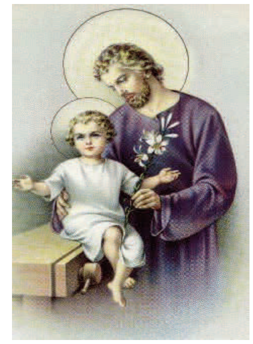
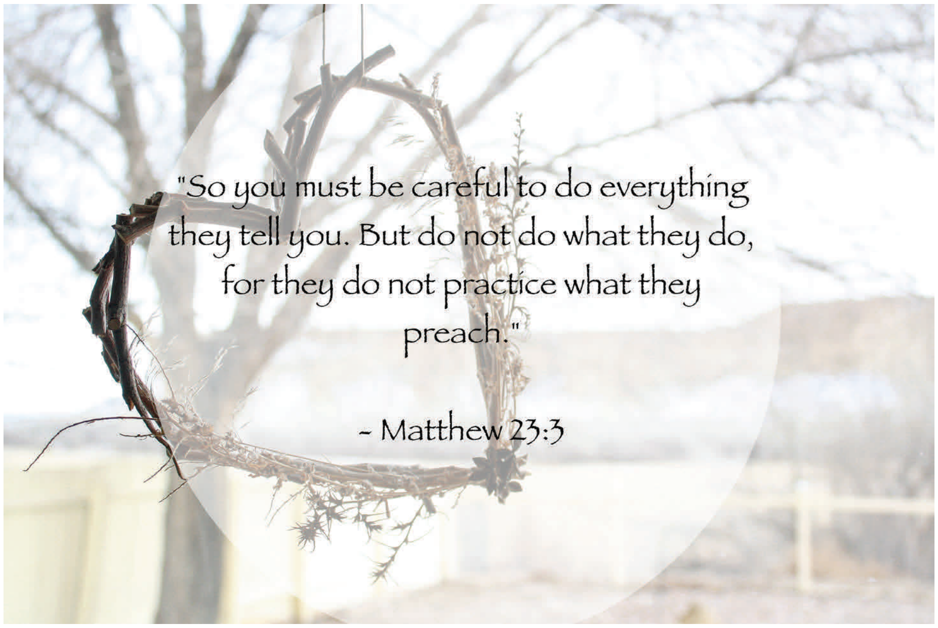
St. Joseph Catholic Community

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017





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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.
Thank you for worshiping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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e-mail address:______________________________

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
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. John Meeks + by Mary Ann & Keith Bickley

Sunday, November 5
- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -
7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Judy Bayne

Monday, November 6
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Ralph Nichter + by Joanne & Marianne Nichter
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, November 7
Eucharistic Adoration– 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 8
5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Adoration
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist &Benediction
7:00 p.m. Lloyd Smith Family by Family

Thursday, November 9
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Marlene Schober
8:30 a.m. Rosary
1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, November 10
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Ray Ehrlich + by St. Joseph Choir
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, November 11
7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
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. Dennis Heyne + by Euchre Group

Sunday, November 12
- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -
7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Diane Humphrey by Friends

Pray Daily and Love Always!

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 5, 2017 YR. A

From the Pastor's Desk:

WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLED; SO HUMBLE YOURSELF TO BE EXALTED

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND BISHOPS:

Today's Bible readings have some unkind words for our Priests and Bishops. These words were addressed to the Priests of both old and new dispensation. We the Priests of the new dispensation must heed to these words. They are very important, and I/we should heed them. I need your help in my ministry. We Priests and Bishops, need your cooperation. We need your support, we need your prayers.

Listen to these frightening words in the 1st Reading; Mal 1:14b-2:2b: "And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, … I will send curse upon you, …" And He went on and on and on> Wow! It is frightening. We need your prayer. The consoling idea is that the Lord God says: "If, …" So I need to do my best, though my best is not "THE BEST". But I must strive. So, please, pray for priests, so that we will be up and doing. I am consoled by the Responsorial Psalm: "In you Lord, I have found my peace." So, we need to fly to God. Fly to His protection and we shall be protected.

In the 2nd Reading; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13: We, Priests and Bishops are again challenged by St. Paul, when he said: "We were gentle among you, as nursing mother cares for her children." We should be so to each of. Though, today's 1st Reading and the Gospel were critical of Priests and Bishops, you Christians must pray for us. Look at us with the eyes of faith. Not every Priest or Bishop are as gentle, great, saintly and dedicated as Paul was. I am not defending or holding brief for any Priest or Bishop, but the Christians should receive the Priests/Bishops and their work, Homilies/Sermons, ministry as word and message, not as those of human, "… but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe." (cf. 1 Thes 2:13)

In the Gospel; Mt 23:1-12: Matthew, the Evangelist, in (70 A.D.) defending the faith of the Church, he was pastoring, was involved in a bitter hostility between the Christians and Judaism, after the destruction of Jerusalem. It was quibbles between Christians and Jewish Rabbis. You see: this showed the human face and factor at work in the early Church. Priests Should heed the lesson. Thus, the Lord Jesus admonished us when He said us, the Priests and the Faithful: "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seats on the Chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but do not practice. … The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." This a very important call for caution, for Priests, Bishops and all of us. Be humble. Be considerate. Do not be fast to judge and condemn. Rather, be slow to judge, bear with one another. Be gentle and loving. And above all try to forgive.

God blesses Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

N.B.: 1. Remember to write in the journal provided at the Narthex, the names of your loved ones who passed and you want them to be remembered and prayed for in a distinct way all through the month of November, if you have not done so.

2. We plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. Thanks to Janet Lehman and Stacey Coulardot for coordinating this. The Brochure is now available. Pick up one at the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

3. The month of November is a special time we pray for our beloved who have passed away, those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. They need our prayers, our love and our help. One of the best ways, in fact the best way to show love and help them is by booking Masses for them. Do not forget your loved ones who have passed away so that you will be remembered and prayed for, when your own time comes. May you kindly then, write the names of those you love to pray for, in the sheets of paper in the folder beside the Altar, if you have not done so. The folder with those names is placed near the Altar while celebrating Masses all through the month of November 2017. May they rest in peace! Amen.

God bless you Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

ST. JOSEPH'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
APRIL 23, 2018-MAY 2, 2018
Pick up a travel brochure today!

AREA BAZAARS-

NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S CRAFT BAZAAR
St. John Bosco Church, 216 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN
Friday, November 17– 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18– 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex
for further information!
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
St. Mary's Church, 232 N. Main St., Avilla, IN
Sunday, November 5– 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Craft tables, baked/canned goods, fudge/candy.
Cookie decorating for kids, Christmas Café, Door Prizes & more!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 6 - Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14
Tues., Nov. 7 - Rom 12:5-16b/ Lk 14:15-24
Wed., Nov. 8 - Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33
Thurs., Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Fri., Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8
Sat., Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veteran's Day - Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/ Lk 16:9-15
Sun., Nov. 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Mt 25:1-13

MEETING REMINDER!
Tuesday, November 7 - Meet in Church for the **Rosary at 6:40** and meeting to follow in social hall at **7:00**.

For a complete Calendar of Events from St. Joseph's please visit the website at www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., Nov. 7– K of C Meeting– Rosary 6:40 p.m. meeting at 7:00 in the social hall.
- **Tues., Nov. 7– St. Joseph CCW meeting at 6:00 in the conference room– Pizza will be provided for dinner!**
- Sat., Nov. 11– St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar– 9a-3p.
- Sun., Nov. 19- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Thurs., Nov. 23– Thanksgiving Day Mass– 9:00 a.m.
- Fri., Dec. 8– The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary– A Holy Day of Obligation– Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11– St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service– 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 23 & 24– 4th Sunday of Advent Masses– 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Sun./Mon., Dec. 24 & 25– The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– Family Mass Dec. 24– 5:00 p.m. / Christmas Night Mass– 10:00 p.m. / Mon., Dec. 25– Christmas Day Mass– 9:00 a.m.
- Mon., Jan. 1, 2018– Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 11 and 12, 2017

CANTORS:
5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:
5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Marita Crawfis

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 Janette Minch, Christine Zadylak, Missy Huss
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Sherry Makowski
10:00 Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Steve Higgins, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:
5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson

SERVERS:
5:00 Darren or Corey Huss, Brooklynn Huss, Emma Roeembke
7:30 Oriana Makowski, Clayton Vachon, Mark or Beth Geisel
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Kody or Cassie Coyne

Collection for Weekend of October 28/29, 2017
Adult Envelopes- $4,294.00
Child Envelopes- $16.00
Loose- $312.00
Religious Ed. Fund- $275.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- $60.00
Paper Gator- $55.35
Votive Candles- $51.70
Memorial Candles Don.- $72.00
Total- $5,136.05

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

The amount needed each week to make budget is $5,116.40
We are $19.65 ahead of budget from last week and $771.91 behind for the month of October.

Other Collections within our Parish– St. Vincent de Paul- $50.00
Bolivian Mission- $160.00

Diocesan Special Collection-
Propagation of Faith- $309.00
Human Development- $25.00

St. Joseph CCW Craft and Arts Bazaar
Saturday, November 11 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
All are WELCOME!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, **www.diocesefwsb.org** under Safe Environment,

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: **mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org**, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: **mraatz@fw.diocesefwsb.org**. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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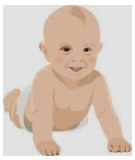

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~Dr. Seuss

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past, present and future,

Thank you and God Bless You!

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

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