

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 31

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Father of Ralph Gates by Ralph Gates
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, August 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Joe & Barbara Smekens by Joe & Barbara Smekens
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, August 2

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Tricia Ann by Family

Thursday, August 3

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Tom & Maureen Butler by Tom & Maureen Butler
- 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, August 4

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Jane Case + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser


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

 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.

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 30, 2017 YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

WE ARE INVITED TO PURSUE AND POSSESS WISDOM OF GOD.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I say peace with you all. It is absolutely true, that a person of true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. For it is more precious than silver and gold. All through human history, wisdom, insight, sound judgement is precious possession. However, human wisdom is not always adequately the same as truth. Philosophers, sages have narrowed their observation by working with their intellect alone. This resulted in all forms of rationalism that had no eye for the transcendent. It is in the Bible that we see and find real wisdom that originated from the heart and intellect. It is often an intuitive wisdom of the whole person. Biblical wisdom is a special gift of God. That is why we must pay attention to it.

In today's Liturgy, wisdom is considered the supreme value of human life. The parables of the treasure and the pearls bring out that the Kingdom of God is a value for which no sacrifice is too great. Wise and mature Christians have a sound judgment about what is more or less important in life. It is so because the Christian blend human insight with the inspired wisdom of God.

In the 1st Reading; 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12: Listen to what Solomon requested when God told him to ask whatever he wants. **"O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. ... Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and distinguish right from wrong. ..."** Look at that! Wisdom!!! In response, God was so pleased with Solomon and He said, **"Because you have asked for this—not for long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding ... I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you. SUPPER WISDOM. Selfless request. Total dependence on God. BE WISE, BE HUMBLE, GOD IS IN CHARGE.**

In the 2nd Reading; Rom 8:28-30: St. Paul, assured us that: For those who love God everything works onto good. So when we are depressed, we should be guided by the God-given wisdom for God knows all we need before we ask Him. He loves us, cares for us, we are his creatures. If we have faith in Him He will take care of us and our needs.

In the Gospel; Mt 13:44-52 or 44-46: Jesus, compared the Kingdom of God to **"a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field,"** You see proper discernment. If God asks you today to make a request, what will you ask for? Think of it in your heart. We need wisdom to be able to know what we need. Jesus also compared the Kingdom of heaven with fine pearls of excellent value and the dragnet full of all sort of things. You need wisdom to discover the hidden treasure. **Think of: Jed Clampett: Beverly Hillbillies.** Now in US, we need gasoline i.e. petrol. Supposing you discover a natural petrol in a piece of property, it is there in great quantity. **What will you do?** It needs no refinery. It has been refined. You need only to mount a pumping machine. Will you not sell all you have and buy the land, build filling/gasoline station there. You need the wisdom to do so. Wisdom is one of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. So, let us first, seek the wisdom that comes from God.

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. I believe that you are interested to join so, contact Janet Lehman at 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot at 260-466-1224. Hurry!

Pray Daily and Love Always!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 31 - Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Ex 32:15-24,30-34/ Mt 13:31-35
Tues., August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28/ Mt 13:36-43
Wed., August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest - Ex 34:29-35/ Mt 13:44-46
Thurs., August 3 - Ex 40:16-21,34-38/ Mt 13:47-53
Fri., August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest - Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58
Sat., August 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major- Lv 25:1,8-17/ Mt 14:1-12
Sun., August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10,13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Have you seen the new Today's Catholic website? This interactive site will be launched August 1st to provide you with more access to articles, photos, columns, videos and more! You can also share content from the site to your social media pages and even contribute stories yourself! Find out more at www.todayscatholic.org. But if you wish to retain a print subscription, you may do so for an annual price of \$20.00.

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!




ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR


- Tues., July 25-through Aug. 4- Michelle vacation; will return to the office Mon., Aug 7.
- Thurs., Aug. 4- All Day Adoration after morning Mass at 8:30a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 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 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 5 and 6, 2017


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Nichole Decker
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Larry Leitz


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Knights of Columbus/George Witwer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Sara Bear, Christine Zadylak
7:30 Twilla Herr, Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss
10:00 Knights of Columbus

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers please- for this time only in August!
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Knights of Columbus

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Wyatt Girod, Allison Bear, Volunteer
7:30 Jeremy/Mitchel/Justin Mayer
10:00 Knights of Columbus

Collection for Weekend of July 22 and 23 weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,053.00
Child Envelopes- \$11.00
Loose- \$174.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$60.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5.00
Votive Candles- \$43.80

Total- \$3,346.80

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- \$19.00

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.

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.