

Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 1, 2016



ST. JOSEPH'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday Mass Schedule

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.

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Acting as a People of Mercy

Stewardship & Administration

Dear Friends,

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.” So began Pope Francis’ announcement of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. We began this time in the Church on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

How can our families participate in the Year of Mercy? The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) offers a pattern of mercy that all of us can emulate.

In the story, a traveler is beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Two people from his community pass, but they do not help. Then, a Samaritan—the enemy—sees his plight. The Samaritan takes the wounded person to an inn and pays for his care.

What does the pattern of this parable reveal about being people of mercy?

First, like the Samaritan, we must see the one who is in need of mercy in a way that allows the degree of the individual’s need to stir our hearts. Not long ago, I passed a young woman at an exit ramp of a local highway. She held a sign asking for money for diapers and other necessities. While part of me was skeptical (how did I know she wouldn’t use the money for drugs or alcohol?), I gave her some cash on the chance that her need was real. Perhaps you, like me, see people who are in need but find yourself hesitating to get involved.

Second, we have to let ourselves feel something about the person’s predicament. The Samaritan “was moved with compassion at the sight.” His focus was on the person in need. To be compassionate is to “feel with,” an essential step in mercy. Often, people around us are struggling. We may find ourselves tired of trying to understand their problems or grief.

Finally, to be people of mercy, we must respond. The Samaritan goes to the battered man, cares for his wounds, and takes him to a place of safety. The Samaritan uses his resources to make a difference. How are we involved as a family in works of justice and care in our community? Are we part of any ministry our parish offers? In what ways are we of service to others?

At a family dinner ask, “Who are the people we don’t see? How could we take action on behalf of those in need?” The prophet Micah said it so well, thousands of years ago: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

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

Financial Stewardship

Last Week Envelopes	\$7,516.00
Electronic Giving	2,230.00
Youth Envelopes	8.50
Last Week Loose.....	243.00
Total	\$9,998.20
Weekly Budget.....	\$9,900.00
YTD Weekly Collection Budget	\$158,400.00
YTD Weekly Collection Actual.....	\$173,836.35



Thanks for your good stewardship.

Stewardship of Our Youth

My good deed was....

“I cleaned up my brother’s toys.” - Lucas & Blake

“Folding laundry.” - Lauren

“I gave some of my toys to a boy who didn’t have any.” - Kane

“Cleaning up the living room.” - Sofia

“I helped till the garden” - Burke

“I helped weed the mulch.” - Graham

“I helped my friend go to the nurse when he got hurt at school.” - Rex

Stewardship Prayer Corner

Today’s reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. “But” the bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us, “that ‘life to come’ is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.”

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. The collection will help with the purchase of the food for the lunches. We will pack the lunches Sunday, June 26 after the 8:00 am Mass and transport them to LOVE, Inc. to be distributed to the sites on Monday, June 27. We will need lunches for 450-475 children for 5 days, meaning 2,270-2,375 lunches. Please be generous with your donations and your time on June 26!



... Absent from the body ...
Present with the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jo Anna Everett, mother of Nadine Hammerle, who passed away April 17, 2016. May she rest in peace, and may her family and loved ones be comforted during this difficult time.

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

May 1 "Why am I here?"
May 1 Mary, Mother of God
May 8 No Life Teen/Mother's Day

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).

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 religiously@stjoleb.org to volunteer. A sign-up sheet will also be in the Gathering Space on 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 religiously@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.

Religious Education

This weekend will complete this year's Religious Education classes. Please watch the bulletin for the registration date for this next year's classes of Religious Education for the 2016/17 year for children 3 years old thru 8th grade .

Graduating High School Seniors

If you did not receive an invitation to celebrate your graduation, please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Wednesday, May 11. We want to include you and your family in a blessing at the 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch on Sunday, May 15.

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

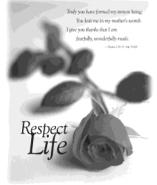
"A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia."
Pope Benedict XVI

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

Until the beginning of Advent you will see the following announcement asking for donations for the poor: **ORDINARY ITEMS FOR ORDINARY TIME**, For the month of May, the collection item is toilet paper. The collection box is in the Gather Space.

Parish Life

First Friday Breakfast

All are invited to the First Friday Pitch-in Breakfast following the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, May 6 in the Parish Hall. Please join us for good food & fellowship.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

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

Mother's Day Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be honoring all mothers with a breakfast on Sunday, May 8, following the 8:00 am Mass. All are invited as we have witnessed "our Knights" are very good cooks!

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus have organized the Bloodmobile to be at S. Joseph's on May 15 from 8:30 am–12:30 pm in the parking lot. Thank you to all who give the gift of life.

Kitchen News

If your ministry uses the parish kitchen, please help with the spring cleaning. Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 am to noon. All ministries are asked to pitch in to reorganize and clean the pantry and kitchen. The more helping, the quicker we will have our kitchen in shape to celebrate the next function. For questions, please contact Michele Sapp or the Parish Office.

Worship

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53



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This Week in the Parish

Monday, May 2 • Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
- 8:00 pm Special Intentions (BC)
- 7:00 pm "Come & See" Inquiry in St. Aloysius Room
- 7:00 pm Young Adults in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 3 • Saints Philip and James, Apostles

- 10:00 am Mass for †Mary Miller (S O'Neal) at Parkwood
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

Wednesday, May 4

- 9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
- 12:00 pm Mass for †Avery Sheets (M & S Milewski)
Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 3:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass

Thursday, May 5

- 9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am Mass for †Ray Kubiak (A Simoniatist)
- 10:30 am Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm Cursillo in St. Aloysius Room

Friday, May 6

- 7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
- 8:00 am Mass for John McCall (St. Joseph Parish)
- 9:00 am First Friday Breakfast in Parish Hall
- 9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 8:00 am

Saturday, May 7

- 9:00 am Mass for Novena Intentions (Legion of Mary)
- 10:00-10:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution in Parish Hall
- 1:30 pm Nieves 25th Anniversary Celebration in Church
- 4:00 pm Rosary
- 4:30 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass for Living & Deceased Mothers
Second Collection for Shalom Kids Lunch

Sunday, May 8 • Ascension of the Lord

- Second Collection for Shalom Kids Lunch at both Masses
- 8:00 am Lord's Day Mass for Living & Deceased Mothers
- 9:00 am Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast in Parish Hall
- 11:00 am Lord's Day Mass for Living & Deceased Mothers

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.

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Thank you for your generosity in remembering the Sisters through your financial assistance. Your donation of \$1,000 is deeply appreciated.

We are grateful for your contribution to the mission—especially as the Sisters rely on this assistance to provide support for formation, education, retirement and other operational needs. Through the goodness of our friends and benefactors, the Sisters are working to expand their teaching apostolate to reach and form more children in the Catholic faith.

Please know that the Sisters remember you and your intentions each Friday in their prayers.

Area News

Taize Prayer at the Woods

This service will be on May 10, 2016, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The hour-long service includes prayer, simple beautiful music, a time for silence and Scripture reading. Songs are sung many times over as a prayer of the heart. This quiet and reflective time is peaceful as well as joyful. All faith traditions are welcome in the candle-lit glow of the church. For more information please call 812-535-2932 Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

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. 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.

Seton Women's Club Spring Luncheon

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Women would like to invite women to their fashion show & luncheon on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Bridgewater Club, 161st Street and Carey Road, Carmel, IN. For more information or reservations please call 317-846-3850.