



## The Confessional

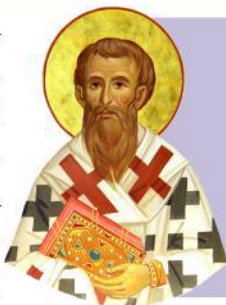
“Jesus said to them again, *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.*’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*”  
 John 20:21-23



In all of its design variations, the confessional is essentially intended to afford anonymity to the penitent. It serves to protect both the penitent and the priest while still allowing a kind of sacred intimacy in which the penitent confesses sins to God through the priest who, by their ordination, acts *in persona Christi*.

### THE SEAL OF THE CONFESSIONAL

When a person unburdens his soul and confesses his sins in the Sacrament of Confession, a very sacred trust is formed. The priest must maintain absolute secrecy and can never reveal anything that a person has said in confession. For this reason, confessionals were developed over time with screens to protect the anonymity and privacy of the penitent. This secrecy is called "the sacramental seal," "the seal of the confessional," or "the seal of confession."



*“It is necessary to confess our sins to those to whom the dispensation of God’s mysteries is entrusted. Those doing penance of old are found to have done it before the saints. It is written in the Gospel that they confessed their sins to John the Baptist [Matt. 3:6], but in Acts [19:18] they confessed to the Apostles”*” ~St. Basil the Great (*Rules Briefly Treated*, AD 374)

### PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, October 2nd - Following 10 AM Mass

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Joan Scheidler +

### Sunday, September 11

#### Twenty-Fourth 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, September 12

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Mohler Booth +

8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, September 14

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

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

### Thursday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Herman Zeps +

### Friday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Robert Scheidler +

### Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Laura Haiflich

### Sunday, September 18

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary** - 1 Cor 11:17-26,33/ Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13 - St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** - Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows** - 1 Cor 15:1-11/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Friday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** - 1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 18 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Am 8:4-7/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

This weekend (September 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As a nation, we also commemorate this weekend the 21st anniversary of September 11th. This tragic anniversary serves as a reminder of our need to constantly pray for peace in our world and reconciliation among all those in conflict. May we entrust all those who face war and conflict throughout the world, such as those in Ukraine, to the King of Peace, Jesus Christ.

## PARISH PLAYGROUND

Earlier this week, the work on our newly installed parish playground was completed. With the advice of our Parish Council and not wanting to delay its use, we are blessing and formally "opening" the new playground for us after the 7:30 AM Mass this very weekend. As this is also the first weekend for our Religious Education Classes, we will be joined by each of our RE classes and their catechists for the blessing.

A special **"Thank You!"** to the many hands that helped bring this project to completion. Both our **Knights of Columbus** and our **G.I.R.L's Night Out** helped bring this project to reality through their leadership and fundraising efforts. Historically, our parish motto comes from Matthew 19:14 (*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"*). This new playground will not only be a benefit to our local community, but serves as an exemplification of our motto.

## PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY, OCT. 2ND, AT 11 AM

Mark your calendar! Our **Parish Picnic** is returning this year on **Sunday, October 2nd. Following the 10 AM Mass**, you are invited to a potluck in the Parish Social Hall. We will provide the entree and you are invited to bring your favorite side-dish or dessert to share. During the Festival, you will have a chance to tour the newly renovated Rectory, join in a number of games and activities for both youth and adults, and, most importantly, spend time getting to know your fellow parishioners better. More information to come!

## DID YOU KNOW? CONFESSIONALS

Over the past several centuries, the use of confessionals for individual confessions has been commonplace throughout the Church. This practice, however, has not always been the case in the life of the Church. The way in which the Sacrament of Confession has been offered has occasionally changed throughout the years. In the early life of the Church, publicly proclaimed sins (*such as apostasy*) were often confessed openly in church, though private confession to a priest was always an option for privately committed sins. Still, confession was not just something done in silence to God alone, but something done "in church," as attested to in the *Didache* (AD 70).

In its present form, the use of the confessional dates back to the period following the Council of Trent in the 16th century. Before that time, the priest normally administered the sacrament in its private form while seated on a chair in some part of the church, and the penitent stood or sat beside him and knelt for absolution. St. Charles Borromeo, the 16th Century Archbishop of Milan, was among the first to order the use of a confessional as we know it today in Milan in 1565. Since that time, the use of the confessional has remained the primary location for confessions.

While the proper place for hearing confessions is in a church, canon law foresees that for a just cause confessions may be heard in a wide variety of places outside of a confessional. For example, confessions are routinely heard in hospitals, nursing homes, and, in military situations, even on the field of battle. Yet, the confessional itself still conveys an important message to the Church and society as a whole. It communicates that this sacrament is a sacred and privileged place, which is to serve as a source of the divine healing that comes from the reception of God's forgiveness. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.



## WELCOME BACK!!

Religious Education Classes begins this Sunday, September 11th at 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. We are so happy and excited to begin another year helping you to know Jesus as your Father in heaven and also your friend! Let's have a great year together!

Please join us as Fr. David Blesses our New Playground following 7:30 Mass.



## G.I.R.L.'s night out

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!

### DISCUSSION FORUM TOPIC: ABORTION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH



Join Fr. David at the end of this month for a Discussion Forum on Thursday, September 29th in the Parish Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Discussion Forum Topic will look at the Church's moral teaching regarding abortion in a Post-Roe world and Indiana's recent laws that regulate abortion. Fr. David will be joined by Deputy Prosecutor Colin Andrews.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Sept. 10 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 11 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 11 - Religious Education Class resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 13 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 14 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 14 - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 15 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., Sept. 17 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 18 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 18 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 20 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 21 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 21 - No Choir Practice
- Thurs., Sept. 22 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., Sept. 24 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 25 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 25 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 27 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 28 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

### Weekend of September 17/18, 2022



**5:00** Josie Andrews  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Teresa Smith



**5:00** Carol Butler  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Dan Geimer



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



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling Isiah Bedwell  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Jacquiline/Phillip Mayer  
**10:00** Ellie Coyne, Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of September 3/4

Adult Envelopes- \$4,790.00  
Child Envelopes- \$2.00  
Loose- \$292.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$6,512.25  
Religious Education Fund- \$145.00  
Religious Education Fees- \$480.00  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- \$10.00  
**Total- \$12,231.25**

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

We are \$7,114.85 ahead of our budget for the month of September. Total Online Giving for August was \$5,435.00. We ended \$15,976.50 ahead of our budget for the month of August.  
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,055.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Fund Online Giving for August - \$210.00

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



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - August

Utilities- \$253.03  
Housing- \$420.00  
Charitable Donations- \$2,000.00  
Total Charitable Donation - **\$2,673.03**  
*Thank you* for helping us help others!



St. Joseph Adult Choir Practice Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 (following Mass).



### Children's 2022-2023 Choir Season

Please come and make a joyful song to the Lord! Children's Choir will begin on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Practice will be from 5:30-6:30 pm in the conference room. Any young person ages 7-14 is invited to join! Please contact Teresa Smith at [tersalsmith2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tersalsmith2000@yahoo.com) for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for Details and a sign up sheet!

St. Joseph Parish Picnic  
Sunday, October 2nd  
Following 10:00 Mass  
on the St. Joseph Campus



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

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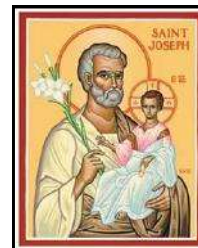
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