

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12

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. Mary Margaret Meyer + by Sue Hauptert

Sunday, August 13

- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Helen Meyers + by Bob & Betty Miller
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- A Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 a.m. Madlyn Schortgen + by Kurt & Becky Biberstein
7:00 p.m. Evelyn Morrissey & Carolyn Flaughner by Mike & Jill Morrissey

Wednesday, August 16

6:25 p.m. Rosary
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. Trent Patterson + by Tom & Barb Ault

Thursday, August 17

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Norbert & Jeanne Ploetz
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

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. Thomas Beeks + by a Parish Family

Sunday, August 20

- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Norma Bauman & Lena Felger by Dan & Linda Felger
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

19th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 13, 2017 YR. A.

"HAVE PATIENCE, PRAY AND HOPE, GOD WILL HELP"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. Human life is full of "smiles and tears". We have our ups and downs in life. We attend both weddings and funerals. Parents experience and witness graduations and failures of their children. Married life can be like the smell of roses and can also turn into a nightmare. Young people are successful today and tomorrow suffer failures. You can feel disappointed by the government or even by the Church. All this may leave us confused. What shall we do? Are we to give up our faith in God? No. We must keep going. Let us borrow a leaf from what Elijah did when queen Jezebel threaten his life. He kept still faith in God, prayed and ran for his dear life.

Thus, in the 1st Reading; 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a: Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal, the god Jezebel worshiped. He took a stand in truth against Queen Jezebel without fear. Thus, he lost the favor of Jezebel and Jezebel wanted to kill him. He ran to God for protection. Even with God he experienced difficulties. Listen to what happened when he ran to God for protection on the mountain of God: There was a mighty wind that shattered the rocks. There was earthquake. And there was wild fire. God was not in any of those happenings. These can be compared in our life when we are in trouble, we feel the absence of God. Then came the gentle breeze. There was God. Prayer and perseverance is necessary for success in life, for all of us.

In the 2nd reading; Rom 9:1-5: St. Paul assured us that we are really adopted sons and daughters of God. God promised us salvation if we keep faith and trust in Him difficulties notwithstanding. We must bless God in all circumstances.

And in the gospel; Mt 14:22-33: The apostles were in trouble with the wind in the sea against their boat. Jesus came walking on the sea. They thought it was a ghost. They shouted because of fear, for they thought it was a ghost. Also, they shouted because, according to their belief, noise scares/drives away ghosts. But Jesus said: **do not be afraid it is me.** And Peter said to Him: if it is you command me to come to you over the water. **Jesus said come!** Peter stepped out of the boat with faith and walked on the water. When he experienced the splashes of water on himself, he was afraid and at once, he started drowning. He cried out for help and Jesus stretched out his hand and saved him. We can put what happened into singing; so, listen to what Jesus said:

"Come to me over the water Peter, walk on the waves of the storming sea, I know your best in trail and fragile but believe in me."

Elijah was in trouble at the mountain of Horeb, Peter was in trouble, with the other disciples on the sea. All of them Elijah, Peter and the disciples got help because they prayed, trusted, and had faith. We can be faced with some of these trouble in life. They can come our way. It can come from your child/children, your wife, your husband, your pet/pets, your co-worker or even from yourself. It can be sickness, jobless, financial difficulties, disappointment from people, name them. What you need to do, is to be patient. If it is from your children, love them, teach them, train them, speak to them, encourage them. **Children listen to your parents. Do you hear me? When it is from the others, do your best to pray, to love them, dialogue with them, cope with them, pray for them and for yourself. In prayer God assured us of His Help and Support in times of trials and tribulations, if we turn to Him for help.**

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

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based." On the weekend of Oct. 20 to 22, 2017. Please register quickly.


2. We are also planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. It will be after Easter. I believe that you are interested to join; so, contact Janet Lehman at 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot at 260-466-1224. Hurry!

3. The Parish Picnic is on September 10, at Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton, IN 46714. We will have two Masses in that weekend. One Mass on Saturday by 5:00 p.m. and one Mass on Sunday by 10:00 a.m. Every parishioner is invited.

4. Those Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers who did not attend the evening Reflection on June 13, 2017, may you do your best to pick up the handout we used that day at the Narthex. Take it to any Church or Chapel and prayerfully read and pray with it for about 30 minutes and then meet me in the Sacristy, after Mass, on or before September 27, 2017, for Re-commissioning. Thanks.

The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.



 Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, and Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach.

ALPHA

You are invited to be part of a pilot group to participate in Alpha at St. Joseph's. Alpha is a series of sessions designed to help deepen our Christian faith. Each session will include some hospitality with food, a talk on a question regarding faith, and open sharing and conversation. St. Joseph's Evangelization Team will be offering this pilot series over 11 Fridays beginning September 8 at 5:30 pm. Attendance at every session is not required. After the series, this pilot group would be asked for their thoughts on whether we should offer Alpha parish-wide. Please join us! We want to know what you think.



We are very excited to announce our new and improved Website is now live. Please check it out at www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org. It contains an events calendar, Google map, etc. We will be posting more pictures as they become available.

Thank you for your patience while the site was being updated!

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY

August 20th after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses
Served by the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus



PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS...
Save the Date – August 26!!
Sunday School Registration and
Meet your Catechist(s)

Saturday, August 26 – immediately following the 5:00 Mass
Pizza and Ice Cream Sundae Bar for all Parents and Students who will be attending Sunday School Classes beginning Sunday, September 17– 8:30–9:45 a.m.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

St. Joseph Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, September 10 at Roush Park, 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton.
Watch for details and a sign up sheet!

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Aug. 20– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat. Aug., 26– Parent Registration for Religious Education/ Pizza/Ice Cream Sundaes following 5:00 Mass in the Social Hall.
- Wed., Aug. 30– Catechist's Mtg. after Mass- 7:30 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 4– Labor Day– Office Closed for the Holiday
- Thurs., Sept. 7– All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 10– Parish Picnic at Roush Park– 925 W. Silver Street, Bluffton- details coming!
- Sun., Sept. 17– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Youth Group
- Sun., Sept. 17– First day of Religious Education Classes– 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 19 – Thurs., Sept. 23– Bluffton Street Fair– Parking Lot Fundraiser
- Thurs., Oct. 5– All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 15– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph CCW
- Fri., Oct. 20 - Sun., Oct. 22– Parish Based Marriage Encounter
- Sat., Nov. 11– St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar– 9a-3p.

WEEKEND OF August 19 and 20, 2017

CANTORS:

5:00 LeeAnn Kennerck
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Dan Geimer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Twilla Herr, Jill Morrissey, Barb Ault
10:00 Diana Cole, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

5:00 Faith Loshe, McKenna McNabb, Any Huss Sibling
7:30 Jeremy/Mitchel/Justin Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grayson Christal, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of July 29 and 30

Adult Envelopes- \$2,674.00
Child Envelopes- \$41.50
Loose- \$343.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$395.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$400.00
Table/Chair Donation- \$50.00
Paper Gator- \$71.54

Total- \$3,975.04

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

We are \$1,141.36 behind budget from last week and \$3,707.19 for the month of July. **Please note!** The collection for July 22 and 23 was \$1,769.60 behind budget from the previous week and not \$439.85 ahead as was stated in the bulletin of July 30.

Collection for Weekend of August 6 and 7

Adult Envelopes- \$3,199.00
Child Envelopes- \$17.00
Loose- \$258.25
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$658.00
Flowers- \$250.00
Total- \$4,382.25

Other Collections within our Parish-
Bolivian Mission- \$10.00

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

We are \$734.15 behind budget from last week.

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

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 14 - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr - Dt 10:12-22/ Mt 17:22-27

Tues., Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation - Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Wed., Aug. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary - Dt 34:1-12/ Mt 18:15-20

Thurs., Aug. 17 - Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/ Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri., Aug. 18 - Jos 24:1-13/ Mt 19:3-12

Sat., Aug. 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest - Jos 24:14-29/ Mt 19:13-15

Sun., Aug. 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 56:1,6-7/ Rom 11:13-15,29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a Catholic; RCIA classes will begin Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Catholics who wish to deepen their Catholic faith, may also attend! Please contact the Parish office to obtain a Registration Form- 824-1380.

