

# 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 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

### Monday, August 17

#### No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, August 18

11:30 a.m. Fathers of Francisco Sanchez

### Wednesday, August 19

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Ramashesh Athri +

### Thursday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

### Friday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Fathers of Gene & Kay Keys

### Saturday, August 22

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. Ed Bushee +

### Sunday, August 23

#### - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. All Priests Living & Deceased  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:10 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — August 16, 2020

This weekend, the Church celebrates the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 15th/16th). And, in doing so, we are continuing in the fourth great discourse of St. Matthew's Gospel. Having heard of the death of St. John the Baptist, having experienced the feeding of the five thousand, and having met our blessed Lord walking upon the water, we still remain in the very beginning of this discourse! Jesus is preparing His disciples to learn about the Church here on earth, which will be built upon St. Peter as we will hear next weekend.

This continuation in the fourth discourse brings us to today's Gospel reading of Jesus and the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28). [This same reading is also accounted for in St. Mark's Gospel (Mark 7:24-30), though St. Mark refers to the woman as a Syrophenician, which would have been the "modern" term for a Canaanite in Jesus' time.] Taken alone, this can often be seen as a very challenging reading as our blessed Lord initially seems to dismiss the Canaanite woman's pleas for help three times.

The first time, Jesus did not even acknowledge her. The second time, He refused His disciples' request on her behalf. And, the third time, Jesus reminds her that He has come for Israel. ("Dogs" was a frequent description of Gentiles [non-Jews] in Jesus' time.) The fourth time, however, Jesus responds with compassion and answers her plea, healing the Canaanite woman's daughter.

When speaking of this passage in the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom highlights the Canaanite woman's perseverance and humility. When contemplating the full dialogue, St. John Chrysostom says that Jesus put the woman off three times so that, at the fourth time, he might crown her as He loudly proclaims "O woman, great is your faith!" As St. Peter would later write, our faith increases through trials (1 Peter 1:6-7). St. John Chrysostom continues by emphasizing Jesus' proclamation to the Canaanite woman. He wasn't simply flattering her, but truly acknowledging how powerful her faith was and, because of this, how He could respond in her life.

Taken in the context of the entire fourth discourse and echoed in our second reading from St. Paul (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32), we see the truth of Jesus' message as revealed in and through His Church: Salvation has come for Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus responds to the Canaanite woman's perseverance, humility, and faith. In the same way, He will respond to all those who approach Him in the same way, Jew and Gentile alike.

Last Friday, we received updated directives from the Diocese for our liturgies. After reviewing these directives, the substantial changes allowed will have little effect on our practices here at St. Joseph's. The majority of the changes regard precautions that we already have in place or are concerning non-liturgical matters that will not affect our weekend liturgies. The updated directives can be reviewed on the diocesan website ([diocesefwsb.org](http://diocesefwsb.org)) under the section: Current Diocesan Directives Regarding Covid-19.

One noticeable change is the allowance of once again distributing bulletins after weekend Masses. For the moment, we will continue with this weekly mailed bulletin/newsletter. In the future, we will be looking into the possibility of offering both options, continuing to mail out a bulletin for those requesting it while also making them available in the church after weekend Masses. As always, thank you for your patience as we continue to do our best in outreach during this time.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*A special "Thank You!" to Fr. Tyrell Alles, OSB, for offering our Masses this weekend. Fr. Tyrell is a Benedictine priest who retired as the pastor of St. Peter's in Fort Wayne earlier this year. He is continuing to assist at parishes in our diocese for the next several months before he returns home to his religious community in Sri Lanka. I appreciate Fr. Tyrell's help so that I can be away this weekend to celebrate the wedding of one of our parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas, the Newman Center at Purdue, and to baptize my nephew, Thomas, at St. Pius X in Granger, my home parish.*

## 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.



**FORMED**

**Our Parish Code: 7N68MY**



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 Collections August 8/9 weekend**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,110.75  
Child Envelopes- \$0  
Loose- \$224  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5,050.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0  
Assumption- \$5.00  
**Total- \$7,389.75**

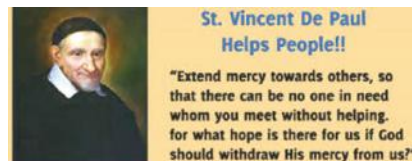
**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$1,134.32 ahead of our weekly budget for August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$155.00

**Thank you for your gifts  
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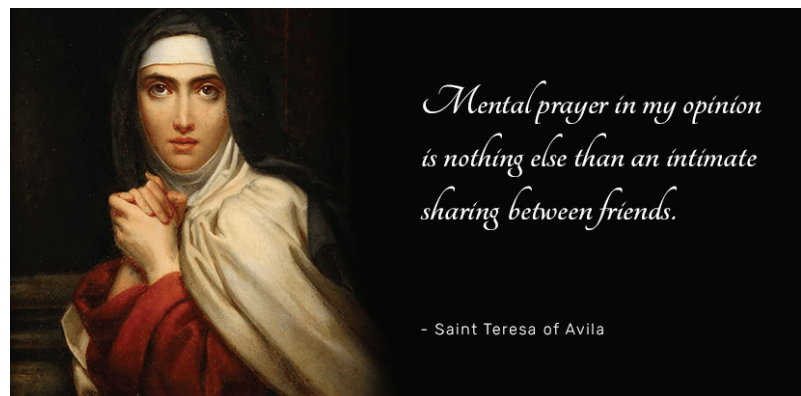
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#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT July 2020**

Rent/Housing - \$0  
Utilities/Gas - \$206.63  
Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00  
Total Donations for July 2020- \$1,706.63

Thank you for your monetary help in assisting those in our community who are in need.  
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n - is it necessary?  
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