

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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.

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mabel O'Keefe +

Sunday, August 9

- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Nick & Hannah Boratenski
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, August 10

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, August 11

11:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Wednesday, August 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Ann Carroll +

Thursday, August 13

11:30 a.m. Stephen Hickert +

Friday, August 14

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
Diane Humphrey Family

Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

Sunday, August 16

- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — August 2, 2020

You may recall that, in March, Bishop Rhoades had offered a general dispensation of all the Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until August 15th. Earlier this week, in union with the bishops of the four other dioceses in Indiana (the Dioceses of Evansville, Gary, Indianapolis, and Lafayette), Bishop Rhoades has extended this general dispensation until November 1st. Bishop Rhoades and the other bishops will continue to monitor developments throughout the state and will once again reevaluate this general dispensation in the coming months.

What does this mean for us at St. Joseph? We will continue with our public liturgies while following the general safety precautions asked of us by the Bishop as we have been doing for the past several months. The reason that the Bishop is extending this general dispensation is for the Faithful who might be ill, who might be susceptible to illness, who might be caring for those susceptible to illness, and those who do not yet feel comfortable returning to large gatherings. For those who fall into these categories, it may not yet be prudent for them to return to Mass in person, either due to their own health or the health of those for whom they care.

This is, of course, an individual decision. All are welcome to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in-person. In fact, we look forward to the day when every one of us will be ready and able to join together again at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in-person. We miss seeing you! For those, however, who are not yet ready or able to return to large social gatherings, Bishop extends this general dispensation. For those who cannot yet join us in person, we will continue to live-stream our daily Masses and our 10 AM Sunday Mass. (We are currently working with local Stylus Technology to improve our live-streaming capabilities with a permanent and dedicated camera system.)

This does mean that our additional Sunday Mass time at 12:30 PM will continue for the foreseeable future. At the moment, it is my intention that this additional Mass time will not become a permanent part of our Mass schedule. It will, however, continue to be offered for the foreseeable future (at least through November). This is our least attended Mass time, which is actually as it is intended to be. As it is less attended, this allows parishioners who may not yet be ready to be in large crowds and would not feel comfortable at our normal Mass times a Mass time that they can attend.

Amidst of all of this, our Gospel reading for today (Matthew 14:22-33) offers a very powerful message: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to put our trust in Him. And, in doing so, we know that He will guide us through all things. We see this very clearly in the example of St. Peter. Upon seeing the Lord walking on the water, St. Peter asks to join Him. When the Lord calls St. Peter to come to Him, St. Peter is able to step out of the boat and walk on the water. As he is walking, however, he remembers that they are in the midst of a storm! And, as he begins to look around, he begins to sink. Why does he sink? Because he took his eyes off of Jesus!

As St. Peter is sinking, he does what every disciple should do: He calls out to Jesus. St. Peter, in his dire need, has returned his attention to Jesus. And, Jesus responds! Jesus pulls him out of the water and walks him back to the boat. Once they are safely back in the boat, only then does the storm calm. Jesus pulled St. Peter out of the water and walked him safely through the storm. When our eyes remain fixed on Jesus, even as the waves may be crashing upon, we can safely overcome any storm because Jesus Himself will guide us through. As He said to the disciples then, He says to us disciples now: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 3 - Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - Jer 28:1-17/ Mt 14:22-36

Tues., Aug. 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest - Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14

Wed., Aug. 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major - Jer 31:1-7/ Mt 15:21-28

Thurs., Aug. 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10,13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

Fri., Aug. 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs/ St. Cajetan, Priest - Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7/ Mt 16:24-28

Sat., August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Hb 1:12—2:4, Mt 17:14-20

Sun., Aug 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Charlotte Sawyers, Andrea Holte and Tom Williams.



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The only difference between
a sinner and a saint
is found in their
attitude toward
their sins —
the one persisting
in them; the other
weeping bitterly.

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Aug. 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 9 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 10 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Aug. 11 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 12 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 13 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Fri., Aug. 14 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 15 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 15 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 17 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Aug. 18 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 19 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 20 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 21 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 22 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 22 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 24 - No Morning Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Fr. David and I are very excited to announce that we have a new book for our Religious Education Program, Grades 1-8, here at St. Joseph's. Bishop Rhoades has approved the use of *Ignatius Press, Faith and Life Series*, for Diocesan Religious Education Programs and we will begin using the new curriculum this fall. The *Faith and Life Series* provides a basic foundation of faith and love of Jesus Christ, through which students respond to God's call in prayer, mercy and justice. Each year has a systematic approach covering foundational truths of the Faith as presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It evangelizes families and entire parishes and nurtures the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

You will be notified in the coming future what the plans are for returning to the classroom this fall. Stay tuned!!



St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

Online Giving- July 2020

Adult- \$4,650.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$190.00

Repair/Rainy Day- \$670.00

**Total Online Giving- July 2020-
\$5,510.00**

Collections August 1/2 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,730.12

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$210.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$901.25

Religious Ed. Fund- \$126.00

Assumption- \$10.00

Total- \$3,977.37

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,860.27 behind budget for the month of July.

We are \$1,139.03 behind our monthly budget for August.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Online Giving- July 2020 -

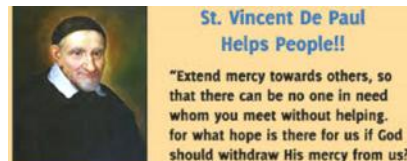
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$150.00

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$116.00

Facility Use Donation- \$300.00

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to St. Joseph's!*

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT

July 2020

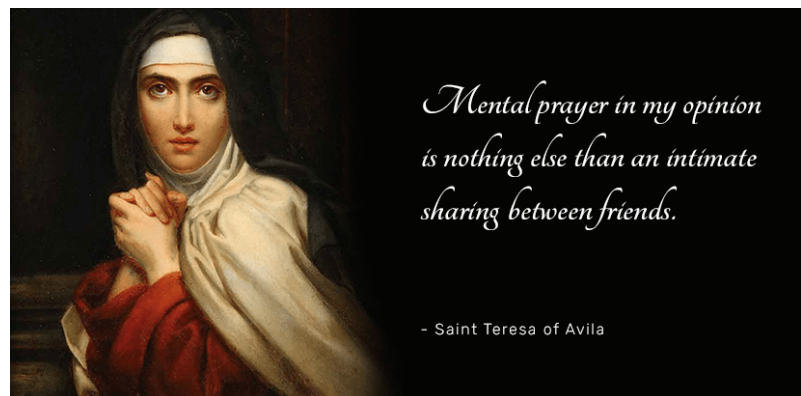
Rent/Housing - \$0

Utilities/Gas - \$206.63

Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00

Total Donations for July 2020- \$1,706.63

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