

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm ~ Sunday 8 and 10:30 am

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 7:00 am

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the family of St. Joseph Parish, redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection and strengthened by His sacraments and Gospel, accept our calling to follow Him and let His light shine through us to all.*

### PARISH OFFICE ~ SUMMER HOURS ~

Monday-Thursday  
9 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 9 am - Noon

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve,  
"Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered him,  
"Master, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of  
eternal life. We have come to  
believe and are convinced  
that you are the Holy One  
of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.



In preparation for our **"Re-Opening" Celebration** on **Sunday, September 19**, our Welcome Home Committee has put together a "Welcome Home Packet". They would like each family to take home their packet and participate in the activity included inside the envelope. Please pick up your packet today! The packets are located on tables in the back of the church, in alphabetical order.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 5 PM**

†Living and deceased members of John H. and Helena O'Hara families

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

**8:00 AM** Our Parishioners

**10:30 AM** †Wanda, †Henry, †Hank and

†Gary Wroblewski

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 7 AM**

Communion Service

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 7 AM**

†Jacob, †Dorothy, †Jacob Eugene, †Kyle,

†Jacob Ryan, †Steve and †Dolores Knupp

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 7 AM**

†Arnold Sass

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 7 AM**

†Ruby Plantinga

**FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 7 AM**

†Joan Sofakos

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 5 PM**

Bob and Christine Duba

†Joan Sofakos

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

**8:00 AM** Our Parishioners

**10:30 AM** †Winnie, †Bob, †Barb and

†Bill Boudreau

St. Joseph Choir and their families

*Please remember St. Joseph Church in your will.  
Contact Fr. Thomas for information on how  
you can include St. Joseph Church.*

**SACRAMENTS****RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by appointment

**BAPTISM** - Please call the church office to schedule.

**MARRIAGE**

Preparations must begin six months **before** the date of marriage. If a previous marriage was entered into by either party, the time frame may be longer than six months.



## Join Family and Friends to PRAY THE ROSARY



**WEEKDAYS AFTER MORNING MASS**

**SATURDAYS AT 4:25 PM**

**SUNDAYS AT 7:25 AM & 10:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 PM AT GROTTO**

WEATHER PERMITTING

**MASS ONLINE**

Our weekend Online Mass can be viewed live on Sundays at 8:00 am or you can watch the recorded version anytime during the week after 9:00 am on Sundays. The Mass can be found on our Facebook page or there is a link on our website.

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**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Greeters	Cleaners
<b>Saturday, Aug. 28 5:00 PM</b>	Phyllis Kincs	Diane Haltom	Sandie Wilson Kay Jurica Cheryl Olshefski Tom Olshefski	S. Wilson, C. & T. Olshefski  <b>RECONCILIATION</b> Chuck Gricius
<b>Sunday, Aug. 29 8:00 AM</b>	Fred LeSage	Diane Rewerts	Fred LoBue Reece Rewerts Jerry Rewerts Camden Rewerts	
<b>Sunday, Aug. 29 10:30 AM</b>	Paula Jett	Tricia Dotson Rhea Hespen	Jack Boudreau Diane Boudreau Joe Hope Marc Denault	Todd Crockett Brandon Crockett Ryan Crockett

## *From the Pastor*

“It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh cannot help. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” Through these words Jesus speaks about his resurrection to the Jews who refused to accept his doctrine on the Eucharist. By this the Lord wants us to understand that we should not have a purely materialistic way of approaching the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the body or flesh of Christ; but it is also the body of the risen Lord transformed by the Spirit; it is the spiritual and glorified body of Christ that acts in us spiritually, unites us with God, and thereby endows us with divine life. Therefore, the Sacrament of the Eucharist becomes an effective means of communicating eternal life to us because of Jesus’ words and his Spirit.

Many of his listeners find the Eucharistic mystery completely incomprehensible. Jesus Christ requires his disciples to accept his words. That is what the supernatural act of faith involves. That act “whereby, inspired and assisted by the grace of God, we believe that the things which he has revealed are true; not because of the intrinsic truth of the things, viewed by the natural light of reason, but because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, and who can neither be deceived nor deceive” (Vatican I, *Dei Filius*, chap. 3).

When the Jews and even many disciples find it difficult to accept Jesus’ teaching and walk out on him, Peter confesses the true faith, in the name of those who remained. A true disciple of Jesus is the one who discovers in the person of Jesus and in his teaching the words of eternal life, and who clings on to Jesus forever.

Jesus says that we cannot accept this mystery if we think of it in a very human way, in other words, by just seeking to indulge our senses or having too earthbound a view of things. Only someone who listens to his words and receives them as God’s revelation, which is “spirit and life”, is in a position to accept them.

Jesus had outlined a wonderful and salvific truth, but those disciples closed themselves to divine grace; they were not ready to accept anything which went beyond their very limited horizons. The mystery of the Eucharist does call for a special act of faith. St John Chrysostom therefore advised Christians: “Let us in everything believe God, and gainsay him in nothing, though what is said be contrary to our thoughts and senses. Let us act likewise in respect to the Eucharistic mysteries, not looking at the things set before us, but keeping in mind his words. For his word cannot deceive” (St. John Chrysostom, *Hom. on St Matthew*, 82).

Staying with Jesus is always a decision. The disciples who left could not hack the consciousness shift. They were not ready to eat the food that the “bread” who “came down from heaven” had prepared. Then twelve stayed because they were already eating. The words of Jesus had communicated to them eternal life. Therefore, they went through a process of coming to belief and knowledge. If Jesus could give them eternal life, his origins must be in God. He is of heaven, not of earth, the Holy One of God, the descending Son of Man. Although it is not finished, the consciousness shift of the Twelve is well under way.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI



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of Faith to spread  
the Good News  
of Jesus Christ**

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Seeds of Faith is the faith formation program at St. Joseph for children three years of age to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This amazing ministry provides religious instruction, assists families in creating faith filled home environments, and, with parents, prepares children for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

**We are now taking registrations for the 2021-22 Religious Education program year. To register your child(ren) call Cheryl at 815-685-8115 or call the R.E. office at 815-468-8116. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF THERE IS NO ANSWER and we will return your call.**

### A FEW CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED

We are looking for faith filled Catholics that would like to share their faith with the youth of our parish. We have openings in the following grades: PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN - AIDES  
If you feel called to fill one of these positions please call Cheryl or the R.E. Office.



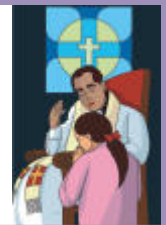
### JESUS TALK

We invite you to join our weekly scripture study Jesus Talks. Jesus Talks is an adult faith group that meets on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the parish hall. This group unpacks the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy as they share their faith and pray for one another. For more information or to join the email list please contact our Parish office at 815-468-3403.

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

**Wednesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm**

For the entire parish with the assistance of visiting priests.



## ANOINTING of the SICK

This Sacrament is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness. People should not wait for this sacrament of healing until the point of death. The Graces bestowed by God in the Anointing of the Sick give strength to all in times of illness; whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. God's infinite grace never expires. We all need God's grace and healing for body and soul.

Believers can receive the sacrament of physical, emotional, and/or spiritual healing at St. Joseph Catholic Church on **the weekend of August 28 and 29. Anointing of the Sick will be administered at each of the weekend Masses.**

If you are not able to get to the church Fr. Thomas can visit you at your home and administer the Sacrament. Please call the parish office at 815-468-3403 to set-up an appointment for a home visit and Anointing of the Sick.

Father Thomas recommends that it is beneficial to receive the sacrament of penance prior to receiving the anointing of the sick. He encourages you to attend the penance service that is being offered here at St. Joseph Church on Wednesday evening, August 25th at 7:00 pm.







## St. Joseph Church Donor Tree

We have designated 4 levels of giving:

Bronze = \$100      Silver = \$250  
Gold = \$500      Stone = \$1000

### SOME IDEAS FOR ENGRAVING

**Family Name**

**In Memory of a deceased  
loved one,**

**In Honor of an occasion such as  
a Wedding, Anniversary, Baptism, First  
Holy Communion or Confirmation**

Order forms available in the narthex or  
on the parish website.

If you have questions about what to  
engrave on your leaf, please call  
the parish office.

### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Joseph Parish

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: \$28,600  
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$23,510  
AMOUNT PAID: \$22,585  
REMAINING BALANCE: \$925



## Grateful Giving, Joyful Living

Sunday collection Aug. 8, 2021	6,882.25
Less budget for Sunday collection Aug. 8, 2021	5,100.00
Aug. 8, 2021 Sunday collection over (under) budget (above collection includes online giving of 2,202.00)	<u>1,782.25</u>
August Sunday collections to date	13,219.00
Less August Sunday collections budget to date	<u>12,200.00</u>
August Sunday collections over (under) budget to date (above collections include online giving of 4,816.00)	<u>1,019.00</u>
Stations of the Cross donations thru 8/08/21 (above donations include online giving of 1,000.00) (Our new Stations of the Cross cost 29,000.00. We dedicated a bequest received of 15,000.00 toward this cost and we have received donations of 10,000.00 toward this cost. Remaining cost that can be covered by future donations is 3,000.00.)	<u>11,000.00</u>
Bell Tower donations thru 8/08/21	<u>22,991.88</u>

*Our sincere thanks to everyone who makes  
contributions of time, talent and treasure to our parish  
and for the other charities we collect.*

### Grotto Candles

Candles have been burning in our Grotto for many years for special intentions or prayer requests of countless families and individuals. We always keep one candle in the Grotto burning for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church.

To request a candle in the Grotto please fill out a Grotto Candle envelope (found in the church narthex) or contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per candle. Each candle burns for approximately 7 days.

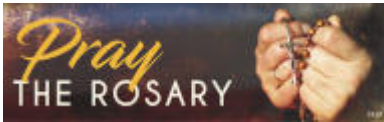


### Our parish offers a convenient service for contributions!

**Online Giving** is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online", which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires

no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. If you haven't already signed up then go to our parish website at [www.stjosephmanteno.com](http://www.stjosephmanteno.com) and select Online Giving.

**Please consider signing up for Online Giving. Call the parish office for more details.**



Here at St. Joseph Parish, the Rosary is prayed before each of the weekend Masses - on Saturdays at 4:25 pm; on Sundays at 7:25 am (before the 8 am Mass) and at 10:00 am (before the 10:30 Mass). All are welcome to participate.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help lead the Rosary. If you are interested please call the parish office.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

Please note that the cost for a red votive candle by the St. Joseph statue in the church is now \$3.00



### News from the Parish Nurses

We are happy to announce we will be resuming our Blood Pressure Screenings. Look for upcoming dates in the bulletin. We also wanted to let you know if at any time you have any questions or need to speak with one of the nurses, we are available by phone. You can reach us at 815-383-0540 for Tammy Lewis or 815-735-1303 for Norma Voss.

As we return to Mass, please do what's comfortable for you as these have been trying times for everyone. Masks and social distancing are no longer mandated, however, if you prefer to wear a mask, please do so. In addition, bring your own hand sanitizer if you want to sanitize before you receive Holy Communion. Finally, if crowds make you uncomfortable, wait in your pew for a few minutes until the Narthex has cleared out.

We are here to help you!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY HERE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

We are in need of greeters for all masses, but especially the 10:30 mass. Training will be provided. Please Let us know if you are interested and Cheryl will be in contact. In addition we are always looking for new faces to our Liturgical Ministries, so if anyone is interested please let us know!!



### ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY Garage Sale

We are making plans to participate in the Manteno Oktoberfest garage sales this year.

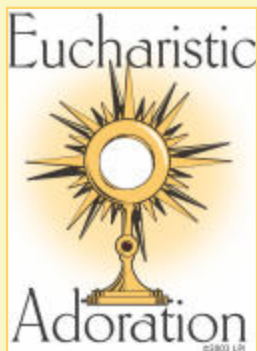
**We will accept garage sale donations through Labor Day.**

**Please call the office to arrange a time when you can drop off your items during office hours.**  
**If you are physically not able to bring your items, we will be picking up donations once a month.**  
**Please call the parish office to be put on the list.**

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING GENTLY USED CLOTHING.**

Please have clothing sorted and bring on hangers if at all possible.

*We are looking for volunteers to help with the garage sale — pick-up, receive, organize, sort, etc.*  
*Please email Nancy if you are able to give a helping hand. [nkmanteno@aol.com](mailto:nkmanteno@aol.com)*



"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grasses grow in perfect silence ... see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life."

~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

*You have a special hour of silence waiting for you.*

**Adoration is held in the church Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm.**

*All are welcome!*



## A Triduo to Saint Joseph

THIRD DAY: *Consider the Glorious Titles of St. Joseph*

He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St. John the Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

V. Blessed be the name of Joseph.

R. Henceforth and forever. Amen.

Let us pray.

God, who in your ineffable providence chose Blessed Joseph to be the husband of your most holy Mother, grant, we beseech you, that we may be made worthy to receive him for our intercessor in heaven, who on earth we venerate as our holy Protector: who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

## St. Joseph Flowers

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS ARE

*In Memory of  
Jack Broderick*

DONATED BY  
Rita Broderick

For the week of August 21-27

## FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION OF

*the Year of St. Joseph*

During this "Year of St. Joseph"

we will be placing fresh flowers each week by the St. Joseph Statue in the church. You may have noticed that the statue has been moved to a new location for the duration of this year of celebration. We are offering parishioners the opportunity to participate in this flower program. For a nominal fee of \$25 per week, the flowers placed at the statue can be in memory/honor of a loved one, or an anniversary or an answered prayer, etc. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin unless you want to remain anonymous. If you are interested and would like to reserve a week for your intention please contact the parish office.

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Service Personnel and their families:

Rita Ameskamp	Jess Baeza	Rose Bailey	Ruth Barber	Irene Batzek	Josh Becvar
Lee Becvar	Kathy Berg	Darrell Bertrand	Donna Bertrand	Kay Bertrand	Dylan Biederman
David Borowiec	Marvin Borowiec	Emily Boyich	Donna Branstewer	Wayne Broski	Charles Buck
Lucy Buck	Lynn Callahan	Michael Canfield	Pete Christie	Brian Cochran	Jeannee Coco
LuAnn Coogan	Abraham Daily	Dorothy Daliege	Pat Dumas	Dori-Ann Ewing	Mike Flynn
Carter Fortin	Karen Franz	Ken Franz	Mary Ann Freitag	Isabelle Gabrielson	Henry Family
Beckett Herman	Olivia Klein	Betty Knickrehm	Mike Koomar	Tim Kwasneiwski	Joe LaMore
Rosemary LaMore	Angela Laster	Kathy Lopez	Brian Michael McAdams	McGrane Family	Maryann Milliu
Maggie Moffett	Mike Nalley	Henry Pietrowski	Elizabeth Price	Maureen Quinn	Gloria Rose
Dave Ruklic	Pat Salrin	Francis Smith	Dave Sosnowski	Larry Spiek	Tovo Family
Tracie	Dillon	Debra	Joann	Lisa Vaquez	Voss Family
Laura Wanger	Joan Wertz	Joe White	Ben Worsham	Audrey Kate Yeasel	Rachel Zimmer

May I remind those who would like to be prayed for, please contact Rita Broderick at 815-468-3437. You will be on the prayer tree for three months unless we hear otherwise. We use the asterisk to denote those names that will be removed after the three months.



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