

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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“She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.” Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.” Proverbs 31:25-31

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Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton

Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Joseph. 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, May 11

- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Mothers of Tom and Becky Jackson +

Sunday, May 12

- Fourth Sunday of Easter -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Janis Lindzy +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, May 13

- 8:00 a.m. Lena Felger +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, May 15

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman Family +

Thursday, May 16

- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, May 17

- 8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, May 18

- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Sunday, May 19

- Fifth Sunday of Easter -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich and the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 12, 2019- C

Happy Mother's Day! To all of the mothers of our parish, whether you are the mother of a child, a grandmother, a godmother, a spiritual mother, know of our profound thankfulness for your motherhood. In the great vocation of motherhood, the countless sacrifices you have made and love you have given have brought forth life, helped each of us to grow, and serves God's creative plan in countless ways. May you experience God's blessing in your life today (and everyday!) as we celebrate motherhood and may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and of the Church, be close to you this day.

In honor of Mother's Day and in support of the great gift of life that comes forth from the motherly vocation, our parish will be participating in the **Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign** throughout the month. *Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center* is a local pro-life organization that offers a variety of services to support women and their families' right here in Wells County. After all Masses this weekend, our Knights of Columbus Council will pass out baby bottles in the narthex. We invite you to take a baby bottle home and for you and your family to fill it with loose change over the next month. Once filled, please return the baby bottle to the church. All donations received from this campaign will go to *Helping Hands* to support their pro-life ministries.

Congratulations to our seven Confirmandi! We rejoice with and pray for our seven parishioners (Kody Coyne, Catherine Crawfis, Connor Dreiband, Brooklynn Huss, Eve McElhaney, McKenna McNabb, and Logan Reifsteck) who are to be confirmed this week by Bishop Rhoades. Having spent these past many years in preparation through our religious education classes, our Confirmandi will be sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13). Through the Sacrament of Confirmation (Acts 8:14-17), the gifts (Isaiah 11:1-2) that our Confirmandi have received in Baptism will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and the fruits of these gifts (Galatians 5:22-23) will continue to manifest throughout their lives. The **Mass of Confirmation** will be this **Monday, May 13th, at 7 PM at St. Mary's in Decatur**. All are welcome and invited to join us in this great celebration. (*A special "Thank You!" to all of our volunteer catechists who have aided our Confirmandi in their religious education over these past many years.*)

As we pray for our Confirmandi, may we also pray that the Holy Spirit stirs up the gifts of our own confirmation in our hearts each and every day of our lives. As St. Ambrose declared in the 4th Century regarding this great Sacrament: "God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come." Through this Sacrament, we are strengthened to preach the Gospel in word and deed. (*For those adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please reach out to me. We will do everything necessary to ensure that you have the opportunity to receive the grace of this great sacrament.*)

Just as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our parishioners this week, next weekend our diocese will celebrate the **Sacrament of Ordination** for two of our seminarians: Stephen Felicichia and Daniel Koehl. They will be **ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 18th, at 11 AM in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Fort Wayne)**. Two weeks later, our diocese will also celebrate the priestly ordination of three young men, Dcn. Jose Arroyo, Dcn. Dan Niezer, and Dcn. Spenser St. Louis, to the priesthood for our diocese. They will be **ordained as priests on Saturday, June 1st, at 11 AM in the Cathedral (Fort Wayne)**. These ordinations are open to all in the diocese and, if you've never had the chance to see an ordination, I would encourage you to attend. May we continue to pray for priestly and religious vocations throughout the diocese and from within our own parish family.

A special "**Welcome Home!**" to our college students who are visiting or returning for the summer. May these summer months be relaxing and grace-filled! If, while in your studies, you've have had any questions regarding the Faith arise, know that I am always happy to discuss them with you. My door is always open for any conversation. In Christ, Fr. David

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 13 - Fourth Week of Easter - Our Lady of Fatima - Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10

Tues., May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17

Wed., May 15 - St. Isidore - Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50

Thurs., May 16 - Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20

Fri., May 17 - Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6

Sat., May 18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr - Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14

Sun., May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 14:21-27/ Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a,34-35



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner, and Pat Pfeifer.



Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Masses this weekend, May 11th and 12th and fill it with change, dollar bills and/or Checks to assist Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center. There will be a container in the Narthex through the weekend of June 8th and 9th where you can drop off the filled Baby Bottles. All checks need to be made out to Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a great way to celebrate Mother's Day by helping young mothers and their families. Thank You in advance for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, there are a few changes and some openings for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Patrick & LeAnn Mayer will be "retiring" from 4th Grade; Missy Huss and Tori Emrah from 2nd Grade/First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Prep; and Larisa Sudhoff from 3rd Grade. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication, and their gift of time teaching the children in our parish about their Catholic faith or preparing them to receive their sacraments; we are very grateful!



Here is a list of our Catechists/Grades:

- Kindergarten: Carol Butler and Nancy Wagner
- Grade 1: Ann McNabb and (Your Name Could Go Here!)
- Grade 2/First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Prep: Kevin and Jessica Seago
- Grade 3: Tracy Coyne and (Your Name Could Go Here!)
- Grade 4: Louise Mayer and (Your Name Could Go Here!)
- Grade 5: Rebecca and Randy Anderson
- Grade 6: Marita Crawfis and (Your Name Could Go Here!)
- Grade 7: (Your Name Could Go Here!)
- Grade 8/Confirmation Prep: Kerry Coyne and Michelle Paxton
- Youth Group: Steve Wagner, Steve and Sherry Makowski, Ben Wagner, Christine Zadylak

Teaching Religious Education can be a very rewarding job. Please take time to ponder and pray about becoming a Catechist. If you have questions, concerns or to talk about a position in one of the grades, please call me at 260-824-1380 or stop by the parish office. Thank you! Michelle Paxton, DRE

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat./Sun., May 11/12 - Sat./Sun., June 8/9 - Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign
- Sun., May 12 at 8:30 a.m. & Wed., May 15 at 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Forum on Mary, our Blessed Mother
- Mon., May 13 - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's, Decatur, IN- 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 14 - Alpha Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 19 - A Celebration of Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA, 60th Anniversary of Religious Life, carry-in following 10:00 a.m. Mass. Sign up sheet in the narthex. All are invited and welcome!
- Thurs., May 16 - Mass at Christian Care - 10:30 a.m.
- Mon., May 27 - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- Thurs., May 30 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., May 30 & Fri., May 31 - The office will be closed. You may call the Sacramental Emergency Number at 260-296-0511 for Sacramental assistance.

WEEKEND OF MAY 18/19, 2019

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Sophia Emrah
- 7:30 Donna Geisel
- 10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Stacey Coulardot
- 7:30 Geoff Frank
- 10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Kevin or Jessica Seago, Joe Baur, Volunteer
- 7:30 Sherry Makowski, Dale/Sarah McCorkle
- 10:00 Monica Harris, Larisa Sudhoff, Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Volunteers
- 7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
- 10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Wyatt Girod, Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer
- 7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
- 10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Eve/Gabe McElhane

Collection for Weekend of May 4/5, 2019

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,323.00
- Child Envelopes- \$7.35
- Loose- \$280.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$60.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,971.00

Total- \$5,641.35

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

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$524.95 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

- St. Vincent de Paul- \$40.00
- St. Joseph Women's Group- Book Reimb.- \$19.93

- Diocesan Special Collections-**
- Catholic Relief Services- \$200.00
- Home Missions- \$52.00
- Catholic Charities (Mother's Day)- \$10.00

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE!

As you know, we held a food drive during Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter, to help those families or individuals that are a little less fortunate than ourselves. Because of your generous hearts, Fr. David delivered over 300 lbs. of food last Tuesday, May 7th to the Wells County Food Bank. Thank you so much for your kindness to others!

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

Reminder! Fr. David's Discussion Forum; Mary, Our Blessed Mother Sunday, May 12 - 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 15 - 7:30 p.m.

Most Precious Blood Church & School- 1515 Barthold St., Ft. Wayne FUNFEST 2019 - May 31 & June 1, 2019

- Friday, May 31st 5pm-10pm, Dinner, Entertainment
Karaoke 5pm-7pm, Live Music 7pm-10pm
- Saturday, June 1st 11am-11pm. - Family Carnival: Lunch, Games, Bingo & Games for all ages: Dunk Tank, Cake Walk, Inflatables, Corn hole Tournament (Win a PB Cornhole Set,) and more. Book Sale, Plant Sale. Silent Auction. Food, Beer and Wine tent. Raffle with drawings every hour (11am-10pm Saturday) (Tickets sold at the FUNFEST)

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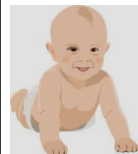
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 without leaving
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-Mother Teresa

To our men and women
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 past, present and future,



Thank you and
 God Bless You!

Before you speak...

THINK!

T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?