



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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August 23, 2020
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Martin's Clothes Closet:

Closed until further notice

Mary Lou DeWitt-P: (260)357-0382

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

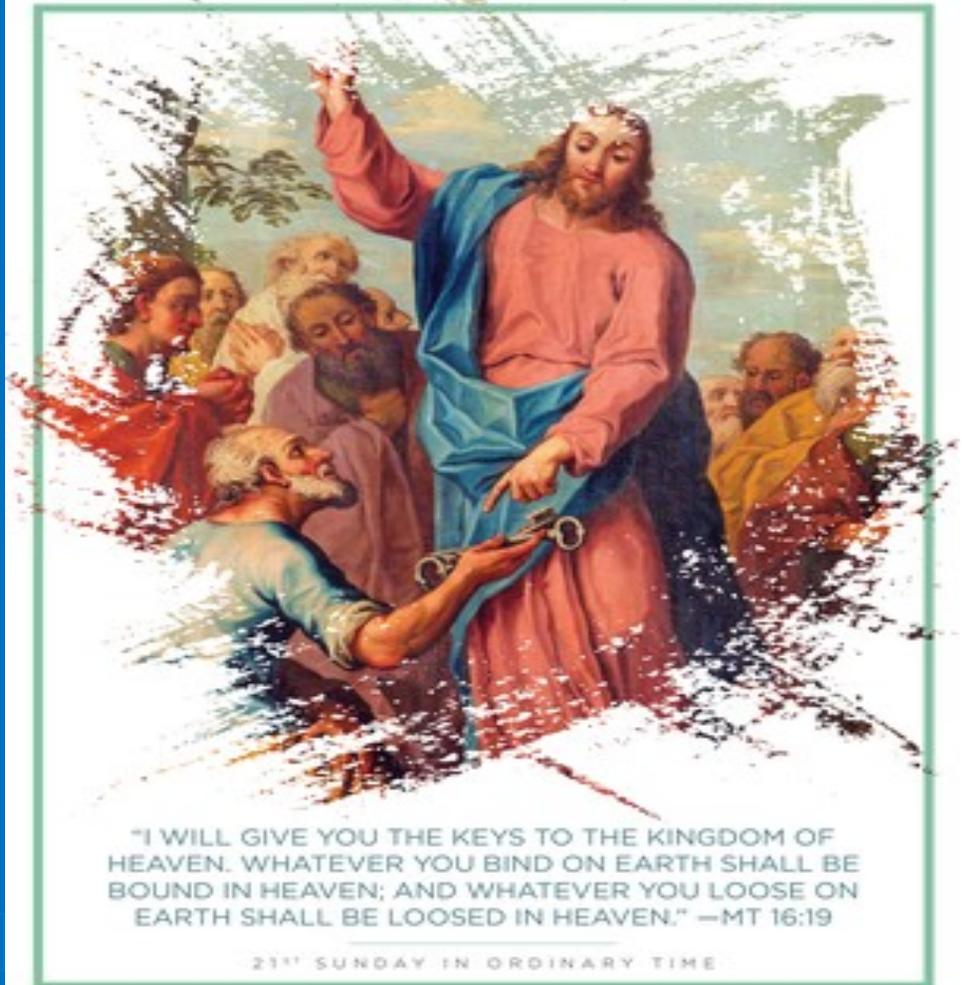
Thursday: 6:00 p.m.

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 9-9:30 a.m.

Please remember: Face masks MUST be worn by all attendees with the exception of infants, toddlers and adults with breathing assistance equipment.



Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is a community of God's people. We, as a faith-filled community, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, worship the Father by imitating the Son.

We reach out to all people by evangelizing through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy for the dignity of all human life. By our daily proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the sacraments, addressing our spiritual, social and educational needs, we shine with the love of Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 24, 2020

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Anna Muzillo

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Julia Iannetti

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Christine Fuller

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Saint Monica

6:00 p.m. John and Dorothy Shafer

Friday, August 28, 2020

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Judy Kovara

Saturday, August 29, 2020

The Pasion of Saint John the Baptist

4:30 p.m. Dr. Charles and Joan Novy

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:30 a.m. Norm and Ruth Conkle

*Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us!
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.*

Saturday, August 29—4:30 p.m.

EMHC: Theresa Charles, Jeanne Porter

Hospitality Ministers: Tim and Sue Marshall

Lector: Jeanne Porter

Musicians: Tom Novy, Geri Boyden

Sunday, August 30, 8:00 a.m.

EMHC: Candy Hofferan, Steve Urbine

Hospitality Ministers: Chris and Kara Stevens

Lector: Care Urbine

Musicians: Doug Sarrazine, Danielle Sarrazine

Sunday, August 30, 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Angie Johnson, Butch Johnson

Hospitality Ministers: Lucas and Melissa Fielden

Lector: Nick Miller

Musicians: Kitty Miller, Phil Rumschlag



Parish Contacts

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Prayer Line: Mary Rose Kimmel, (260)357-0360 to activate.



St Matthew's gospel for this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time finds Jesus in the north of Israel, near the border with Lebanon today. For nearly 300 years the Greeks had a shrine here to the pagan god Pan. The Greeks, calling the town nearby Banas, offered sacrifices of human infants to Pan. When the Romans conquered Palestine, they shut down the shrine and renamed the place Caesarea Philippi (named after Caesar and Alexander the Great's father, Philip, King of Macedonia). Having been with His disciples for some time now, instructing them concerning His Father's kingdom, He brings them here to Caesarea Philippi, a sort of divine place of pagan gods and kings, to elicit a profession of faith in Him from them.

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Son of Man is a traditional Jewish name for the Messiah they expected to come to restore the kingdom of Israel. Undoubtedly He has been instructing them about His identity and they have been moving in the direction of seeing Him as the Messiah. They answer John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or another of the prophets...that is what the people are saying. Then the big question: "But who do you say that I am?" Now it is personal, now it is the Master asking the disciple. It is the leader, Simon Peter (Simon, his Jewish name and Peter, his Greek name from Jesus, a name which means rock) who answers for all. Note this declaration of faith! Simon says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Read, you are the Messiah, the very Son of God Himself. A profound act of faith in Jesus.

It is the question that each of us must answer, too. We disciples have been "walking" with Jesus for some time now. So, who do you say He is? It is important to answer because it determines our relationship to Him, our personal love relationship that He desires with each of us. Is He a Scary Judge, a Heavenly Policeman, a Remote Diety? Or perhaps a Feel-Good-Smiley-Face? Or is He as He told us, the personal and communal Son of God, our Savior, our direct connection to His Father, Our Creator. Our God who calls us to share in His life, and to share in it abundantly, overflowing grace upon grace, blessing upon blessing, here and hereafter. Who do you say that He is? It is a matter of faith. St Joseph, pray for us!

Fr Jim

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A statement from the five Indiana bishops: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in the COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise"

**Contributions August 16, 2020
\$6376.00**

Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Church. If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider mailing your envelopes to the parish office.

LIVE STREAM MASS

Every week we will live stream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. For those that cannot yet attend Mass in church, please join us on Facebook @St. Joseph Catholic Church Garrett to participate in Mass with Father Jim.

Also, you can watch the recorded version of the Sunday Mass anytime after noon on Sunday on our Parish website which is stjosephgarrett.com.



Next weekend is the 5th Sunday of the month and we will be taking a collection for the Women's Care Center. Please use either a pink 'women's care envelope' provided in the pews or your own envelope noting that the offering is for this collection. All gifts should be placed in the collection box in the back or south entrance of the Church. You can also mail your offering to the parish center or drop it off during office hours. Thank you for your generosity to this organization.



Thank you to all who generously gave to our annual mission. Because of you we were able to raise \$1745 for the Foundation for Children in Need.



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

WHY ARE ONLY MEN ALLOWED TO BE PRIESTS OR DEACONS IN THE CHURCH?

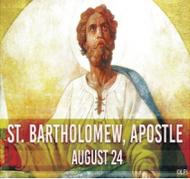
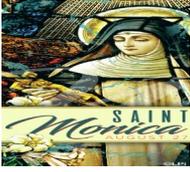
One of the most debated and—in some circles—contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotialis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that "the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church's faithful". This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a "definite response" to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

Upcoming Events: Week of August 24—August 30, 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. MASS	8:30 a.m. MASS	8:30 a.m. MASS	6:00 p.m. MASS	8:30 a.m. MASS	4:30 p.m. MASS	8:00 a.m. MASS
 <p>ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AUGUST 24</p>			 <p>SAINT <i>Monica</i></p>		CONFESSION 9:00-9:30 a.m.  <p><i>The Passion of</i> ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</p>	10:30 a.m. MASS