

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

### Grandparenting

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH

*Who better than grandparents to pass on the richness of our faith?*

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*"Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith, they transmitted the faith, to us."*

*"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society."*

*"Your grandparents have the wisdom, and furthermore, they have the need for you to knock on the door of their hearts to share their wisdom."*

*"There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel."*

~ Pope Francis ~



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Sunday, July 25

#### - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Cletus & Marie Geels +

### Monday, July 26

No morning Mass

### Tuesday, July 27

5:30 p.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

### Wednesday, July 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Dave Vachon +

### Thursday, July 29

5:30 p.m. Paxton/Marshall Families

### Friday, July 30

5:30 p.m. Mildred Huss +

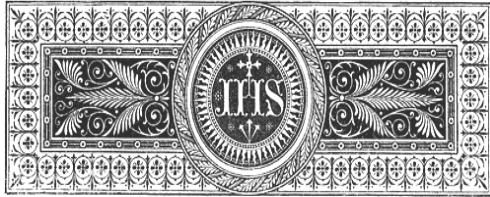
### Saturday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Patricia Stoltz +

### Sunday, August 1

#### - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Tricia Meyers



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., July 26 - Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Ex 32:15-24,30-34/ Mt 13:31-35

**Tues., July 27** - Ex 33:7-1; 34:5b-9,28/ Mt 13:36-43

**Wed., July 28** - Ex 34:29-35/ Mt 13:44-46

**Thurs., July 29 - St. Martha** - Ex 40:16-21,34-38/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Fri., July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58

**Sat., July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** - Lv 25:1,8-17/ Mt 14:1-12

**Sun., Aug. 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Ex 16:2-4,12-15/ Eph 4:17,20-24/ Jn 6:24-35

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

This weekend (July 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Earlier this year, Pope Francis also dedicated this weekend to be the first annual **World Day for Grandparents and the Eldery**. In this celebration, we are called to honor all of our grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church.

In the inaugural address for this day, Pope Francis speaks directly to grandparents and all the elderly, reminding us all that *"there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions."* Instead, we are called, as Jesus Himself tells Nicodemus (*John 3:1-21*), to always open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit. With this in mind, Pope Francis exhorts all grandparents and elderly to *"take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies."*

In setting this celebration, our Holy Father has based it around the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin and grandparents to our Lord. Sts. Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of grandparents, whose feast is celebrated on July 26<sup>th</sup>. May all grandparents and elderly find friends in these two great saints who have played such an important role in salvation history.

### WELCOME GUESTS - DCN. BRUCE AND FR. BILL

This weekend, we are joined by **Dcn. Bruce Goodwin** at both our 7:30 AM & 10 AM Sunday Masses. Dcn. Bruce, son of the late Carl and Melba Goodwin, grew up in our parish for many years. Having eventually settled in Atlanta, he was ordained to the permanent diaconate this past year for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He is visiting with us this weekend as he is in town for his high school reunion, which some here may be attending as well.

When a deacon assists at Mass, the deacon is often vested in a dalmatic, which, similar to the priest's chasuble, is a long tunic-like vestment. As the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant, they stand next to and assist the priest throughout most of the liturgy. Their liturgical ministry is focused in a special way on the service of the Gospel and of the altar, most especially to the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This service to the Gospel is seen as the deacon carries in the Book of the Gospels in the entry procession and proclaims the Gospel at the proper time. In addition, he will also proclaim the general intercessions, inviting us to prayer and to turn our needs to the Lord. In service of the altar, the deacon will assist in preparing the altar and, at the end of the Eucharist Prayer, elevate the chalice as the priest elevates the host. Finally, at the end of Mass, the deacon assists the priest in sending the faithful outward into the world.

In addition to welcoming Dcn. Bruce this weekend, we will also have the opportunity to welcome **Fr. Bill Sullivan** to our parish. Fr. Bill retired as the pastor of St. John the Baptist in New Haven this past June before moving to Ossian. As I've previously mentioned, a priest never truly retires. Though he steps away from administrative work, he continues to offer the Sacraments.

Fr. Bill, in his retirement, has offered to assist in offering the Sacraments at parishes as needed. When not assisting elsewhere, I've invited Fr. Bill to join us as a concelebrant at our weekend liturgies. Prior to his time in New Haven, Fr. Bill was my childhood pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart. This is a true joy unique to the diocesan priesthood: That I, as a priest, am able to welcome my childhood pastor, who helped me learn what it means to be a priest, to our parish.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres and Leanne Lee.



Thank You So Much to everyone who participated in the Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign this summer! We were able to take \$2,162.15 to the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center to be used to help women and their families in our community who are challenged by pregnancy. If anyone still has a bottle to turn in, please feel free to bring it to the church office.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**  
Religious Education Registration  
Pizza & Sundae Bar

Following Saturday evening Mass  
in the Parish Social Hall.



Come and register your child(ren) for Religious Education Classes and meet the Catechists! Our Religious Education Classes will resume Sunday, September 12- 8:30-9:45 a.m. Registration Packets will be mailed out sometime the week of August 9th.



**KNIGHTS  
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Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, August 3 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m., in Church; meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., July 24 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 25 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., July 27 - Michelle will be out of the office attending training at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw.
- Tues., July 27 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., July 28 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 29 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., July 29 - Summer Bible Study, *Beginning with the End* - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., July 31 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., August 1 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., August 2 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., August 3 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., August 6 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00-6:00 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### WEEKEND OF JULY 31/AUGUST 1



**5:00** Marita Crawis  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Nancy/Larry Leitz



**(Process in with the Book of Gospels)**

**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Todd/Anjie Hartman Family & Chris/Laurie Reifsteck Family



**5:00** Sam/Audrey Mechling  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Spencer McCorkle  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Grant Reifsteck, Raphael Souza



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION- Friday, August 6**  
**9:00 a.m.** (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)  
Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
"Spend an Hour with me."  
-Jesus  
(Sign up sheet is in the narthex.)

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report July 17/18 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$1,930.00  
Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
Loose- \$319.57  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$185.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$65.00  
Votive Candles- \$148.50  
**Total- \$2,651.07**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$1,663.16 behind budget for the month of July.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$465.00

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

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Pope Francis says:

*"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"*

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out!

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.  
-Pope Francis

Religious Education Classes will resume Sunday, September 12 - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

We have openings in Grades 4 and 6 and Catechist Assistants in Grades 3 and 7. If you feel you are being called to become a Catechist come in and we will talk! You can also view the books *Faith & Life* as well.

Please mark your calendars for a Catechist meeting on Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. (following evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.)



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