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“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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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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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 5

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Joseph Lautzenheiser +
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, October 7

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Lorraine Liter

Thursday, October 8

8:00 a.m. George Mohler Witwer +

Friday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Nick Wyss +

Saturday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 11

- Twenty-Eighth 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 'Bob' Bender +
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Pray Daily and Love Always!

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 5 - Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Gal 1:6-12/ Lk 10:25-37

Tues., Oct. 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin - Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wed., Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/ Lk 11:1-4

Thurs., Oct. 8 - Gal 3:1-5/ Lk 11:5-13

Fri., Oct. 9 - St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest - Gal 3:7-14/ Lk 11:15-26

Sat., Oct. 10 - Gal 3:22-29/ Lk 11:27-28

Sun., Oct. 11 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday - Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — October 4, 2020

This weekend (Oct. 3rd/4th), the Church enters into the **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This means that we have only 7 more weekends until the end of our liturgical year, which ends on November 22nd with the celebration of the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. The end of the liturgical year will bring us into a new year of God's grace, beginning with the **Season of Advent**. Until then, however, we remain drawing ever closer to the end of the liturgical year. And, as a reflection of this theme of the "end" of the year, our readings over these next many weeks continue to have a focus on the end of the world itself.

Just as the liturgical year begins with **Advent**, as we prepare for **Christmas** and celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so it always ends celebrating Jesus as King of the Universe. Our blessed Lord is "*the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end*" (*Revelation 22:13*). And, just as we prepare for the entrance of Jesus into this world, so must we also prepare for our own entrance, please God, into the heavenly Kingdom. This focus on the end times, then, is meant to help us focus on our own lives and what is truly important to us.

Jesus Christ offers us the Kingdom. **But, He will not force us to enter it.** The gates of paradise have been opened by the sacrifice of our blessed Lord upon the Holy Cross, but we still must choose to enter through those gates. And, truly, the choice is ours. God provides us the gift of His grace, but He respects our free will to choose if and how to use His grace in our lives.

As we hear in our Gospel (*Matthew 21:33-43*) this weekend, the choice vineyard has been cultivated and prepared. It is now entrusted to the tenant farmers, whom the landowner trusts completely. The tenant farmers, however, turn against the landowner and reject all that he has done for them. They forget that they are tenants and become self-centered, wishing to keep the fruit of the fields only for themselves. Because of this selfishness, they lose everything.

Our blessed Lord has entrusted the world and the mission of the Church to our care. We are called not only to produce fruit, but to share that fruit with the world. We can never grow complacent in this mission or seek to hold the fruit for ourselves. Instead, we **must** share it with the world. For the fruit that comes forth from the Lord's vineyard is love and love can never be contained.

As Pope St. John Paul II says when speaking of love: With love, "there is no place for selfishness—and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice." The vineyard of the Lord has been prepared. The ground is ripe to produce fruit. And, as we hear in the Gospel of St. John: "I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16). How will we respond to the Lord's call?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

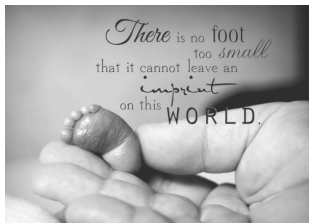
Our informational session for RCIA had a wonderful turn-out. We will begin our sessions this Thursday (Oct. 8th) at 6:30 PM, meeting in the Parish Social Hall due to our great turn-out. If you are interested in learning more about the Faith or know others interested in joining the Church, please join us every Thursday!

If you are interested in joining the Church, but the session time does not work for you, please contact me (frdavidvioli@gmail.com) or (260) 824-1380, ext. 4). I am happy to find a time that works for you and meet one-on-one to accompany you along this great journey learning about Jesus Christ and His Church.

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, Jen Coyne and Terry Burns.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

If you have lost a child before or after birth—whether recently or long ago—join for a special Memorial Mass on Friday, Oct. 23, at St. John the Baptist Fort Wayne, celebrated by Father Andrew

Budzinski. You will have the opportunity to pray together with others who have suffered the loss of their children, and to take home a silk rose in honor of your child(ren). Siblings and grandparents are also welcome. Sponsored by Marriage & Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. For more information, please contact Caty Burke at 260-422-4611 or cburke@diocesefwsb.org.



BAPTIZED in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

Welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family -
Eliza Mae Hemmelgarn, daughter of Eric and Sara Hemmelgarn, Baptized Sunday, September 27, 2020.

DISCUSSION FORUM

Fr. David will host a Discussion Forum—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship Sunday, October 11—8:30-9:45 a.m. and on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. (after 7:00 Mass) in the social hall. Everyone is invited!

PARISH CALENDAR

- 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.
- Wed., Oct. 7 - Parish Council meeting - 7:30 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.
- Sun., Oct. 11 - Fr. David will host a Discussion Forum—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. in the social hall.
- Mon., Oct. 12 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Oct. 13 - Adoration 7:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Oct. 13 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting -
- Wed., Oct. 14 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 14 - Fr. David will host a Discussion Forum—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. in the social hall.
- Thurs., Oct. 15 - Mass 8:00 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



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.

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report Collections September 26/27 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$6,554.33
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$249.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,100.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$275.00
Total- \$8,178.33

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$3,061.93 ahead of our weekly budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$493.00

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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT

September 2020

Total Charitable Donations for September- \$1,650.00

Thank you for your monetary help in assisting those in our community who are in need. May God Bless You Abundantly!



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. IN THE GYM.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory and display memorial candles remembering our family and friends who have gone before us. Please begin bringing in your memorial candles either putting them on the desk in the narthex or dropping them by the parish office. We will have some available if you would like one for your loved one.



**Knights of Columbus
Drive Thru ONLY
Fish & Tenderloin Fry
Friday, October 16, 2020
4:30-7:30 p.m.
Adults- \$10 Children- \$6**

All Fish Meal (6 pieces), All Tenderloin Meal (3 pieces) or A Combination of both Fish & Tenderloin (5 fish 1 tenderloin! You Decide!! Includes cheesy hash brown potatoes, green beans and dessert!

**Tickets sold after all weekend Masses
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past, present and future,



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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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