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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Bob Butler +

Sunday, November 6

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. David Black +

Monday, November 7

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, November 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Mrs. Susie Arnold +

Thursday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Peg & Bruce Mason

Friday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, November 13

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Bud Felger +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

A special "Thank You!" to those who assisted with our All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day celebrations this year! As you can see on this weekend's bulletin cover, the week was full of a number of prayerful and fraternal activities. A special "Congratulations!" to our All Saints' Day Costume Contest Winner: St. Anthony of Padua (*James M.*).

This weekend (November 5th/6th), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Though our secular culture will be eager to move us prematurely towards the coming Christmas celebrations, our liturgical calendar reminds us that these celebrations are still a ways off. This doesn't mean we can't begin to enjoy Christmas music, movies, and decorating, but that we are called to remember the coming season of preparation: **Advent**.

Writing in 1966, our National Conference of Catholic Bishops (now the USCCB) lamented that the **season of Advent** had "*unfortunately lost in great measure the role of penitential preparation for Christmas that it once had.*" They hoped that, through "*meditation on the lessons taught by the liturgy, ... then Advent will again come into its own. Its spiritual purpose will again be clearly perceived.*" That is, preparing not simply our homes and our hearths, but our hearts to welcome Jesus Christ.

Though being mentioned now, we are actually still two whole weekends away before the start of **Advent**. Continuing in **Ordinary Time**, our liturgical year will come to an end in two weekends with the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Until then, we will continue to hear the challenging call to discipleship and are reminded of our true homeland, *Heaven*. All of this, especially in this month of November, is meant to appeal to the Christian imagination that the unseen is not as distant as our culture may have us believe.

May we move at our own pace in the coming weeks, allowing Jesus Christ to always remain our true focus.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

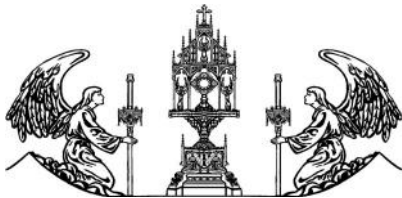
Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge on behalf of our parish to the Annual Bishop's Appeal! If you have not yet made your pledge, you can go online to make your pledge at: diocesefwsb.org/aba. Meeting and exceeding our goal will help support the placement of a permanent altar at our new cemetery. Thank you for your commitment and your generosity!

THE BELLS OF ST. JOSEPH - PART II

In addition to upgrades to our carillon system, the "*Bells of St. Joseph*" also has a second meaning. The steeple bell from the original church on Cherry Street is in the process of returning to our parish campus in the coming future. This bell, cast in 1902, is a direct link to our parish being served as a mission parish of St. Aloysius. The bell was given by Fr. R.J. Denk, the outgoing pastor of St. Aloysius, to our parish and Fr. H.A. Hellhake, the incoming pastor.

The bell remained in the steeple of the old church for many years after our campus moved to its current location. Those who used the building after it was decommissioned as a Catholic church eventually stopped ringing the bell for fear that the steeple might collapse under its weight. (*Though considered a "small" bell, it weighs over 600 pounds!*) With permission of the building owner, the bell was eventually removed by the Goodwin family, who wish to donate the bell back to our church in memory of their late parents, parishioners Carl and Melba Goodwin.

After much research and discussion, we will be working with the Verdin Company to repair and restore the bell. The Verdin Company was the original company who cast the bell 121 years ago (*though the warranty has long since expired!*). The bell will be prominently displayed at ground level on our campus (*as it is too heavy for our steeple*) and will be usable (*though not swingable*) thanks to an electronic striker that will be installed inside the bell. More to come as this project moves forward. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 7 - Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8 - Ti 2:1-8,11-14/ Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 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

Thursday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - Phlm 7:20/ Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veterans Day - 2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr - 3 Jn 5:8/ Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 13 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mal 3:19-20a/ 2 Thes 3:7-12/ Lk 21:5-19



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Andrea Holte, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY! Pictures will be taken Saturday and Sunday, November 5/6 and November 11/12 in the conference room after all Masses. It would be nice to have **EVERY FAMILY** get their picture taken for the New Parish Directory.

It only takes a few minutes after Mass!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out (*Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving*)

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend! Don't forget to bring your book!

36th ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
OUR GOAL IS \$43,875.90



Please turn in all pledge cards, regardless if you pledge or not by **November 14, 2022**. Any amount you are able to pledge is greatly appreciated. Anything above our goal will be used for the construction of an altar at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 5 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 6 - Religious Education Classes - 9:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 6 - Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast following 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Mass. Free will donation.
- Tues., Nov. 8 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 8 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Tues., Nov. 8 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church; meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 8 - GIRL's Night Out - monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Remember to bring your book!
- Wed., Nov. 9 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 9 - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 10 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., Nov. 10 - Bible Study- A Study in Typology - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., Nov. 12 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 12 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 13 - Religious Education Classes - 9:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 15 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 15 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Wed., Nov. 16 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 16 - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 17 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., Nov. 17 - Advent Wreath Making - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall

Weekend of November 12/13, 2022



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Teresa Smith



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Angel or Zoe Soto, Isiah/Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of October 29/30

Adult Envelopes- \$3,420.00

Child Envelopes- \$2.00

Loose- \$155.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$338.38

Memorial Candle Donations- \$110.00

Votive Candles- \$50.00

All Saints Day- \$120.00

Total- \$4,195.38

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,734.97 behind our budget for the month of October.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$116.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. 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 "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of 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. Mark Gurtner, 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: mgurtner@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.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert L. McNabb, father of Kevin (Ann) McNabb and grandfather of McKenna and Macy passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

May God welcome him home,
fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

Flood Ravages the Homes and Farms of Over 1000 People in Lokoja Diocese, Nigeria

Fr Louis Fowóyò

I am Fr. Louis Fowoyo, from the Diocese of Lokoja, Kogi State, Nigeria. I am presently assigned to St Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City as the Pastor. I thank Bishop Kevin Rhoades for the opportunity given to be able to do this mission appeal in order to share with you what people are suffering now in the area in which I come from. I thank the Office of Catholic Charity of the diocese of Fort Wayne South Bend that has approved my appeal for me to do this mission. I am also grateful to your Pastor, Fr. David Violi, for allowing me in the Parish of St Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton, Indiana.



LOKOJA DIOCESE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MISSION

The people of the diocese are predominantly peasant farmer. They do not have the means of a mechanized farming. They still farm using the implements of hoes and cutlasses. This makes it difficult for them to be able to have a large farm and they barely produce enough to feed their families during the year. With that you will understand that they cannot have surplus for keep for a raining day.

Also, they do not have a means of preservation even if they have surplus. Theirs is a matter of “from hand to mouth” as we describe it. That is whatever you produce, is consumed immediately. That is why annually, they work hard to produce food to feed families, send children to school, buy their basic needs in life and still maintain shelter and other things of life.

THE REASON FOR THIS APPEAL

A. Political Insecurity in the Land:

- The country during the past years, has been experiencing insecurity in one form or the other. The unrelenting growth of this challenge gives the impression that it is organized. The minimal action taken by the government on this issue, is giving the impression also that they are involved or that they are supporting the people who are participating in making the country insecure.
- As a result of the insecurity in the land, people are been kidnapped on a daily basis, women are raped and killed, the people the citizens cannot sleep at any time of the day with their two eyes closed.
- This insecurity is perpetrated by Bandits, Boko Haram groups, local kidnapers and thieves, and unfortunately, sometimes government law enforcement agents are pointed to as allegedly aiding these groups.



B. Horrific floods as a result of the raining season this year:

- Nigeria has two large rivers (rivers Niger and Benue) that runs through the middle of the country to the southern part into the Atlantic Ocean. The rivers, during the raining season, often overflow their bounds. This is what we experienced this year.
- Anytime we have floods as a result of the overflow of the rivers, farmers are affected, and families have to relocate and stay with their relatives and friends until the end of the season.
- From One of the priests working in the flood affected area: *“We have a pathetic situation here in Koton-Karfe and Lokoja.*



For days now, there is a total gridlock. No going out or coming in. Most of our parishioners’ shops and houses are submerged in water. No light, no water. We are really suffering here. We need prayers and help. But the government is insensitive to the plight of the people. Our church and primary school have become a refugee camp. Food scarcity is imminent. Their farms are totally washed away. We shall appreciate any support from you. Mass cannot be offered in all the over 30 outstation churches because of the flooding. In fact, most of the mud building churches and houses are completely washed away.”

C. Almost every year, the Catholic Diocese of Lokoja, helps the people in some way to provide Internally Displaced People’s (IDP) camps for the people in our schools, churches and Reverend Fathers’ residences: -

- This year the people are experiencing such a massive displacement that the diocese cannot cope alone with the problems. That is why the diocese is appealing to generous people like you to help in whatever way you can to solve the problems at hand.



I thank you very sincerely for your assistance to so many people, many of whom I know personally because I worked in those areas affected. I can only imagine their frustrations now that this has happened to them at this very critical time. I thank you. I thank you. And I thank you for your generosity. Whatever you give will go a long way to help the diocese serve the people of God in the area.

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