickord +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, August 22

- Please Note Mass Time Change!! -

8:00 a.m. Mildred Huss

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Thursday, August 23

8:00 a.m. June Gazdik +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon +

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, August 25

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. Edward E. Bushee +

Sunday, August 26

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Florence Gillig +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 19, 2018 - Year B

As we enter into the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are nearing the end of the Bread of Life discourse from John 6. Our understanding of the Holy Eucharist draws greatly from this chapter as we take the words of our Lord to heart: That His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink (John 6:55). How each of us responds to these words help determine the direction of our entire lives.

In our first reading from the Book of Proverbs, we are given insight into a general truth about wisdom. Wisdom, represented here as a woman who has prepared a banquet, is open to all who are willing to accept it. Using the analogy given, the invitation to the banquet is made, we are not forced to attend. In the same way, while wisdom is made available to us, it is still our decision to seek it out. The wisdom offered to us, like the banquet, will fill the hunger of our hearts. Yet, some will still turn away and seek out folly instead. Folly provides temporary relief from our hungers and, at times, appears more attractive to us than wisdom, but it only leave us wanting again. Folly always leaves us unsatisfied; Only wisdom that can truly satisfy. Understanding this, which of the two, wisdom or folly, would we choose?

Placing this question in the context of our Gospel, we now find ourselves facing the truth of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus' words are quite clear: His Flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. In receiving Him, we find eternal life and we satisfy the longing of our hearts. Yet, to receive Him means that we freely approach the heavenly banquet present to us at the altar of sacrifice. The invitation has been made, but the choice to attend and bring ourselves before God is ours to make and ours alone. While we might reassure ourselves that we would never refuse this invitation, we must remember, in our humility, how frail our humanity can be. While we may not refuse the Lord's invitation, we may delay responding or politely decline for what seems to be a "better offer."

We see this refusal quite clearly in the Gospel today as the crowd present begins to quarrel among themselves upon hearing Jesus' words. Having spent the past several days freely following and seeking after Jesus, they now begin to doubt their decision in following Him. Jesus' words are not easy for them to accept. As they had begun to murmur last week, they are now openly quarreling. They understand what Jesus is saying, but they struggle to accept it. Even having seen the miracles and heard His authoritative teaching, this seems too much. Yet, Jesus does not alter His words, instead reaffirming them. This invitation to the Eucharist requires trust in the Lord's words and trust in the Lord Himself. And, as St. Paul makes clear in our second reading, trusting in the Lord will affect our very lives. How will we respond to this invitation of trust?

Bringing this all together, it takes on a new meaning for us and our approach to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist, which must become the very source of our lives, Jesus gives Himself freely to us. Are we willing to accept this great gift? And, if we are, how will we allow this gift to change us?

A special "Thank You!" to all those who assisted in our various ministries for the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*In Christ,
Fr. David*

God's heart is the most sensitive and tender of all. No act goes unnoticed,
no matter how insignificant or small.
RICHARD FOSTER

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church - Ez 24:15-24/ Mt 19:16-22

Tues., Aug. 21 - St. Pius X, Pope - Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19: 23-30

Wed., Aug. 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin - Ez 36:23-28/ Mt 22:1-14

Fri., Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

Sat., Aug. 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - Ez 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12

Sun., Aug. 26 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32/ Jn 6:60-69



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.

STREET FAIR PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Street Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser - Tuesday, September 18 through Saturday, September 22 - If you are interested in helping park cars, you can find the sign up sheet on the big bulletin board in the narthex. We will be using the Wabash Electric Parking Lot after 5:00 p.m. each day and all day Saturday. This is a BIG fundraiser for our Church so please sign up to help if you can! Thanks!



7TH GRADE HAITIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Donations for the 7th Grade Haitian House Fundraiser Project have continued to come in during the summer months and have helped us to reach our goal of \$3,600.00! Thank you to everyone who supported this fund-
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raiser by purchasing Jar" and/or giving tions. Your generous help build a properly in Haiti. And Food for the Poor, a be built!

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

If you can carry a tune and love to sing, Sr. Rose and the St. Joseph Choir want you to join them Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. (following 7:00 Mass). You will surely have fun, fellowship and develop lasting friendships!



ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, September 5, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /
Mass- 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.




PARISH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018


- **Wed., Aug. 22**— Mass will be at **8:00 a.m.** instead of 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., & Sun., Aug. 25 and 26**— Marriage Encounter Weekend.
- **Mon., Sept. 3**— Labor Day— Office Closed
- **Tues., Sept. 4**— Knights of Columbus meeting— Rosary at 6:40 in the church, meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- **Thurs., Sept. 6**— All Day Adoration 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 9**— First day of Religious Education Classes— 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 9**— Fr. David will talk on the Death Penalty— 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the social hall— all are invited!
- **Tues., Sept. 11**— St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting— 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 12**— Adoration 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m./Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 16**— Juice/Milk & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by St. Joseph Youth Group
- **Tues., Sept. 18 - Sat., Sept. 22**— Street Fair Parking Lot fundraiser. Sign up sheet in the narthex to help park cars.
- **Fri., Sept. 20-Sept. 28**— Fr. David will be gone.

WEEKEND OF August 25/26, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Larry Leitz
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Marita Crawfis


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Michelle Paxton


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** John Horn, John Huseman, Joe Baur
7:30 Barb Ault, Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski
10:00 Monica Harris, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Steve Higgins

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Any Huss Sibling, Alex Mechling, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Mitchel/Justin Mayer, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of August 11/12, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,276.00
Child Envelopes- \$15.00
Loose- \$285.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$1.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$551.00
Assumption- \$1.00
Total- \$5,129.00

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

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

We are \$12.60 ahead of budget from last week.

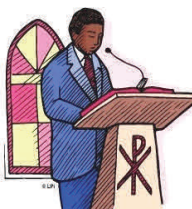
Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$822.00
7th Grade Haitian House Fundraiser Project collected over \$265.00 this summer.

Diocesan Special Collection-
Catholic Universities- \$1.00
Mission Appeal (Fr. Lawrence Teteh)- \$1,413.00

LECTOR TRAINING

Ginny Fenstermaker will be training new lectors on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m. (following the 7:00 p.m. Mass) in the church. Please call the parish office at 824-1380 if you are interested in becoming a Lector; Proclaiming the Word of God.



ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

The St. Joseph Giving Table is back! If you have an over-abundance of vegetables from your garden, have all you need, and don't want the rest to go to waste, just bring them to Church and place them on the giving table so that others will enjoy the "fruits of your labor"! There is a basket on the table with little paper bags for easy transport home! Thank you for your donations!



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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?