

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 21, 2024

*Congratulations to all those who participated in the Wells County 4H Fair!*

This weekend (July 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The Apostles, sent away to preach the good news, now return to the Lord and, together, seek a deserted place to rest and pray. As often is the case, however, no such place was found. Instead, embarking from the boat, the Lord and the Apostles encounter a great crowd seeking them out.

Our Gospel account proceeds to lead us into the introduction of the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* from the *Gospel of St. Mark*. This introduction focuses on the issue of leadership for God's people rather than the Holy Eucharist itself, which will become our focus over the next five weekends. Today, though, we hear how, though He was withdrawing, Jesus' heart is moved with pity as He sees those who followed Him.

This great number who follow Him to a deserted place (*these people of a new exodus, if you will*) are hungering. Jesus is moved with pity; He satisfies their spiritual hunger by teaching them many things, thus gradually showing Himself the faithful shepherd of a new Israel. As we are about to see, Jesus will then invite His Apostles to aid Him in this role as the faithful shepherd to feed the physical and spiritual need of His people. This role has continued to the modern day through the Apostles in their successors, the Bishops.

Next weekend, we begin a month-long detour from the *Gospel of St. Mark* as our focus shifts to the sixth chapter of the *Gospel of St. John*. If we were to continue our sequential walk through the *Gospel of St. Mark*, we would find ourselves at the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* (Mark 6:34-44) next weekend. This is actually the only miracle that is recounted at least once in each of the four Gospels (*save for the miracle of the Resurrection*).

Instead of hearing St. Mark's account of this miracle, we will instead hear it from the *Gospel of St. John*. As we often only hear from the *Gospel of St. John* during the **Easter Season**, this deviation in the lectionary-cycle is one of great importance. After we hear this miracle account, we do not immediately return to the *Gospel of St. Mark*, but instead continue our way through the remainder of the sixth chapter from the *Gospel of St. John*.

The sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John contains both the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* and the *Bread of Life Discourse*. In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (*St. Matthew, St. Mark, and St. Luke*), there is a clear account of what is called the Institution Narratives. These narratives provide descriptions of Jesus' actions and words at the Last Supper (*"This is my body... This is my blood..."*). Such an account, however, is absent in the *Gospel of St. John*.

Despite this account of the Last Supper being perhaps the most detailed (John 13-17), the *Gospel of St. John* does not directly include an institution narrative. Instead, the four chapters of the Last Supper highlight discipleship, service, unity, and eternal life. This is, of course, quite appropriate when we consider how the Holy Eucharist at Mass (*the true perpetuation of that which was signified at the Last Supper*) strengthens each of these qualities in us.

Transitioning from the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* to the *Bread of Life Discourse*, we begin to see why there is no institution narrative in the *Gospel of St. John*. Going from feeding physical hunger, our Lord begins to preach on that bread from heaven that satisfies our true spiritual hunger: **The Holy Eucharist**. Though many, save for the Twelve, reject and abandon Him, the Lord continues His clear teaching on His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Quite beautifully, this portion of the *Gospel of St. John* is heard from the **Seventeenth through Twenty-first Sundays in Ordinary Time**. This means that the very middle of our three year lectionary cycle is focused upon the Holy Eucharist. We hear this teaching proclaimed so clearly from the word of God so that our hearts might be better prepared to receive the very Word of God Himself, Jesus Christ, given to us in the Holy Eucharist. ~In Christ, Fr. David

*A special "Thank you!" to Fr. Bill Sullivan for serving as the celebrant at our Masses this past week & weekend while I am attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.*

### Saturday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Maurice Harvey +

### Sunday, July 21

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, July 22

*No Public Mass*

### Tuesday, July 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Mohler Witwer +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, July 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

### Thursday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Martha Rose Swartz +

### Friday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

### Saturday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Nancy Widmann +

### Sunday, July 28

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., July 22 - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Mary Magdalene -** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tues., July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious -** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 85:2-8 / Mt 12:46-50

**Wed., July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf -** Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17 / Mt 13:1-9

**Thurs., July 25 - St. James, Apostle -** 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Ps 126:1-6 / Mt 20:20-28

**Fri., July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary -** Jer 3:14-17 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 / Mt 13:18-23

**Sat., July 27 -** Jer 7:1-11 / Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11 / Mt 13:24-30

**Sun., July 28 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** 2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



# Young Adults (Ages 21-40) Theology on Tap

Tuesday, July 30th - 6:30-8:00PM  
Parlor City Brewing Company  
212 W. Market St., Bluffton  
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## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Adoration- August 2, 2024 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)*

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

## Dates to Mark on your Calendar!

- \* Tues., July 30 - Young Adults Theology on Tap - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- \* August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed., Aug. 14 - Vigil Mass 7:00 PM  
Thurs., Aug. 15 - Masses 7:00 AM / Noon / 7:00 PM
- \* Thurs., Aug. 22 - First of a Two-Part Series;  
*The Windows of St. Joseph's* - 6:30-7:30 PM
- \* Sat., Aug. 24 - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar - 6:00 PM
- \* Thurs., Aug. 29 - Second of the Two-Part Series;  
*The Windows of St. Joseph's* - 6:30-7:30 PM
- \* Sun., Sept. 8 - Religious Education Classes Resume - 8:30-9:45 AM

## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 24** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
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- **Tues., July 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., July 30** - Young Adult's Theology on Tap - *Parlor City Brewing Company* - More Information to come!
- **Wed., July 31** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Aug. 2** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / **First Friday Adoration** - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)
- **Sat., Aug. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 6** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

## Weekend of July 27th & 28th



**5:00** Jay Crisp  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** David Smith



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Bruce Holland  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** **Volunteer**, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**7:30** Jill Morrissey, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**10:00** Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson, Diana Cole



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, **Volunteer**  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, **2 Volunteers**  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

## St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of July 13th & 14th

Adult Envelopes- \$3,356.00  
Loose- \$294.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$387.75

**Total- \$4,037.75**

Total Mission Co-Op Collection for  
VINE Initiative - \$4,307.00

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

We are **\$1,586.77** behind  
budget for the month of July.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$0

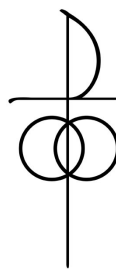
**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!**

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
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## ST JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

If your garden is producing more than you can use, please bring in the extras and put on our St. Joseph Giving Table to share with others!

It is much appreciated!



## DIOCESAN ANNUAL JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th wedding anniversary this year, along with their families, are invited to attend the Jubilee Anniversary Mass with Bishop Rhoades on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A ticketed reception will follow in the hall at St. Mary Mother of God Parish. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two free tickets to the reception. Additional reception tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$10 each. Children ages 10 and younger may attend the reception at no charge. To register, go to [diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses](https://diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses).

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 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak....  
**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?