

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

- 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. Herbert Lohmuller + by Genevieve Lohmuller

Sunday, July 16

- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Steve & Nancy Wagner by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, July 17

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. John O'Keefe + & Barney Gillespie + by Ron & Kathy Marshall

Tuesday, July 18

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. George Witwer by George & Dianne Witwer Family
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, July 19

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Dave Gruss- Birthday by Family

Thursday, July 20

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Maurice Harvey + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, July 21

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Robert Lehman + by Donna Jean Warnimont
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary


Saturday, July 22

- 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. Fathers of Mike & Mary Ann Bickley by Mike & Mary Ann Bickley

Sunday, July 23

- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Annie Herr by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

 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.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 16, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE WORD OF GOD.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. A word spoken or written, always has something to do with the person who speaks or writes. There is power and inspiration in human word how much more in the word of God. The power of God's word is like germinal force of the seed which pieces the soil its tenderness notwithstanding.

In the 1st Reading; Is 55:10-11: Prophet Isaiah, introduces the team of today's Gospel. The Prophet says that as: "the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile ... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Are we disposed to the word of God? Various kinds of people hear the word of God, but the results are not the same in all people. Why? It is because, the disposition in people differs. Where do you classify yourself? If you spread oil on a surface of any piece of land, water cannot permeate or saturate the land or the soil. If the land fails to suck and absorb the water, it is not the fault of water but of the problem of the soil.

So, we must do everything possible to be good soil, good people, for the word of God to bear good fruits in us. **That is why St. Paul in the 2nd Reading; Rom 8:18-23:** Admonished us thus: "... that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." Therefore, we must do everything possible to inherit the Kingdom, life everlasting in heaven.

Then in the Gospel; Mt 13:1-23 or 1-9: The Lord Jesus used the parable of the sower to show us how different people respond to the word of God, the word of eternal life. There are 4 categories of seeds and soil. Likewise, there are 4 categories of people. To which group do you belong? It is always your choice. If you are the seed, on what type of soil will you like to fall? If you are the soil, what kind of soil do you like to be? Surely every one of us will like to fall on the good soil, if you are the seed. Not on the path way, or stony ground or on rocky soil. If you are the soil you will love to be the good soil, and not any of the other bad soil. The ball is now on our court. Strive, struggle, do your best to be saved. The best gift you can give to someone is the gift of salvation. **So, "Heaven is for us all, what really are you doing about it?"**

God bless you Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

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

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. Details TBA.



SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS - The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass.

Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380.

Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 17 - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - Ex 1:8-14,22/ Mt 10:34—11:1

Tues., July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest - Ex 2:1-15a/ Mt 11:20-24

Wed., July 19 - Ex 3:1-6,9-12/ Mt 11:25-27

Thurs., July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr - Ex 3:13-20/ Mt 11:28-30

Fri., July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Ex 11:10—12:14/ Mt 12:1-8

Sat., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene - Ex 12:37-42/ Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sun., July 23 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wis 12:13,16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

A Weekend of Discovery

A Lifetime of Love

Marriage Encounter at St. Joseph's, Bluffton!

We are excited to be hosting a Marriage Encounter Weekend right here at our own St. Joseph's parish, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, October 20-22. If you are married and want a weekend to grow as a couple, then Marriage Encounter is for you! Since the weekend is local, you can return to your own home overnight--or may choose to stay at a local hotel for a 'getaway' weekend.

Brochures with registration forms are available in the back of church. Return the registration in the church collection in an envelope marked "Marriage Encounter", or register online at www.wwme.org. Contact George and Dianne Witwer with questions at: dhwitwer@gmail.com or 824-4503. Sign up early—if the weekend fills up, we will need to schedule another weekend!



Register for the Annual Bishop Luers Golf Outing

FORT WAYNE, Indiana – The Bishop Luers High School 2017 Annual Golf Outing is set Saturday, Aug. 19, at Brookwood Golf Course in Fort Wayne. Proceeds benefit Bishop Luers' scholarships and tuition assistance. Registrations are accepted through Wednesday, Aug. 16. Cost, which includes green fees, golf cart, range balls, six drink tickets and food, is \$75 per person or \$60 for those under 21. Register online at bishopluers.org and go to "Alumni" and scroll to "Golf Outing." For more information call Melissa Hire at 260-456-1261, Ext. 3040, or email mhire@bishopluers.org.

Bishop Luers Show Choir Camp offered Aug. 1-4

FORT WAYNE, Indiana – Bishop Luers High School will host its popular Show Choir Camp for children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade from Aug. 1-4, 9-11:30 a.m. A Friday family performance will be at 11 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch. Cost is \$50 and includes a show choir camp T-shirt, music, dance, friendship and fun. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.bishopluers.org in the news feed.



ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., July 25-through Aug. 4– Michelle vacation; will return to the office Mon., Aug 7.
- 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
- Thurs., Sept. 7– All Day Adoration
- 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
- 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 July 22 and 23, 2017

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Larry Leitz
- 7:30 Donna Geisel
- 10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Virgil Lochtefeld
- 7:30 Barb Ault
- 10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Joe Baur
- 7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, John Horn
- 10:00 Jeff Miller, Larisa Sudhoff, Ann Reifsteck, Monica Harris, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Mike/Becky/Lorenz/Randy Anderson
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Todd Hartman & Sons & Chris Reifsteck & Sons

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Elisse or Darren Huss, Corey or Brooklynn Huss, McKenna McNabb
- 7:30 Jeremy/Mitchel/Justin Mayer
- 10:00 Sophia Emrah, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of July 8 and 9 weekend

- Adult Envelopes- \$3,872.00
- Child Envelopes- \$15.00
- Loose- \$210.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$185.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$75.00
- Votive Candles- \$52.42

Total- \$4,409.42

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

We are \$706.98 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$611.00

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

God knows everything about us. And He cares about everything. Moreover, He can manage every situation. And He loves us! Surely this is enough to open the wellsprings of joy.... And joy is always a source of strength.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dolores Borton, mother of John (Carol) Borton, Katherine (James) Borton-Johnson, Patricia (Nicholas Stanil) Borton, and Judith (Michael) Rohan, died July 11, 2017

May God welcome her home,
Fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

Save the date!

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

