

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5

- 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. Evelyn Quinn Gentis by Ben & Jenny Wagner Family

Sunday, August 6

- The Transfiguration of the Lord -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Cole + by Diana Cole

Monday, August 7

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dale Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

- 5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Litany of the Eucharist & Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Bob Morse + Tom & Barb Ault

Thursday, August 10

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Daniel Braun & Earl Huss + by Dave & Margie Huss
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, August 11

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

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

Pray Daily and Love Always!

 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.

18th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 6, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD JESUS: "HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. The Lord Jesus was transfigured in glory. The Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory. Are you ready waiting for Him?

This Feast was celebrated in the 5th century, by the East Syrians. It was inserted into the General Liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church in 1457 by Pope Calistus III, to celebrate the defeat of Turks at Belgrade, as announced in Rome on August 6th of that year. August 6th occurs 40 days before the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14th. (Cf. March 12, the 2nd Sunday of Lent 2017).

You also still remember that today, August 6th, and 9th are the anniversaries of the atomic explosions over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. As we recall these sad events, we are urged to continue to pray for peace in the world.

In today's Liturgy, we meditate on the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the celebration of His Kingship over creation. It is the manifestation of Christ's Divinity. In this mystery, we anticipate a renewed awareness of the invisible reality that will be ours in the future. **Listen to today's Entrance Antiphon: "In the shining cloud, the Spirit is seen; from it (the cloud) the voice of the Father is heard: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight. Listen to Him."** This is our hope. We shall be like Him if we obey him.

So, in the 1st Reading; Dn 7:9=10, 13-14: The young prophet Daniel, prophesied what will happen on the last day, when the Trinity, the three Persons will take Their Seats to judge the whole world as One God. He said among other things, **"Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. ... The court was convened and books were open. ... his kingship shall not be destroyed."** Now as you see yourself sitting right here in this Church, (Take home question): **IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?**

In the 2nd Reading; 2 Pt 1:16-19: An Eye Witnesses, St. Peter, (James and John), testified what he saw. **Are you one of those who do not believe and are doubting?** Christ was exalted, in order to strengthen the faith of the 3 against the scandal of the Cross. They saw the exalted, essential, glory of the Lord that will be revealed when He comes again. All this mean: **"a renewed awareness of our own exaltation that will to come to us at the end of our lives."** Peter said: **"... we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, 'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Listen to him). "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the mountain." ANY DOUBT?** It is true. Strive to be there when it will happen again.

In the Gospel; Mt 17:1-9: We are invited to see the Lord Jesus as he really is. He is the King of creation. **Listen: In the exalted Christ, we see ourselves as we will be when our time comes. This faith awareness should encourage us to keep going and stay firm when we are faced with what looks like insurmountable difficulties, hardship, depression and darkness in faith and in life. Be courageous.**

When Peter, James and John were amazingly over whelmed with what they saw, the **Majestic Divinity of Jesus the Lord**, Peter exclaimed: **Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."** Peter forgot himself, James and John. While he was still speaking a voice came from heaven and said: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."** Are you listening to Jesus the Lord and King? We must listen His if we want to be saved. Once again: **IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE? ANY DOUBT? DO YOU LISTEN TO JESUS?**

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

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu

NB: 1. We are organizing Marriage Encounter, "Parish Based." 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



UPDATED WEBSITE

Just to keep you informed, the new and improved website should be up and running by the end of August! There may need to be some little adjustments along the way, but we will deal with that as we go forward! Thank you for your patience while we were in this process of making the St. Joseph website better for all!

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/Meet
your Catechist(s)**

Saturday, August 26
immediately following the 5:00 Mass
Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes for all Parents and
Students who will be attending Sunday School
Classes beginning Sunday, September 17– 8:30–
9:45 a.m. Parents will be given
Registration Packets and have an opportunity to
meet your children's Catechist and answer any
questions or concerns.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Aug. 20– Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Mon., Sept. 4– Labor Day– Office Closed for the Holiday
- **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 at 7:30 p.m.**
- 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– watch for details!
- Sat., Nov. 11– St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar– 9a-3p.

WEEKEND OF August 11 and 12, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Jay Crisp
- 7:30 Tammy Horn
- 10:00 Nancy Leitz

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Stacey Coulardot
- 7:30 Barb Ault
- 10:00 Marita Crawfis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Joe Baur, Missy Huss, Janette Minch
- 7:30 Sherry Makowski, Jill Morrissey, John Horn
- 10:00 Steve Higgins, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Rick Singer

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 Any Huss Sibling, Kody/ Cassie Coyne
- 7:30 Oriana Makowski, Brendan McCorkle, Volunteer
- 10:00 Sophie Emrah, Catherine Crawfis, Volunteer

*Collection for Weekend of
July 29 and 30 and August 5
and 6 weekend will be reported
in the July 13 bulletin.*

- Adult Envelopes- \$
- Child Envelopes- \$
- Loose- \$
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$

Total- \$

**The amount needed each week
to make budget is \$5,116.40**
We are \$ of budget from last
week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$

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

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., August 7 - Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest - Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:13-21**
- Tues., August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14**
- Wed., August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr - Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35/ Mt 15:21-28**
- Thurs., August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr - 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Jn 12:24-26**
- Fri., August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin - Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28**
- Sat., August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - Dt. 6:4-13/ Mt 17:14-20**
- Sun., August 13 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33**

SOULCORE– What is it?

SoulCore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. A sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture and movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues of the rosary. SoulCore is not affiliated with any other exercise discipline. It is not yoga, nor are yoga poses or Sanskrit referenced at any time. SoulCore is simply an invitation to discover the beauty of the rosary; a gentle path to grow in virtue and interior peace. Join Stacey Coulardot Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for SoulCore here at St. Joseph's. Questions? Call Stacey at 260-466-1224.