

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

- 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. Leo Gillig Family by Family

Sunday, May 28

- Ascension of the Lord -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Bender + by Ed King

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jody Parker by Matt & Sarah Bluhm
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe/Vesta Marshall + by Ron & Kathy Marshall
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, May 31

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Mothers of Tom & Becky Jackson by Tom & Becky Jackson

Thursday, June 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Diane Humphrey by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, June 2

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mary Haecker + by Mary Beth Patterson
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, June 3

- 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. Gloria Rupley + by Gloria & Gerry Riveros


Sunday, June 4

- Pentecost Sunday -

- 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



Have a save and blessed
Memorial Day Weekend!

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SUNDAY: MAY 28, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's desk:

THE LORD ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, WE WILL BE WITH HIM THERE

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say, peace with you all. **Remember that Sunday coming is the Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity of the Holy Spirit). Remember also to continue to do some Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit. If you have not started you can begin today and do 7 days Novena. You can use any prayer of your choice. Please do something, at least use one Hail Mary. It is better than doing nothing.**

The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven. The important thing here is heaven. Really for some people heaven means nothing to them. When death comes they just died and that is the end for them. There are some others for whom heaven is very important. No matter how we live our life here on earth, we can make use of all the wonders science and technology can provide, to achieve better life, seek the best medical care available, yet in our best and lucid moments, we know that there must be something more than all of these, and that thing is a transcending reality. It is by having faith in the Lord Jesus that we can see the transcending reality in a loving Father who waits for our arrival into his kingdom. Jesus is the beginning and the end. He is our head, where he has gone, we his members hope to follow. So, let us follow him into the new creation. His Ascension into heaven is our glory and our hope. For, if Christ has not ascended into heaven we would be the most unfortunate peoples in the world. Our faith would have been hopeless. But our hope is heaven. Heaven is a reality, though not a place up there in space. It is rather a state, a state of blessedness.

The ascension of the Lord is not a fairy tale. It is a historical event that took place in time and it is a true story as stated **in the 1st Reading; Acts 1:1-11**: "As they were looking on, he was lifted up and the cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking ... two men ... stood beside. They said ... 'This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the way as you have seen him go into heaven.'" So, believe it, for it is a historical fact.

Thus, Ascension is the glorification of Christ the Lord. The Ascension took place on a mountain as we read **in the Gospel; Mt 28:16-20. Matthew the Evangelist is trying to show us Christ' Divinity. God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19). The great sermon of Jesus, the 8 Beatitudes took place on a mountain (Mt. 5:1). His transfiguration was on mountain Tabor (Mt. 17: 1). And Jesus' final appearance was also on a mountain. Take home question: On what mountain was His final appearance?**

All the appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection are the revelation of him as the Lord of all. That was why they worshiped him whenever he appeared to them. And finally, the Lord Jesus gave them and us a mandate to teach the whole world, baptize them, and sanctify them. Are we doing that? He promised to be with us till the end of time. Do you believe it and hold on it? He is with us in the Eucharist. Let each and every one of us work hard in doing good and be saved.

God bless you.

Msgr. Pius N. Ilchukwu

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

Pray Daily and Love Always!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 29 - Seventh Week of Easter - Memorial Day - Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tues., May 30 - Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56

Thurs., June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26

Fri., June 2 - St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs - Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Sat., June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs - Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Jn 21:20-25

Sun., June 4 - Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23



PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Next weekend, June 3 and 4, is the Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and support the funding of their education through this important collection. Please use your Pentecost Collection envelope. Thank you for your generous response!

**ST. JOSEPH GRADUATING SENIORS 2017
God's Blessings on our Graduates!**

- Olivia Esmond, daughter of Jenny Esmond
- Abraham 'Abe' Herr, son of Bruce and Twilla Herr
- Elisse Huss, daughter of Nathan and Missy Huss
- Jeremy Mayer, son of Patrick and LeAnn Mayer
- Sally Witwer, daughter of George and Dianne Witwer
- Tigran Grigoryan, exchange student of Patrick and LeAnn Mayer

Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
And your plans will succeed. - Proverbs 16:3



Getaway Weekend!


Do you need some time for your marriage? Are the pressures on your time less in the summer? Perhaps this is the time to go on that Marriage Encounter Weekend you've been thinking about, and reconnect with that special someone you love! This weekend is for discussion between you and your spouse, not group discussion. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for July 14 - 16 in South Bend and November 10 - 12 in Fort Wayne. To apply or for more information, you may go to wwme-ni.org. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., May 29- Memorial Day- Office Closed
- 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.
- Wed., June 14- Finance/Budget Meeting- 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., June 18- Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday- 8:30 a.m.
- Sun., June 18- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph CCW.
- Sun., June 18- TINCAPS game- Parkview Field- 1:05 p.m.
- Sun., June 25- June 29- Vacation Bible School
- Tues., June 27- Msgr. Pius's home Bishop will be here visiting and will celebrate Mass with and for us by 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner. More details coming!
- Fri., June 30- VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. Pool- all are invited and welcome!
- Sun., July 16- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day- Office Closed
- Sun., Sept. 10- Parish Picnic at Roush Park- details coming!
- Sat., Nov. 11- St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar- 9a-3p.

WEEKEND OF June 3 and 4, 2017


CANTORS:

-  **5:00** Jay Crisp
- 7:30** Knights of Columbus
- 10:00** Nichole Decker (Choir)


LECTORS:

-  **5:00** Stacey Coulardot
- 7:30** Knights of Columbus
- 10:00** Michelle Paxton


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **5:00** Dan/Beth Gordon, Sara Bear
- 7:30** Knights of Columbus
- 10:00** Kathy Marshall, Diana Cole, Rick Singer, Steve Higgins, Larisa Sudhoff, Sandy Smythe

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **5:00** Volunteers!!
- 7:30** Knights of Columbus
- 10:00** Mike/Becky Anderson Family

SERVERS:

-  **5:00** Any one of the Huss Siblings, Allison Bear, McKenna McNabb
- 7:30** Knights of Columbus
- 10:00** Catherine Crawfis, Sophia Emrah, Angela Rogers

**Collection for Weekend of
May 20/21 weekend**

- Adult Envelopes- \$2,790.00
- Child Envelopes- \$16.85
- Loose- \$124.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$237.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$0
- Ascension- \$4.00
- K of C Reimb. Supplies- \$200.00
- Votive Candles- \$110.10
- Total- \$3,481.95**

30th Annual Bishop's Appeal
Over Goal- Payment #2-
\$3,079.26

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

We are \$1,634.45 behind budget
from last week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$112.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Catholic Charities- \$60.00
Trinity Dome- \$145.00

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

**Last call for Tin Caps tickets for the game on Sunday, June 18 at
1:05 p.m. Order and Money needs to be in by June 1st.**

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



Thursday, June 1, 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!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - THURSDAY, JUNE 29
CARRY-IN/POOL PARTY - FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

**June 27- Msgr. Pius' Bishop from Nigeria
Will be here visiting and will celebrate Mass with
and for us by 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner
in the social hall.** All students from VBS and their families are
invited to attend! We will not have crafts, games, story time, etc.,
that evening because of our Special Guest. However, Sunday, Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be as planned.