



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Father James Shafer, Pastor

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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Parish Office

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St. Martin's Soup Kitchen

H: Monday and Thursday 4 p.m. -6 p.m.

Pat Wiant, P: (260) 357-4765

St. Martin's Clothes Closet:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon,

Thursday 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

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

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

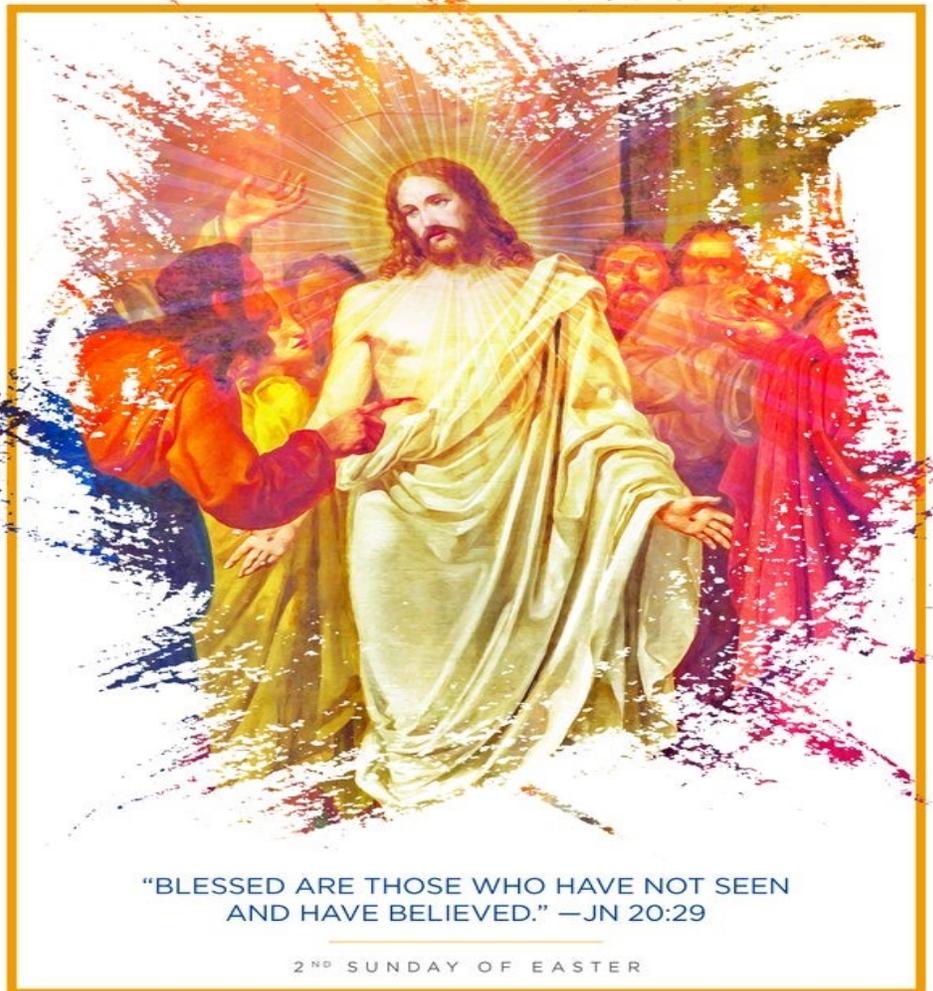
Thursday: 6:00 p.m.

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.



"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED." —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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, April 12, 2021

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Robert and Barbara Hedges

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Lennart

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Chuck Darrow

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Easter Weekday

6:00 p.m. Andrew Heimann

Friday, April 16, 2021

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Charles and Marguerite

Quattlebaum

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Easter Weekday

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for 50th Anniversary—Scott and Cande Bishop

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Cletus Heimann

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us!

Saturday, April 17—7:30 p.m.

EMHC: Chuck Ostman, John Blomeke

Hospitality Ministers: Tim and Sue Marshall

Lector: Jeanne Porter

Musicians: Kitty Miller, Geri Boyden

Sunday, April 18— 8:00 a.m.

EMHC: Steve Urbine, Barb Moyer

Hospitality Ministers: Paul and Bridge Beber

Lector: Sandi Wilcox

Musicians: Doug Sarrazine, Care Urbine

Sunday, April 18— 10:30 a.m.

EMHC: Chrissy DePew, Mary Ellen Johnson

Hospitality Ministers: Carlas and Amanda Hinkle

Lector: Brad Johnson

Musicians: Kitty Miller, Kathy Johnson

Parish Contacts

Finance Council: Sandi Wilcox, swilcox@co.dekalb.in.us

Liturgical Music: Kit Miller, (260) 402-1643

Communion for the Homebound: (260) 357-3122

Building & Grounds: Dave DeKoninck, 570-6802

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



It is the Octave day of Easter. This feast is so important in the liturgy of the Church, that like Christmas, the Church celebrates it for eight days, an octave. It is the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also now named Divine Mercy Sunday by St Pope John Paul II. In one of the visions of St Faustina, Jesus declared this celebration to be one of Divine Mercy...and it is.

The gospel for today is the reason for the designation. It was the first day of the week after His crucifixion...they are a mess, grieving their loss, doubting their future and very low in spirit, they huddled in anguish. And He came. Right in the midst of their suffering...He stands in their midst...He speaks words that must have blown them away. "Peace be with you." Not exactly what I would have said—where were you, cowards, why did you desert me, after all I did for you and so on. No scolding, no recriminations. A second time He says "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Breathing on them, He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them...". Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not what we would think they deserved, but what He and the Father in the Spirit wanted to teach them. He came to give peace, not blame. He loved them with a love beyond all telling. Not only did He forgive them, He empowered them to forgive others in His Name. All we have to do is let Him forgive and heal us. We have the power to open the floodgates of Mercy. But, do we believe it...do we allow Him to forgive us?

At the Easter Vigil last week, Justin Weber and Jason Magnuson were baptized. Michelle Isham and Nolan Sharlach were received into Full Communion with the Church. Then all of them along with Madison Magnuson and Bonnie Novy received the Sacrament of Confirmation. And all of them along with Lucas Magnuson made their First Holy Communion. Grace upon grace flowing out in our community of St Joseph. How blessed we are indeed! St Joseph, pray for us.
Fr Jim



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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 THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



**CATHOLIC
QUESTIONS**

**WHY HAVEN'T CATHOLIC CHURCHES GONE
THE WAY OF DISPOSABLE CUPS FOR WINE
DISTRIBUTION?**

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious...they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material". Rather than being a commentary of the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord.



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.



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

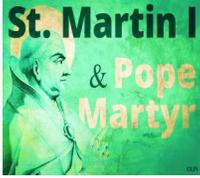
APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Learn more: diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse

THE MARRIAGE COURSE ONLINE

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Based on a film series featuring "regular" couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free eight-week program will take place online over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 PM from April 13 through June 1. There is no group discussion, but rather, time built right into each session for you and your spouse to discuss the topic in the privacy of your own home using prompts from the Marriage Course journal. For more information and to register, visit diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course.

Upcoming Events: Week of April 12—April 18, 2021

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 Confessions 9:00-9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. MASS 10:30 a.m. MASS