

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a people of God, baptized into a community of faith to worship, share, love and work together to attain everlasting life.

We labor to create a caring environment for our children by supporting Catholic education and by demonstrating stable family life.

We cling to our traditions, while being open to changes that will come.

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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St. Joseph Parish

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Saturday, September 16, 2017
Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary TIME

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (September 9)

Adult	2100.00
Jr. Contribution	
Loose	90.00
Candle Money	65.68
Parish Meal	157.00
Unrestricted Out of Parish	40.00
Hurricane Harvey	769.00
Hall Rent	
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	
Retirement for Religious	100.00
Call to Structure	
Retirement Fund for Religious	
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TOTAL	\$ 3,321.68

<u>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
SERVERS:	Isabella Capesius Alaina Bormann	Ethan Marso Caleb Bormann
LECTOR:	Becky Bormann	Brianna Marso
USHERS:	Richard Erpelding Dwight Kohlhaas	Randy Berte Rich Becker
EMCH:	Emily Bormann Don Wagner Ben Marso	Betty Berte Allan Kohlhaas Cassie Marso
MUSIC:	Molly & Scott Bormann	Shelly Kohlhaas
ROSARY:	Al Becker	Don Wagner
GIFT BEARERS:	Mark Bormann	Allan Kohlhaas
MONEY COUNTERS:	S Bleich/K Berte	S Bleich/K Berte
SNOW REMOVAL:		
MASS PREPARERS:	Allan Becker	Allan Becker

PARISH MEAL: The next parish meal will be served on November 4 following Mass. This will be prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus. This will be their annual omelet meal.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: The next CDofA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 @ 6:00 p.m. with the West Bend CDofA. Supper – program – meeting. (Jean Erpelding, Rita Becker)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next KCs will be meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

FUNERALS: The next funeral at St. Joe will be organized by Group 4 – Chair: Alan/Shelly Kohlhaas; Co-chair: Doug/Sandy Marlow

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

need to be placed in the **Sacristy** in the "Bulletin Announcements" box or e-mailed to the St. Joseph computer stjoechurch@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon. If you have any questions please contact Mary Alice Berte 515.320.0881. If you place an announcement in the "Bulletin Announcements" box please note that it **must be signed** in case any questions arise relating to the announcement's content.

Thank you,
Mary Alice Berte

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Sirach 27:30, 28:7. In the verses read today, Sirach tells us that we must forgive our neighbor if we want God to forgive us our own sins. We must be merciful if we hope to obtain mercy from God. We must not seek revenge on a neighbor lest God should take vengeance on us. If we remember our end in life we will keep God's commandments and we will not be angry with a neighbor who offends us. The **second reading** is from the St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9. In these three verses St. Paul emphasizes the fact that through our baptism we have been made members of Christ's mystical body, we have become brothers of Christ, intimately united with him in his death and resurrection. Whether living or dead we belong to Christ. It was for this purpose, to unite all men closely to himself not only in this life but especially in the next, that Christ became man and "dwelt among us." The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 18:21-35. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved." We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million-dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL BEGINS The 2017-2018 annual appeal has begun, *The Church is Always in Need of Renewal!* Our goal this year is \$6239. We reached \$6285 last year. St Joseph gains considerably through this annual appeal. We ask you to be generous. Thank you

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th. If you have anything that you would like the parish council to address please notify Brianna Marso by Friday, September 22nd. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OUTSIDE OF MASS Fr. Ed and Fr. Jeremy have scheduled an evening Mass along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which began in early July. The evening was chosen in order to allow people who work to have an opportunity for adoration along with our retired parishioners. This is what Bishop Nickless said in his 2009 Pastoral Letter about adoration: "Eucharistic Adoration is not, as some have said, a distraction from the central meaning of the Mass, or from the reception of Holy Communion. It is instead a great help and one that I wholeheartedly support and encourage in the parishes of this diocese. Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of our reception of Holy Communion, and brings about a deeper longing and preparation for our next reception. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the Divine Rays of His grace, love and peace. I exhort all communities of the diocese to explore ways of making the Eucharist more central in our lives through periods of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic Processions."

Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, help me know your will for me. Let your light shine in the depths of my heart that I may know what you want me to do with my life. Help me believe that you have a special plan for me. Lord, I know I pass through this life only once; help me decide how you want me to make a difference. Like our Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. Above all give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEK 1 OF 3: EXPOSITION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST *Eucharistic Adoration* The solemn exposition of the Holy Eucharist offers the opportunity to the people of God for prayerful reflection on their call to a deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a more faithful living of the Christian life. It provides them with an opportunity to become more aware of Christ's presence with his people and invites them to a spiritual communion with Him.

ELSIE VIOLA MARSO, daughter of Kevin & Cassie Marso may God's grace and blessings that you received on your baptism, guide you throughout your life. We thank almighty God for the gift of new life. May God the Father, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. Amen

FUNDRAISER BBQ FOR BG HOMECOMING Bishop Garrigan will be having a Pork Patty Fundraiser Meal on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for Homecoming. We will be serving Pork Patty Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies and Bottled Water. The meal is a free will donation with a minimum suggestion of \$7. This meal is sponsored by the Junior Class and funds raised will go towards 2018 After Prom. We will be serving by the concession stand of the football field. If it rains the meal will be moved indoors to Bishop Garrigan's cafeteria.

ST MICHAEL'S DAY BREAKFAST held at St. Michael's Parish Center, Whittemore on Sunday, September 24, 2017 sponsored by St. Michael's Holy Name Members. Serving Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Milk and Coffee. The St. Michael's Rosary Society will be sponsoring a Bake Sale, Quilt Drawing, Table Raffles & Quilts for Sale.

MASS SCHEDULE and LITURGY INTENTIONS

Mon, Sep 18	8:00 a.m.	Gerald Berte
Tues, Sep 19	8:00 a.m.	James Capesius
Wed, Sep 20	8:00 a.m.	Luke T. McGuire
Thurs, Sep 21	5:00 p.m.	Adoration: 5:00 until 6:20 Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 until Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Mass – Lorene Kollasch
Fri, Sep 22	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Sat, Sep 23	4:30 p.m.	St Cecelia Parish
	5:00 p.m.	St Joseph Parish
	5:00 p.m.	Sts Peter & Paul Parish
Sun, Sep 24	7:45 a.m.	St Cecelia Parish
	8:30 a.m.	St Michael Parish
	10:15 am	Sts Peter & Paul Parish
	10:45 am	St Cecelia Parish