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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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Gloria Gordon +

Sunday, September 27

- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Annette Volk & Luella Geisel
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, September 28

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

Friday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Earl Huss +
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Low Mass (Latin)

Saturday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +

Sunday, October 4

- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dan & Linda Felger - 40th Wedding Anniversary
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 28 - Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs - Jb 1:6-22/ Lk 9:46-50

Tues., Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51

Wed., Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Jb 9:1-12,14-16/ Lk 9:57-62

Thurs., Oct. 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Jb 19:21-27/ Lk 10:1-12

Fri., Oct. 2 - First Friday - The Holy Guardian Angels - Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5/ Mt 18:1-5,10

Sat., Oct. 3 - Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/ Lk 10:17-24

Sun., Oct. 4 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday - Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — September 27, 2020

This weekend (Sept. 26th/27th), the Church enters into the **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. St. Matthew continues to prepare us for the fifth and final great discourse of his Gospel: **The Discourse on the End Times**. Over this and coming weekends, Jesus will challenge the Jewish religious leaders as he offers a variety of parables referencing the judgment of Israel (*Matthew 21:28-22:14*).

In today's Gospel (*Matthew 21:28-32*), Jesus compares the religious leaders to the outcasts members of the community, the tax collectors and sinners, that have since responded to the call of repentance from St. John the Baptist. While in this life, we are called to conversion, which is turning away from ourselves so that we might be in relationship with another, who is Jesus Christ. Have we responded to this call? And, if so, how is it evident in our life?

This week also brings us many wonderful feast days to celebrate. On **Tuesday, Sept. 29th**, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels. Traditionally, this day was known as *Michaelmas* in reference to St. Michael the Archangel and is a day to pray for protection from evil. If you are able, join us for Mass this day at **8:00 AM** to learn more about the Archangels and to join them in heavenly worship.

On **Friday, Oct. 2nd**, we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels. This is a wonderful chance to teach and remind our young people (and ourselves!) to pray the Guardian Angel Prayer and to remember that the angels of the little ones "*always look upon the face of my heavenly Father*" (*Matthew 18:10*). If you are able, join us for Mass this at **8:30 AM** to learn more about our Guardian Angels.

As this coming **Friday, Oct. 2nd**, is also the First Friday of the Month, we will also celebrate our parish devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**, followed by our monthly evening Low Mass at **6:00 PM**. At any point during the day, please stop in to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. As St. Alphonsus de Liguori wrote in the 18th Century: "*In the Blessed Sacrament, we can talk to Jesus straight from the heart.*"

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of October, a month set aside as a time for Catholics to emphasize the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death. As we are each made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to respect the dignity of every person. In this coming month, may we pray in a special way and work for the respect of all human life, from conception to natural death and every moment in between. As the month of October is also a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, I would encourage you to pray the rosary each day for this intention.

This past Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, the **40 Days for Life** campaign began. On the northern section of our campus, you will see 297 crosses staked into the ground. Each cross represents a child who was lost to abortion from Wells County over the past ~20 years (1998-2019). May we also pray in a special way for an end to the evil of abortion and for all those lives lost and families harmed by this evil.

For upcoming events in October: We will have our informational **gathering for our RCIA Sessions on Thursday, Oct. 1st, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Church and the Catholic Faith, I'd encourage you to attend.

We will also be resuming our monthly discussion forums. In October, we will be discussing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. This guide to political responsibility, prepared in part by Bishop Rhoades, is re-released every election year by the USCCB. **This forum will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 11th, from 8:30-9:45 AM and again on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, from 7:30-8:30 PM.** I hope to see you there!

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.

May we always keep our priests in our prayers because they are chosen by God to be priests.

They can be strengthened by our prayers to live their vocation well and as God calls them to live it in a way that is holy and pleasing to Him.

*Pray for me,
as I pray for you*



Prayers for Priest

by St. Faustina

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord.

Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness.

O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests.

May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.



Informal and Informational gathering Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., Sept. 28 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Sept. 29 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 30 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 1 - Informal and informational gathering about Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Sessions - 6:00 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 2 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass (Latin Mass) at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 3 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 3 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 4 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 4 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Oct. 5 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Oct. 6 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 6 - Knights of Columbus Meeting / 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 7 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., Oct. 9 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 10 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 10 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 11 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 11 - Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 11 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Fri., Oct. 16 - Knights of Columbus Fish & Tenderloin Fry - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Drive thru only. Tickets on sale in the parish office. Adults \$10 / Child \$6



St. Joseph Parish Finance Report Collections September 19/20 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$1,809.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$182.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$50.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$111.00

Religious Ed. Fees- \$510.00

Total- \$2,662.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,454.40 behind our weekly budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$489.00

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, October 6 - 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.

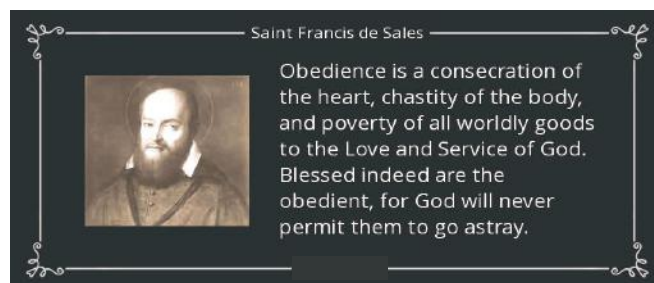
From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Connie Rose Christal, mother of Mike (Angel) Christal and grandmother of Noah, Grayson and Parker Christal, who passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020



May God welcome Connie 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.



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k - is it kind?

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