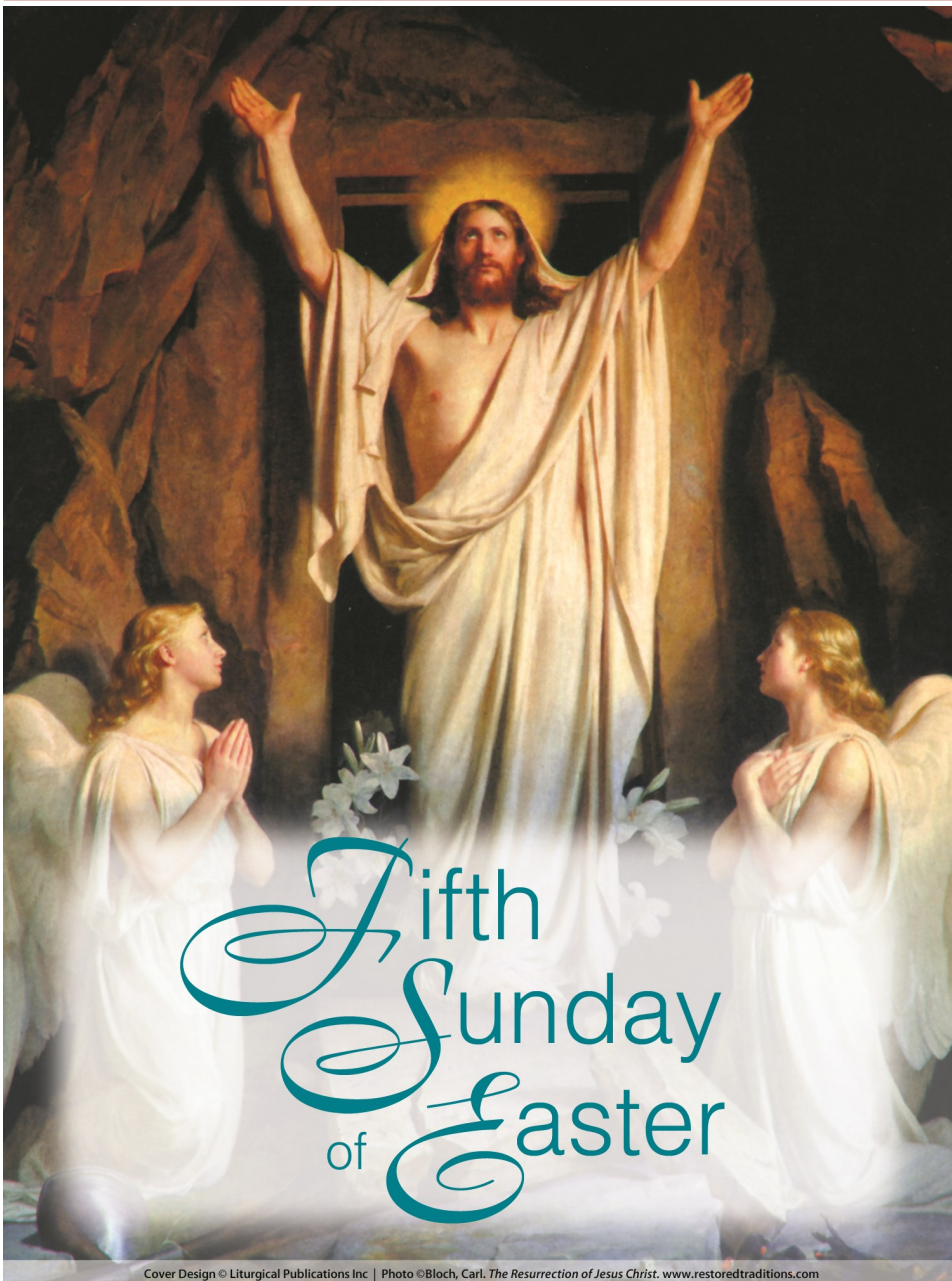


# ST. JOSEPH'S



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### Lord's Day

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:00 am

**Weekday**..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

**Holy Day**..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

### New Parishioners and Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the parish, please contact the office so we may greet you properly. There are also Welcome Packets available in the Gathering Space.

[www.stjoeleb.org](http://www.stjoeleb.org)

# Spiritual Works of Mercy

Kristopher W. Seaman

Recently, a friend and fellow student, whom I will call Ciara, was having a quite emotional day. Her son was recovering from an addiction. Before beginning on his path to recovery, he led a difficult and significant struggle in which he lost his faith, his freedom, and his connections to friends because of a reliance on particular substances. He had, basically, turned into someone others were not willing to be around. His mother, on the other hand, could not give up on her son; Ciara said that only through unconditional love could she have the patience, determination, and strength to help him turn to recovery. Not only did Ciara display mercy, but she helped him find mercy toward himself.

Pope Francis, in his declaration on the Year of Mercy (*Miserecordiae Vultus* or *The Face of Mercy*), invites us to focus on the spiritual works of mercy. He states:

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. . . . And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead. (15)

Consistently, Pope Francis has emphasized that disciples' hearts need to be filled with mercy. These hearts not only need to show mercy, but must be open to receiving mercy from God and others. Ciara embodied the spiritual works of mercy. Her son's recovery included her praying with him, inviting him to discover again his dependence on God's mercy. She comforted him in the pain that comes with going through recovery, of regaining some freedom from dependence on substances. She forgave his past behavior toward her, his brothers, and father. She patiently lived out many of the spiritual works of mercy. Perhaps the most difficult part of this period was witnessing her son's inability to show mercy toward himself, after gains in his recovery. Through prayer, his mother's witness, as well as time, he began to forgive himself. Why is living in and from the spiritual works of mercy necessary for disciples?

Such a way of living, Pope Francis states, recognizes Christ present in the suffering:

We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: . . . we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; . . . if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these "little ones," Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled . . . to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: "as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love." (15)

These challenging words remind us that mercy is living from God's gift of love by loving God and one another, particularly those who need God's love shone through our hearts. Love does not need to be as demanding and extraordinary as Ciara's, but it needs to be lived out daily.

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# Stewardship & Administration

## Parish Finance Council

Ron Lind (Chair), George Anichini, Dan Lamar, Jon Lehmkuhler, Michelle Marietta, Ron Morelock, Jeff Newman, Michele Thomas

## Financial Stewardship

Last Week Envelopes .....	\$6,364.00
Electronic Giving .....	3,684.00
Youth Envelopes .....	16.00
Last Week Loose.....	543.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,607.00</b>
Weekly Budget.....	\$9,900.00
YTD Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$148,500.00
YTD Weekly Collection Actual.....	\$163,838.18

*Thanks for your good stewardship.*



## Stewardship of Our Youth

### My good deed was....

"I cleaned my room A LOT!!!" - Rex

"I helped someone up who fell at soccer practice." - Kane

"Helping my gym teacher organize the closet." - Sofia

"I watched baby brothers." - Blake

"Unloading & loading the dishes." - Lauren

"I played with baby brother." - Lucas

## Stewardship Prayer Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

## Online Giving

Our parish offers another option for contribution to the church. Online Giving, provided by Our Sunday Visitor, is available for those who would like to make donations online. Please prayerfully consider Online Giving and visit the link on our parish website, [www.stjoeleb.org](http://www.stjoeleb.org).

## Collection For Shalom Kids Lunch

There will be a second collection at all Masses the weekends of April 31-May 1 and May 7-8 for the Shalom Kids Lunch Program for this summer. St. Joseph will provide lunches for those in need the week of June 27. Lunch assembly will take place after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 26. Please be generous!

## Flocknote Update

Good News! Flocknote has upgraded our network with some great new features and changes. Please be aware that when you log in to Flocknote, the site will look different. If you have issues logging in to Flocknote, try the web address: [www.new.flocknote.com](http://www.new.flocknote.com). Please note that previous private messages are no longer be accessible.

## Fruitful Harvest Update

Many thanks for your continued support to the 2014 Fruitful Harvest campaign through prayer and pledges. Your pledges to Fruitful Harvest help support the central ministries of our diocese. In the fall of 2014, you pledged \$288,342.87. As of March 31, 2016 \$222,161.86 has been paid. 50% of all pledges paid over the parish goal of \$127,724.00 will be returned to the parish. All pledges should be paid in full by August 2016.

# Formation

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:40 am  
May 1 Last Class

### Middle School Youth Group

Sundays from 9:30–10:40 am in the St. Aloysius Room  
May 1 Last Class

## LIFE TEEN High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the St. Gregory Room

April 24	Faith—Our response to God
May 1	Pre Confirmation at 11-2 pm
May 1	Mary

## Adult Formation

Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

## Come and See” Inquiry into the Catholic Faith

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How does the Catholic Church help people to follow Jesus in everyday life? Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our faith community...or would you just like to ask some questions? Then you are invited to “come and see” inquiry into the Catholic faith, which is held in the St. Aloysius Room on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. For more information, you may call the Parish Office (765-482-5558).

## Young Adults

The Young Adults bible study group for those 19-40 years of age meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Sr. Mary Ignatia Room. In the event of a holiday or Holy Day, the meeting will begin at 7:45 pm. Enter the church building at the South St. entrance. Please bring your bible. Snacks will be provided. Please call Cayla Knox at 765-481-0224 with questions.

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School will be held June 6 - June 10 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Many volunteers are needed to bring Jesus to the young people through song, crafts, prayer and games. Please email [religioused@stjoleb.org](mailto:religioused@stjoleb.org) to volunteer. A sign-up sheet will also be in the Gathering Space on April 23-24 and April 30-May 1 for volunteers. Children ages 3 years old thru 5th grade are encouraged to participate.

## 2016/17 First Sacrament Parent Meeting

A First Sacrament parent information meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall for those parents of children who are currently in 1st - 3rd grades. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline at the Parish Office or email [religioused@stjoleb.org](mailto:religioused@stjoleb.org).

## May Crowning

May Crowning will be held on May 1, 2016 during the 11:00 am Mass. First Communicants, please wear your First Communion attire.

## Confirmation Preparation

A pre-confirmation session will be held on May 1 beginning with 11:00 am Mass for all those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2017. If you are not attending Middle School Group or Life Teen please attend this session in order to be prepared for next year. If you are unable to attend, please contact Norma in the Parish Office.

# Outreach

## Pro-Life Corner

Please pray the following prayer every day for an end to abortion and for the unborn babies... *“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”*

**-Prayer of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

## Pro-Life Notes

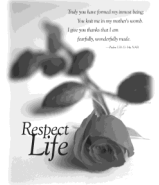
“When, as today, there is a market in human organs, when fetuses are produced to make spare organs available, or to make progress in research and preventive medicine, many regard the human content of these practices as implicit. But the contempt for man that underlies it, when man is used and abused leads—like it or not—to a descent into hell.” Pope Benedict XVI

## Post-Abortion Healing & Reconciliation

Project Rachael, a post-abortion healing ministry, offers confidential and skilled help. Call 1-877-522-3300.

## Did You Know?

There are several people who go each Friday to abortion clinics to pray? If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the Parish Office.



## St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution

Easter continues with the blessings of the season lasting all year. The time and effort of volunteers makes the entire food distribution program run smoothly. Consider giving of your time and talent. The distributions take place every first and third Saturday. Set-up begins at 8:00 am with the distribution starting at 10:00 am. Mass begins at 9:00 am. You must have completed Safe and Sacred before volunteering.

## Eyeglass Collection

The Outreach Committee is still collecting eyeglasses to be given to help the Lion's Club Recycle for Sight Project. A collection box is in the Parish Office.

## Hospital/Shut-in Visitation

Do you know someone who is hospitalized or ill in the community who would like a friendly visitor? The Outreach Committee wants to make sure our parish is reaching out to people during this stressful time. If you know someone who would like a visitor, please contact Willie O'Bryan or the Parish Office so we can serve those in need.

# Parish Life

## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets will be offered again this year by the Legion of Mary after all Masses the weekends of April 23 - 24 and April 30 - May 1.

## Pictorial Directory

This fall we will be assembling our new 2016 pictorial directory. If you have event pictures you would like to share, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office. Along with receiving the pictorial directory, you will receive an 8X10 photo or 9 wallet pictures just by having your portrait taken. Please plan on having your portrait taken, so we can have 100% participation.

# Worship

## Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a,  
34-35

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7,  
16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-  
31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-  
17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv  
21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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## This Week in the Parish

### Monday, April 25 • Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer  
6:00 pm Mass for †Joanne Marini (J & M Erskine)  
7:00 pm "Come & See" Inquiry in St. Aloysius Room  
7:00 pm Young Adult in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

### Tuesday, April 26

10:00 am Mass for †Rosemary Shubert (M & B Flynn)  
at Homewood  
1:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

### Wednesday, April 27

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer  
12:00 pm Mass for †Felix & †Danny Wethington (A, M & K)  
Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 3:00 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass

### Thursday, April 28 • Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Mass for †Larry Riggins (K Metzger)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass  
7:00 pm Cursillo in St. Aloysius Room

### Friday, April 29 • Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer  
8:00 am Mass for †Lawrence Doherty (St. Joseph Parish)

### Saturday, April 30 • Saint Pius V, Pope

9:00 am Mass for †Joan Silvis (T & ME Kelly)  
4:00 pm Rosary  
4:30 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass for †Judy Psikula (St. Joseph Parish)  
Second Collection for Shalom Kids Lunch  
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets offered after Mass

### Sunday, May 1 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Second Collection for Shalom Kids Lunch at both Masses  
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets offered after both Masses  
8:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Charles Susong (M Maloz)  
9:30 am Religious Education & Middle School Youth Ministry in Classrooms  
9:30 am Adult Faith Formation in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room  
9:45 am 2016/17 First Sacraments Parent Information Meeting in Parish Hall  
11:00 am Lord's Day Mass for St. Joseph Parishioners  
May Crowning during Mass  
11:00 am Pre Confirmation Session begins with Mass then continues in St. Gregory Room  
6:00 pm Life Teen in St. Gregory Room

# Worship

**Pray For...**Celeste Trippel, Ross Neese, Ada Hawkins, John Ackerman, Emily Stasser, Ed Keller, JoAnn Gates, Joseph Bart McAtee, Paul Kayson, Joleen Schwier-Walker



If you have someone you would like the parish to pray for, please ask for their permission, and then contact the Parish Office or place a note in the collection basket. We will include their name in this box for a period of one month.

If a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 482-5558 to arrange for Communion to be brought to them. Thank you.

## Area News

### Information Night for ELM

The Ecclesial Lay Ministry Program (ELM) engages discerning Catholic adults through participation in a formation experience comprised of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral elements designed to respond to their call to holiness and Church leadership in ministry. You are cordially invited to join the Pastoral Office for Catechesis for an ELM Information Night on Thursday, July 28, 7:00-8:30 pm, Our Lady of Grace Church Community Room, Noblesville. For more information, contact Dr. Anne D. Roat at (765)269-4653 or aroat@dol-in.org.

### Catholic Radio Golf Outing

It's time to mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 for Catholic Radio's Annual Golf Outing. They will be hosting the event at Plum Creek Golf Club in Carmel. Registration starts at 10:00 am, Mass at 11:00 am, an All American Buffet lunch at 11:30 am, and a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Beverage carts will be zipping around the course with complimentary drinks and snacks. After golf, dinner will be provided by Sullivan's Steak House. They will have prizes and plenty of fun during and after dinner. For information about the golf outing and sponsorship opportunities, contact Barb at 317-870-8400 or email Barb@CatholicRadioIndy.org.

### Mother's Day Brunch at the Woods

Come celebrate the Mother's Brunch on Sunday, May 8 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at St. Mary of the Woods. Enjoy this special Sunday Brunch with an extended menu in the elegant O'Shaughnessy Dining Room at the Providence Spirituality & Conference Center. For more information call 812-535-2952 or email provctr@spsmw.org.

### Legion of Mary Novena

The next Novena will begin on Friday, April 29. If you have a special intention that you would like to have included, please complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Intention(s) \_\_\_\_\_

You may turn in your intention at the office or place it in the collection basket before April 26.