

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22

- 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. Gaylen Ed Smith + by Doral & Helen Smith

Sunday, April 23

- Second Sunday of Easter or (Sunday of Divine Mercy) -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Larry Sanders + by Marj Sanders

Monday, April 24

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Molly's Intention by Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 25

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, April 26

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Marjorie Harty + by Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 27

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Welling & Sanders by Marj Sanders
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, April 28

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary


Saturday, April 29

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mary Margaret Meyer + (mother of former parishioner Diane (Mark) Smith by Sue Hauptert

Sunday, April 30

- Third Sunday of Easter -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Geimer + by Jack & Alice Brunton

 Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Dolores Borton, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Dennis Heyne, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Larry Dustman, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Gary Cook, Michael Green, and George Bitzer.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; APRIL 23, 2017

From the Pastor's desk:

WE ALL ARE INVITED TO REJOICE IN THE LORD AND LIVE LIFE OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say, peace with you all. These adages are always true, with respect to some situations: "Birds of the same feather flock together; (birds of a feather flock together). Tell me with whom you go and I will tell you the kind/type of person you are. Flocking together gives them protection. You cannot break a bundle of broom, all together a once. But if you take the brooms one by one you break each of them.

We need one another in Fellowship (NOT FOLLOWSHIP). Listen to this story: Once upon a time, a hen took her chicks out for feeding. All of a sudden, a terrible thunderstorm stared with a horrible wind and heavy rain fall. The hen quickly asked her chicks to come up to high land and spread her wings and the chicks put their heads under the mother's wings. After the rain, she led them home safely. Within few days, the mother hen fell sick and died. The chicks became hungry after staying for few days without enough food. They decided to go out and feed themselves. So, they went out. As they were feeding, suddenly a terrible thunderstorm stared with a horrible wind and heavy rain fall. The chicks were in trouble and frightened. One of them said "let us hurry home". Another said, "no, the flood will carry us away. Come up to a high land". They hurried up to the high land. The leader, raised its right wing and asked one of them to put her head under his wing, and then closed it and asked his sister chick to raise her wing and her bother chick puts his head. So, they continue to do, forming a circle until the last of ninth chicks raised his wing and the leader put his head. By so doing they protected one another and survived the adverse weather. We are call to do like-wise for one another. We are our brother's and sister's keeper. That is the fellowship we need to practice.

In the 1st Reading; Acts 2:42-47: We saw the fellowship, the communal life of the early Christians of Jerusalem. It is called "koinonia" which means fellowship, communion, brotherhood. This is an important element in our Christian way of life, Christians of all ages. "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and communal life, to the breaking of bread and prayers. ... All who believed were together and had all things in common; ... Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area ... They ate their meals with exaltation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the peoples."

We need to emulate them by practicing Christian values of love, justice tempered with mercy, mutual respect, decency, read the Bible in our family. Members should carry one another, have concern for each other, such fellowship keeps faith alive

For those who love God everything works onto good. The absence of Thomas when the Lord came became a bless to us. In the Gospel; Jn 20:19-31: The doors and windows where the apostles were, were locked for the fear of the Jews. The Lord with His glorified body stood in their mist and said: "Peace be with you". Thomas was not present. A week later, He came again and Thomas was there. He confronted Thomas for his continuing doubt. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe". Thomas exclaimed: "My Lord and my God." Thomas was the first of the apostles to call Jesus: "God". That is great. The Lord then said: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." That is, you, all of us. Let us rejoice in the Lord for He has risen.

God bless you.

Msgr. Pius N. Hechukwu



NEW EVANGELIZATION

Ever wondered what the New Evangelization is all about? The phrase was first coined by St. John Paul II in 1979 when he visited Poland and proclaimed, "A New Evangelization has begun, even if in reality is the same as ever." You can learn more about YOUR role in the movement by participating in the New Evangelization Summit May 12-13. Register today: www.new-evangelization.ca.



May 13th Mass Observing the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, together with the World Apostolate of Fatima, is observing the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima with an 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, May 13, at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne (4500 Fairfield Avenue). The centennial Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhoades, and all the faithful of the diocese are invited to attend this special liturgy. In addition, the "New Evangelization Summit" will be taking place at St. John the Baptist the evening before (on May 12), and also throughout the day on May 13 (after the centennial Mass). All are also invited to register for this unique event, which will feature talks broadcasted live by Bishop Robert Barron and others. Registration and other information can be found at <https://www.newevangelization.ca>



JERUSALEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES LAND OF PEACE

Will be visiting St. Joseph's the weekend of May 6 and 7. Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchases handmade arts they help our mission and help the Christians in the Holy Land. In 1920 the Christian population in the Holy Land was 80%; today it is less than 2%. With the parish support and the parishioner's generosity we are able to help our brothers and sisters to live in Jesus land of birth.



Bishop Luers to host Run With the Knights

10K Run, 5K Run/Walk on May 13

FORT WAYNE, Indiana – Bishop Luers High School will host the 10th Annual Run With the Knights 10K Run or 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 13, at 9 a.m. at Pavilion 1 at Foster Park. The entry fee is \$20 per person and online registration is available at www.runrace.net (search "Bishop Luers Run With the Knights.") Visit www.bishopluers.org and link to the news item in the "Latest News" to download a race form and map.



Register by May 3 for a guaranteed T-shirt.

Contact Tess Steffen at 260-456-1261, Ext. 3039, or email at tsteffen@bishopluers.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Apr. 23– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by Knights of Columbus.
- Wed., Apr. 26– New Evangelization Team Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 3– Parish Council Meeting– 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 7– First Communion Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 20– Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner– 6:00 p.m. (after 5:00 Mass)
- Sun., June 11– Graduation Mass– 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., June 13– Evening Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors– 6:00 - 6:35 dinner in social hall; 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. reflection in the Church.
- Sun., June 18– Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday– 8:30 a.m.
- Sun., June 18– TINCAPS game– Parkview Field– 1:05 p.m.
- Sun., June 25– June 29– Vacation Bible School
- Fri., June 30– VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. Pool– all are invited and welcome!

WEEKEND OF APRIL 29 and 30, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Leeann Kennerck
- 7:30 Tammy Horn
- 10:00 Nichole Decker

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Glenn Ryan
- 7:30 Geoff Frank
- 10:00 Marita Crawfis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Kevin or Jessica Seago, Janette Minch, Mary Ann Flowers
- 7:30 John Horn, Margie Huss, Twilla Herr
- 10:00 Ed Shestak, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Michelle Paxton, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Nathan/Missy Huss Family
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Todd Hartman and sons/Chris Reifsteck and sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Elisse or Darren Huss, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, Wyatt Girod
- 7:30 Jeremy/Mitchel/Justin Mayer
- 10:00 Isabel or Catherine Crawfis, Eve or Gabe McElhaney, Derek Smith

Collection for Weekend of April 15/16, 2017

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,641.00
- Child Envelopes- \$29.79
- Loose- \$477.50
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$494.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0
- Easter Offering- \$1,203.00
- Kobryn Funeral Donation- \$100.00
- Total- \$5,945.29**

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

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

We are \$828.89 ahead of budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

- St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$350.00
- Bolivian Mission- \$190.00

Diocesan Special Collection- Holy Land- \$673.00

Redeemer Radio Donate and Listen to Spring Sharathon April 24-28– 106.3FM : RedeemerRadio.com/donate

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., April 24 - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr - Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
- Tues., April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist - 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
- Wed., April 26 - Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs., April 27 - Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
- Fri., April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest - Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
- Sat., April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
- Sun., April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter - Acts 2:14,22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Evening Prayer– 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/ Benediction– 6:45 p.m. /Mass– 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps us plan the day making sure Jesus is not left alone while exposed on the altar. Thank you!