

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, July 24

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Trent & Mary Beth Patterson by Mary Beth Patterson

### Tuesday, July 25

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser & Reece Harvey + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, July 26

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Robert Lehman + by Donna Jean Warnimont

### Thursday, July 27

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mother of Ben Cruz by Ben Cruz
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates and Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

### Friday, July 28

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Welling & Sanders Family by Marg Sanders


### Saturday, July 29

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Margaret Ilechukwu + by Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Manuel Ramirez + by Gloria & Gerry Riveros

### Sunday, July 30

#### - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Jericho Kobryn + by Paxton 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.

## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 23, 2017 YR. A.

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

### WE ARE CALLED TO BE PATIENT WITH GOD, WITH OURSELVES, AND OUR NEIGHBORS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. Patience is very important virtue for our salvation. Patience can be compared to **“a precious flower that does not grow in every garden.” It needs exceptional care. Patience makes us look weak. But it is not weakness but endurance and kindness.** So, we need to be patient in dealing with our fellow human beings. We should not think of just two perspectives or categories: **good and evil.** No human being is 100% bad or 100% good. Please do not look harshly upon those who are not in perfect consonance with your opinion. Consider the whole situation to get at a better judgement of a person. **Remember that God has been patient with you.**

**Thus, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Wis 12:13, 16-19: We saw God's forbearance which introduces us to God's patience in the Gospel with parable of weeds.** Listen to this: ‘But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; ... And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; ...that you would permit repentance for their sins.’ **And the Responsorial Psalm says it all: “Lord, you are good and forgiving”. (If men were God ...!!!)** We must learn from God to be patient with: yourself, your husband, your wife, your children, your parents, your friends and with your neighbor.

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; Rom 8:26-27:** St. Paul reminds us how the Holy Spirit comes to our aid because we do not know how to pray. “The Holy Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.” Do you hear that? Let us imitate the Divine.

**In the Gospel Mt 13:24-43; The Lord Jesus says it all: “No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”**

So, my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, be patient. Do your best and leave the rest for God. He is much, much wiser than we are. God is all powerful and all knowing. He is omnipotence and omniscience, but he is mild in judgment for he governs us with great lenience. He is in charge. He is the judge, but a merciful, patient, loving and considerate King. **Please, allow God to take care of the creation for He is the Creator.**

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.**

Everyone was meant to share God's all-abiding love and care; He saw that we would need to show a way to let these feelings show.... So God made hugs. - JILL WOLF

### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., July 24 - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Sharbel Makhlu, Priest -**  
Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42

**Tues., July 25 - St. James, Apostle -** 2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 20:20-28

**Wed., July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary -** Ex 16:1-5,9-15/ Mt 13:1-9

**Thurs., July 27 -** Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17

**Fri., July 28 -** Ex 20:1-17/ Mt 13:18-23

**Sat., July 29 - St. Martha -** Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30

**Sun., July 30 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -** 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## 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](http://www.wwme.org). Contact George and Dianne Witwer with questions at: [dhwitwer@gmail.com](mailto:dhwitwer@gmail.com) or 824-4503. Sign up early--if the weekend fills up, we will need to schedule another weekend!

#### TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Since 1926, Today's Catholic, the newspaper for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has been printed locally with complimentary printed editions mailed to all registered Catholics. Starting August 1, Today's Catholic will also be launching free digital products including a brand new website, digital edition, app and Facebook page. For those who wish to retain a print subscription, they may do so for an annual price of \$20. Subscribe to print or digital in your parish or online at [www.todayscatholic.org](http://www.todayscatholic.org).

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

Thursday, August 3, 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!



*With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37*

#### 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 29 and 30, 2017

##### CANTORS:

- 5:00 Jay Crisp
- 7:30 Nancy Leitz
- 10:00 Nichole Decker

##### LECTORS:

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

##### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Janette Minch, Linda Huseman, Volunteer
- 7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, Volunteer
- 10:00 Luisa Sumabat, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Larisa Sudhoff, Steve Higgins

##### 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 Oriana Makowski, Brenden McCorkle, Volunteer
- 10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Kody/Cassie Coyne

#### Collection for Weekend of July 15 and 16 weekend

- Adult Envelopes- \$4,174.00
- Child Envelopes- \$16.25
- Loose- \$149.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$517.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$500.00
- Borton Funeral Donation- \$200.00

**Total- \$5,556.25**

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

We are \$439.85 ahead of budget from last week.

#### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$410.00  
30th ABA Over Goal- payment #4- \$2,965.29

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

#### 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.

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will take place from July 23rd through 29th in dioceses across the country. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a scientifically based, morally acceptable method of achieving or avoiding pregnancy based on daily observation and interpretation of the natural signs of fertility which occur in woman's body. NFP provides a healthy, highly effective method of family planning for a very low cost and with no harmful side effects. Many couples find that the mutual respect, regular communication, shared responsibility and self-control required by the practice of NFP enrich their relationship and strengthen their marriage. Above all, the Church promotes NFP because it is the only method of family planning that respects the link between the love-giving and life-giving purposes that God has joined together in the marital act. For information about NFP classes offered in our diocese, please go to [www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning) or call the Office of Family Life at 574-234-0687.