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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 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

Monday, August 24

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon +

Wednesday, August 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Leo & Florence Gillig Family

Thursday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Friday, August 28

8:00 a.m. James Lilley +

Saturday, August 29

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. Gerald Loshe +

Sunday, August 30

- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

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

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 24 - Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

Tues., Aug. 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

Wed., Aug. 26 - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32

Thurs., Aug. 27 - St. Monica - 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51

Fri., Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13

Sat., August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist - 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mk 6:17-29

Sun., Aug 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — August 23, 2020

This weekend (August 22nd/23rd), the Church enters into the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. And, as with the past three weekends, our Gospel reading (Matthew 16:13-20) is preparing us to enter into the fourth great discourse of St. Matthew's Gospel: The Discourse on the Church. In this preparation, Jesus has been speaking to His disciples about the establishment of His Church, which, as we hear today, is built upon St. Peter.

When our Blessed Lord wished to establish His Church, He came from heaven; and, when about to return to heaven, He appointed St. Peter to take His place upon earth and rule the Church as directed. Therefore, our blessed Lord, though not on earth, is still the real head and owner of His Church, and whatever His agent or vicar - that is, our Holy Father, the pope - does in the Church, he does it with the authority of our blessed Lord Himself. He serves as the steward, or the one who holds another's place and acts in his name, of the Church here on earth.

As attested in both our Gospel and first reading (Isaiah 22:19-23), the biblical concept of a steward is seen in the imagery of keys: The key of the House of David is given to Eliakim and the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven are given to St. Peter. For this reason, St. Peter is often depicted, in some manner, with keys. This is seen in our stained glass window of St. Peter on the north wall of the church: St. Peter holds two keys and, at his feet, are two keys with the papal tiara (a sign of the papacy).

For this reason, we see the image of two keys in the Vatican flag, now hung opposite the American flag outside of the rectory. Serving as the official flag of Vatican City, it depicts the papal tiara above crossed gold and silver keys. The gold key represents spiritual power and the silver worldly power. A red cord connects the two keys, alluding "to the bond between the two powers."

Changes to our Parish Music Program

A short while ago, the pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Columbia City and I spoke regarding our shared music ministry. As many know, Sr. Rose Ehrlich, CSA, has served as the shared choir director between both our parish and St. Paul of the Cross for the past two decades. After speaking, we both agreed that our parishes are currently in positions to move forward with each parish having their own dedicated Choir Director.

After speaking with Sr. Rose, the three of us sat down together at St. Paul of the Cross. Following our discussion, Sr. Rose will be ending her time at our parishes at the end of this month. We thank Sr. Rose for her years of dedicated service to our parish and pray for her during this time of transition and change.

Regarding the future of our music ministry, we are working with our diocesan human resource department to prepare a job description for the new position. Once finalized, we will open the search nationally for all interested and qualified applicants. Please also keep this coming search for our parish in your prayers.

Parish News and Updates

This coming Monday, I begin the Fall semester of my coursework with two classes (Supra-Diocesan Structures and Readings in Canonical Latin). Thankfully, the Fall and Spring semesters come with more flexible schedules than Summer did. This means that we are returning to our normal weekday Mass schedule: Daily Mass every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 AM and Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Adoration will be offered every Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 AM and Wednesday from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Confessions will be offered every Tuesday from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM, Wednesday from 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM, Saturday from 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM, and anytime by appointment.

A special "Thank You!" to Joe Bauer and Rick Singer for their work on restoring the two benches just outside the entryway to the church. As you will notice when coming into the church, the benches have been slightly elevated for easier seating and the wood has been planed and freshly stained.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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, Tom Williams, James Mestamaker and Jen Coyne .



PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a Prayer Service for Racial Justice on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m., on the feast of St. Peter Claver. This event will be hosted by Bishop Luers High School, will be livestreamed for our Catholic High Schools and will be available on the diocesan Facebook and YouTube pages @diocesefwsb.



THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Registration opens Sept. 1 for The Marriage Course, a free, seven-week program that invites spouses to take time to consider many of the opportunities and challenges of married life and discuss each weekly topic between each other in the comfort of your home. For more information on this and other virtual faith formation opportunities, visit diocesefwsb.org/virtual.

First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, September 4 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Adoration

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., Aug. 24 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Aug. 25 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 26 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 27 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Aug. 28 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 29 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 31 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Sept. 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 1 - 6:40 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m in the social hall. We will follow social distancing guidelines and stay 6 feet apart. Please bring a mask to wear.
- Wed., Sept. 2 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 3 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Sept. 4 - First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m. / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 5 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 6 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day - Office will be closed today.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes will begin Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. Enrollment packets will be mailed out next week. Because we are able to safely social distance, we will have in-room classes only and are not be offering virtual learning. Please call Fr. David or Michelle at the parish office at 824-1380 with questions. Together we can help your children grow in their Catholic faith!



St. Joseph Parish Finance Report Collections August 15/16 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$1,875.00

Child Envelopes- \$3.00

Loose- \$186.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$15.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$94.00

Assumption- \$248.00

Votive Candles- \$157.50

Total- \$2,578.50

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,403.58 behind of our weekly budget for August.

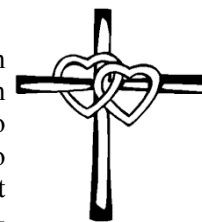
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$425.00

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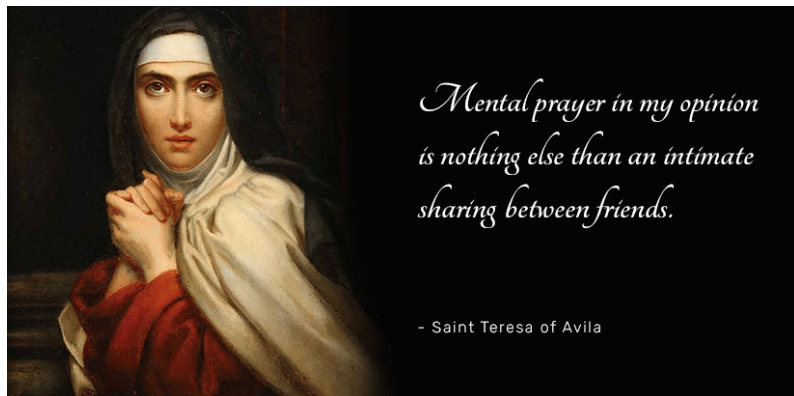
ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary this year? Please join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a special Mass to honor and celebrate your marriage. You will also receive a commemorative certificate. The Fort Wayne Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Are you unable to attend in person? Participate in the Fort Wayne Mass livestream on YouTube: search @diocesefwsb. For more information and a link to the livestream, visit diocesefwsb.org/Anniversary-Masses



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, September 1 - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m in the social hall. We will follow social distancing guidelines and stay 6 feet apart. Please bring a mask to wear.



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is nothing else than an intimate
sharing between friends.*

- Saint Teresa of Avila

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n - is it necessary?
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- St. Joan of Arc

