

THE ALTAR

"I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held."

Revelation 6:9

Old Testament References

Noah built an altar to God (Genesis 8:20), as did Abraham (Genesis 12:8) and Solomon (2 Chronicles 4:1). The altar of sacrifice was central to the Temple (Exodus 27:1-8; 38:1-7).



New Testament References

In the upper room, the table that is used at the Last Supper becomes the altar of Christ's sacrifice (Luke 22:19-21). In Revelation the heavenly altar is described (Revelation 6:9-11).

The word **altar** comes from the Latin words *altārium*, meaning "high", and *adolere*, meaning "to ritually burn or sacrifice." When used in the Sacred Scriptures, an altar describes a raised or high place, a place of consecration and sacrifice, or a place where God meets man. It is often interchangeably used with the expressions for "table," "the Lord's table," and "place of sacrifice." Taking into account these uses, an altar ultimately serves as a symbol of God's presence to His people.

RELICS IN ALTARS

During times of persecutions in the early years of the Church, Christians gathered together in the catacombs to worship in secret. These catacombs housed the tombs of the martyrs, tombs which were used as altars for the celebration of the Mass. This was seen as proper given how the martyrs, in their sacrifice, closely imitated the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. After the times of persecutions, relics of Saints were placed in altars to keep this connection to the catacombs.



"When you see the Lord immolated and lying upon the altar, and the priest bent over that sacrifice praying, and all the people empurpled by that precious blood, can you think that you are still among men and on earth? Or are you not lifted up to heaven?"

~St. John Chrysostom (*The Priesthood*, AD 387)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Ed Bushee +

Sunday, August 28

Twenty-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. Ann Marie Kloc +

Monday, August 29

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 31

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

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

7:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

Thursday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Pete Geels +

Friday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, September 3

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, September 4

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Virgil Burns +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 29 - The Passion of St.

John the Baptist - 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30 - 1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk

4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31 - 1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk

4:38-44

Thursday, September 1 - World Day of

Prayer for the Care of Creation - 1 Cor 3:18

-23/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 2 - 1 Cor 4:1-5/ Lk 5:33-

39

Saturday, September 3 - St. Gregory the

Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - 1

Cor 4:6b-15/ Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4 - Twenty-Third Sun-

day in Ordinary Time - Wis 9:13-18b/

Phmn 9-10,12-17/ Lk 14:25-33

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 28, 2022

This weekend (August 27th/28th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. With three months remaining in Ordinary Time, our readings continue to serve as a reflection for the Christian soul. Through this yearly cycle, we are constantly being reminded of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This weekend especially, we are reminded in readings of the virtue of humility. In humility, we recognize our true worth before God by recognizing our need for God in our lives.

CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED - THE RCIA PROGRAM

Starting on **Thursday, September 8th**, we are holding our **Introductory Session for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) at 6:30 PM** in the **Parish Social Hall**. This year, we've renamed our weekly gathering as **Catholicism Explained**. This new name emphasizes that the program is open to all. Each year, the sessions are often attended by those desiring to enter the Church, those who are Catholic and seeking a refresher course, and those who are non-Catholic and simply want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Following the opening session on September 8th, **Catholicism Explained** will begin to meet weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this program, please invite them to attend. For those who are non-Catholic and are interested in entering the Church, please let me know if this weekly time will not work for your schedule. We can work together to find a time that will work for you.

WORKING WITHIN OUR TRIBUNAL

In addition to working on my thesis this year, I have also been asked to begin work in our diocesan Tribunal. Initially scheduled to begin the first week of September, I actually began weekly meetings with my counterpart in our Tribunal shortly after returning from Washington, DC. As my counterpart will be traveling to Rome for doctorate studies, I will be taking on their workload until their return to the Tribunal next summer.

This means that, throughout this year, I will be serving as an advocate within our Tribunal. An advocate serves as a representative for those who are going through the marriage nullity process (also referred to as the annulment process). To better facilitate this ministry and the workload it involves, I will be keeping afternoon office hours at our Tribunal in Fort Wayne one day a week, generally on Tuesdays. Thankfully, this will not affect our parish schedule in any significant way.

DID YOU KNOW? ALTARS

At the center of nearly every Catholic church is an altar on which the Mass is offered. Often, one or more relics of martyrs are commonly set into the altar into or in an altar stone within the altar. The use of relics highlight how, in the early Church, the altar was often the tomb of a martyr. Due to the persecutions of the time, the Church would often be forced to secretly gather together in the catacombs to safely offer the Mass.

The altar itself has many meanings. According to the *Rite for the Dedication of a Church*, the altar "stands as a sign of Christ Himself, who is the priest, the victim, and the altar of His own sacrifice." The altar can also be seen to symbolize the table of the Last Supper, the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem, the cross of Calvary, the tomb of Christ's burial and resurrection, and the altar in heaven. Simply put, the altar symbolizes Christ himself in the many facets of His existence: as fulfillment of the Old Testament typologies, as God present with His people on earth, and the prefigurement of the eternal, glorious banquet of heaven which is wholly communion and feast.

As with all things in the church building itself, the altar serves to help us encounter Jesus Christ. As the altar stands in the midst of the Sanctuary, so Christ is in the midst of His people. As the altar remains fixed and present to us, so Christ always remains present in our lives. ~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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, September 2, 2022

(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.

"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED (RCIA PROGRAM)

Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) begins Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. The text that will be used is *The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism, No. 2*, which will be provided on the first day. The first topic: Introduction & History of the Church. At 7:30 p.m. join Fr. David for a "Teaching Mass" in the Church. All are welcome!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

On August 30th several of the Knights are going to spend a day constructing 311 crosses to be displayed in the Church yard for right to life. They will be transporting the crosses back to St. Josephs on August 30th, as well. The G.I.R.L.'s NIGHT OUT group will be meeting Tuesday, September 6th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. to paint the crosses and again on Saturday, September 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to finish them. It is important to complete the painting of the crosses by the 10th so they may be put in the Church yard for the start of 40 Days for Life and for the Regional Gathering of Right to Life supporters at our Church on September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. If you are able to help, please show up, paint brush in hand ready to paint! Thank you!



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., / Sun., August 27 & 28 - Registration Weekend at all Masses.
- Sat., Aug. 27 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 27 - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar following evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Classes begin Sunday, September 11 - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Aug. 28 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Aug. 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 31 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Sept. 2 - **First Friday Adoration** - (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 3 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 4 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day, Parish Office Closed today.
- Tues., Sept. 6 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 7 - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 8 - Catholicism Explained - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., Sept. 8 - "Teaching Mass" with Fr. David - 7:30 p.m. in Church. All are welcome!

Weekend of September 3/4, 2022



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



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Bruce Holland



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



5:00 Audrey Mechling, Isiah Bedwell, Volunteer
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of August 20/21

Adult Envelopes- \$2,897.00

Child Envelopes- \$2.00

Loose- \$382.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$4,046.55

Religious Education Fund- \$25.00

Votive Candles- \$162.50

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary- \$87.00

Total- \$7,602.05

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,189.60 ahead of our budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
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WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Through water and the word, YARLEY ANTANELLA SANCHEZ, HAYLEE ANAHI SANCHEZ, and ANASTASIA JANE YAGODINSKI, became children of God and were sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism last weekend, by Fr. David Violi.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Miguel Garza, Jr., father of Connie Garza, who passed away Friday, August 19, 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.

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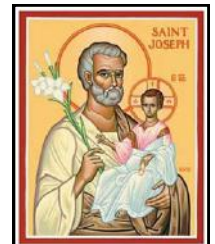
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