

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.  
Amen.

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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, September 5

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. Gloria Gordon +

### Sunday, September 6

#### - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:10 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

7:00 p.m. Public Office Holders

### Tuesday, September 8

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, September 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Lloyd & Viola Smith +

### Thursday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Bernard Hickert +

### Friday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Anna Burk +

### Saturday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, September 13

#### - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Leo Volk & Vernon Geisel +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the  
Diane Humphrey Family  
12:10 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Sept. 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Labor Day** - 1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11

**Tues., Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin** - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Wed., Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest** - 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26

**Thurs., Sept. 10** - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/ Lk 6:27-38

**Fri., Sept. 11** - 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Lk 6:39-42

**Sat., Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary** - 1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49

**Sun., Sept. 13 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Sir 27:30—28:7/ Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — September 6, 2020

Having spent the entire month of August preparing, this weekend (September 5th/6th) finally brings us into the fourth great discourse of St. Matthew's Gospel: The Discourse on the Church. In this portion of the discourse, our blessed Lord speaks on how to approach members of the Church who have sinned and offer them correction (Matthew 18:15-18) as well as the efficacy of prayer offered in His name (Matthew 18:19-20). This discourse will continue next week as we hear about the forgiveness that must be repeatedly extended to sinful members who repent (Matthew 18:21-35).

When speaking of the different approaches to fraternal correction, our blessed Lord makes use of the term "the Church" (τῆς ἐκκλησίας). This term is used in the sense of a social structure and an actual community, one that is visible and directly dependent on Him and His twelve apostles and their successors. These are the same successors who are headed by St. Peter, who himself has been given by our blessed Lord the all-embracing power of the keys (Matthew 16:18-19), and they have a spiritual authority that God Himself backs up.

Among this authority is that of forgiving or retaining sins, of receiving people into the Church or, if necessary, cutting them off from communion with the Church. This is a remarkable power given by Jesus to the hierarchy and is beautifully found in the Sacrament of Confession. It has been protected by a special kind of divine providence in the form of Jesus' continuous presence in the Church and the Holy Spirit's support of its hierarchical Magisterium.

This is followed by the passage (Matthew 18:19-20) in which Jesus promises to be present whenever a number of Christians come together to pray. Through our baptism, we have become members of the Body of Christ, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). And, as St. Joan of Arc declared in the 15th Century: "About Jesus Christ and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing, and we shouldn't complicate the matter." Therefore, wherever the Body is gathered, so is the Head found.

## 34th Annual Bishop's Appeal and Parish Bulletins

As announced last weekend, we are about to start the 34th Annual Bishop's Appeal: Spreading the Light of God's Love. This yearly fundraising campaign supports a wide variety of ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. Our parish goal for this year is \$35,371.51. All donations that exceed our goal will return to St. Joseph.

Next week, you will receive a letter from Bishop Rhoades to kick-off the Appeal. The following weekend (September 19th/20th), we will show the Appeal video before each of our weekend Masses and will have your Appeal pledge cards available in the Narthex. On behalf of all those aided by the Appeal, thank you for prayerfully discerning how you may support this year's Appeal.

Following the latest Diocesan directives, we are able to once again pass out physical copies of our bulletins after weekend Masses. Printed bulletins will once again be available after all weekend Masses starting in October. For those who have not yet returned to Mass in-person and/or would prefer to continue receiving our weekly mailing of this bulletin newsletter, we will continue to mail them out.

In anticipation for the return of hard-copy bulletins, you will receive an insert in our weekly mailing. The insert will provide instructions on how to inform our Parish Office if you would like to continue to receive this weekly mailing or not. Watch for that insert in the next week or two.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, 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, Jen Coyne and Terry Burns.





**ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP**  
Faith & Fellowship Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8 -  
7:00 p.m. Meet in front of the  
main entrance of the Church  
under the canopy; weather per-  
mitting. If the weather does not cooperate, the meeting  
will be held in the social hall w/social distancing! In need of  
a ride to the meeting? Call the Parish office and one will be  
arranged for you- 260-824-1380.



### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul  
of Genevieve Lohmuller, who passed away Wednesday,  
August 26, 2020.



May God welcome Mary Ann home, fill her with peace and  
bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine  
upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- 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.
- Tues., Sept. 8 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 9 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 9 - Catechists meeting - 7:30 p.m. (after 7:00 Mass)
- Thurs., Sept. 10 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Sept. 11 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 12 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 12 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 13 - Religious Education Classes begin - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 14 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Sept. 15 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 16 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 17 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Sept. 18 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 19 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 19 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.



### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

#### Online Giving- August

Adult- \$3,575.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$845.00

Religious Education Fund-  
\$240.00

Ascension- \$20.00

Assumption- \$10.00

**Total Online Giving-  
August- \$4,690.00**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$953.38 behind our weekly  
budget and \$1,382.78 behind budget  
for the month of August.

Online Giving/August- St. Vincent  
de Paul- \$160.00

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$5.00  
Funeral Memorials- \$120.00

### Collections August 29/30 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$1,768.00

Child Envelopes- \$3.00

Loose- \$118.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$25.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$5.00

**Total- \$1,919.00**

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

**osvonlinegiving.com/4741**



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT August 2020

Rent/Housing - \$484.78

Utilities/Gas - \$0

Charitable Donations- \$1,650.00

Total Donations for August 2020- \$2,134.78

Thank you for your monetary help in assisting  
those in our community who are in need.

May God Bless You Abundantly!

### Saint Francis de Sales



Have patience with all things - but first  
with yourself. Never confuse your  
mistakes with your value as a human  
being. You are perfectly valuable,  
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triumphs or tribulations can ever  
change that.

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k - is it kind?

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