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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Ryder Jackson

Sunday, July 19

- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +
- 12:10 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, July 20

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, July 21

- 8:00 a.m. Maurice Harvey +

Wednesday, July 22

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Gertie Wyss +

Thursday, July 23

- 5:30 p.m. Fr. Stephen Felicichia

Friday, July 24

- 5:30 p.m. Alan Jaffee +

Saturday, July 25

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Gerald Loshe +

Sunday, July 26

- 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. Cletus & Marie Geels +
- 12:10 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 20 - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr - Mi 6:1-4,6-8/ Mt 12:38-42

Tues., July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Mi 7:14-15,18-20/ Mt 12:46-50

Wed., July 22- St. Mary Magdalene - Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Thurs., July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious - Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13/ Mt 13:10-17

Fri., July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest - Jer 3:14-17/ Mt 13:18-23

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

Sun., July 26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — July 19, 2020

This weekend (July 18th/19th), the Church enters into the 16th Sunday in Ordinary. And, in our Gospel reading, we continue to hear from the third great discourse of our blessed Lord in St. Matthew's Gospel. Within St. Matthew's Gospel, our blessed Lord offers five discourses, or sermons, including: The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Instructions for the Missionary Life (Matthew 10), the Collection of Parables (Matthew 13), Instructions for Communal Living (Matthew 18), and the Sermon on the End Times (Matthew 23-25).

In these discourses, our blessed Lord imparts great wisdom to His disciples regarding the moral life, He explains how to go about spreading the Gospel, and He prepares His disciples for life in the Church and, eventually, in the world to come. The third discourse on the collection of parables, which we began last weekend, speaks to several parables that offer insight into the Kingdom of Heaven. In our Gospel reading today (Matthew:13:24-43), Jesus tells the parables of the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour.

In the last two parables that we heard today of the mustard seed and the yeast (both of which are also found in the Gospels of St. Mark and St. Luke), our blessed Lord emphasizes how small things can become great things. Just as the mustard seed grows into a great bush and a little yeast can leaven the whole dough, so the smallest amount of faith can change the world. When we allow God into our lives, even in the smallest of ways, everything changes.

The first parable, that of the wheat and weeds, is exclusive to St. Matthew's Gospel. In it, the enemy sows weeds among the wheat and the two cannot be separated until harvest time arrives. They cannot be separated because they are not immediately distinguishable in the field and, when they mature enough to tell the difference, their roots are intertwined. The weeds are, at first, indistinguishable from the wheat. This reveals to us a simple truth: Sin is boring.

Sin is boring. Why is it boring? Because sin, like the devil himself, is not and cannot be creative. Only love (and God is love! [1 John 4:8]) is creative. When we fall into sin, it is because we are seeking after something that we love. But, in our sinfulness, we try to obtain it in the wrong way and through the wrong means. Everything on earth is meant to direct us to God. That is the proper end (*telos*) of every action. *Sin stops actions short of God.*

This is why sin never satisfies the human heart. To quote St. Augustine in the 4th Century, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God." Why is this? Because we have been made by and for God. Or, to put it simply: Why do we exist? To know, love, and serve God. Anything else leaves our hearts wanting because only God will satisfy that longing. In the end, the weeds will be burned away and the wheat will remain. At the end of our lives, only that which was rooted in God will remain. May we dare to be creative today. May we dare to love. May we be courageous and live for God.

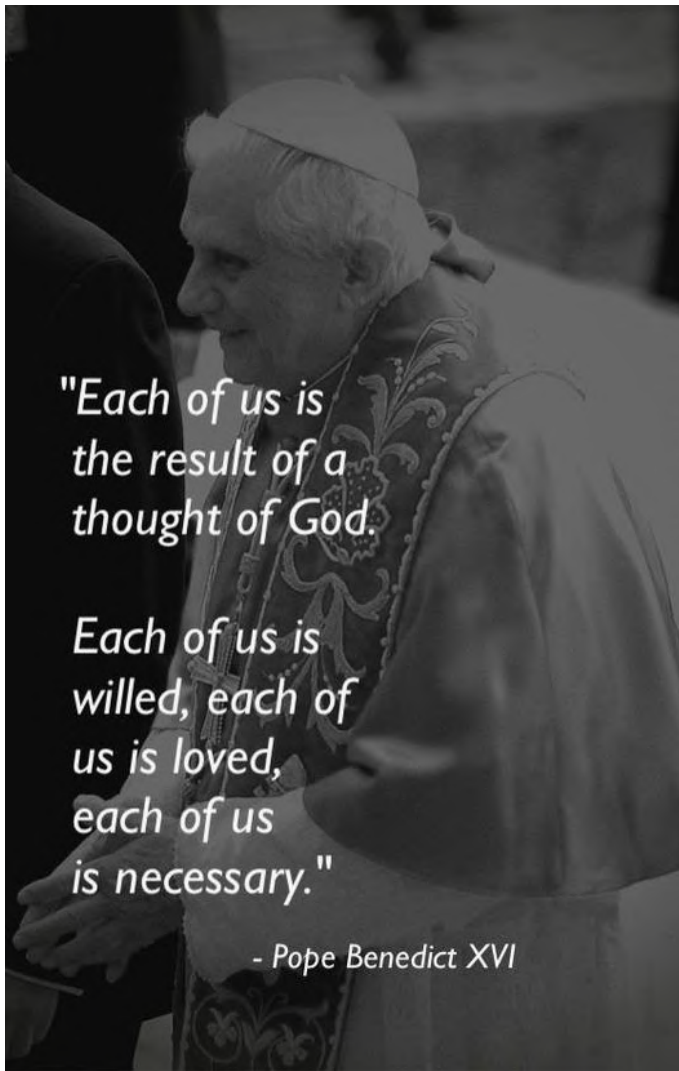
As we begin to prepare for the coming Fall, we are gearing up to resume our in-person Religious Education classes on Sunday, September 13th. As in previous years, our K-8th Grade Classes and Youth Group will meet between the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday. Michelle, our Director of Religious Education, is hard at work to ensure that our classroom environments will follow all diocesan safety precautions related to COVID-19. If you are willing to serve as a Catechist or as a Classroom Assistant, please contact the Parish Office (824-1380) for more information.

Earlier this week, an adjuster from our insurance agent (Catholic Mutual) was on campus to review the roofs on our buildings. Due to the recent storms and high winds, he saw signs of storm damage. While this has not affected the interior of our buildings yet, it is a matter we will want to address to ensure the upkeep of our Church and our other buildings. As my first pastor taught me: "Preventative maintenance is the best kind of maintenance." Once we receive the adjuster's report, I will be reaching out to our Building Board, Parish Council, and Finance Council to see how we as a parish want to proceed with this necessary upkeep. More information to come.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Charlotte Sawyers, Andrea Holte and Tom Williams.



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- Pope Benedict XVI

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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Flowers, mother of Ashley Stinson and Troy Flowers, who passed away Thursday, July 9, 2020.



May God welcome Mary Ann 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.

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
Collections July 11/12 weekend**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,913.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$151.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,330.40
Religious Ed. Fund- \$140.00
Votive Candles- \$54.00
Total- \$5,588.40

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$2,128.33 behind budget for the month of July.

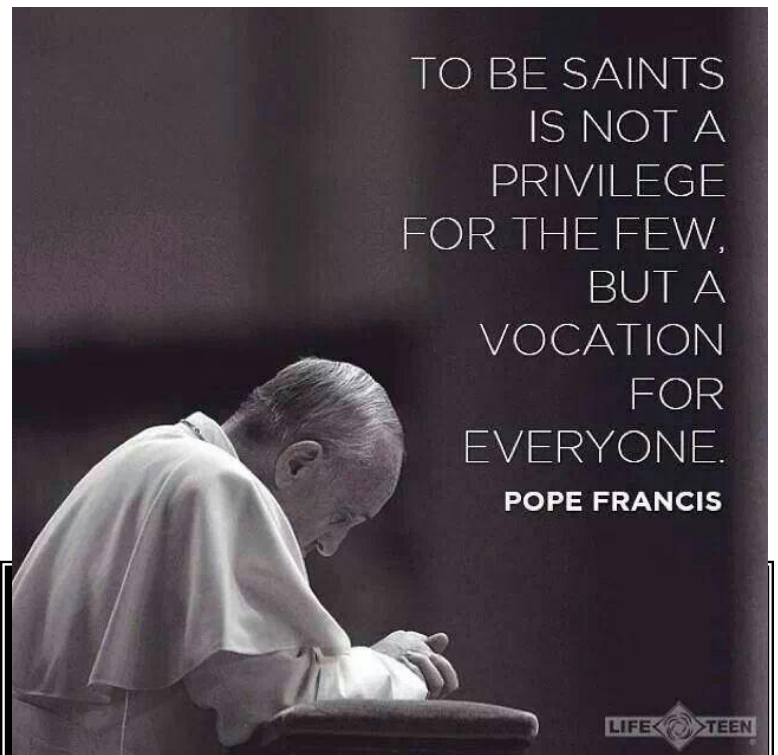
Other Collections within our Parish-
St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$35.00

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

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., July 20 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., July 21 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., July 22 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 23 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., July 24 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., July 25 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., July 25 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., July 27 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., July 28 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., July 29 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 30 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., July 31 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Aug., 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug., 1 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug., 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 3 - No Morning Mass
- Tues., Aug. 4 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 5 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 6 - Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 7 - Mass 5:30 p.m.

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



"Be who God meant you to
be and you will set the
world on fire."

St. Catherine of Siena