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The Year of St. Joseph Dec 2020 ~ Dec 2021



**Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**JULY 4TH, 2021**

**HOLY  
BIBLE**

*We the People*

**ONE NATION**  
*Under God*

Mission Statement

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living and growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. In our lives we try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

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## Mass Intentions

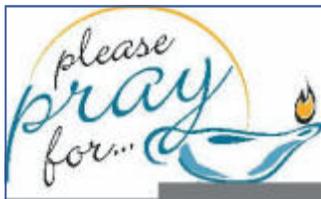
July 04	Eugene Wilhelm Rich Trame
July 11	Eddie Fohne & Wes Keeper For the Partnership Parish
July 18	Marvin & Donna Schulte

## Tithe & Offerings

*Due to early transmission of bulletin for July 4th—  
Tithe and Offering for June 27, 2021 will be  
listed in next week's bulletin.  
Thank you for your generous donations!*

### Mass times at Corpus Christi are :

Saturday Afternoons 4:30 PM  
Sunday Morning 9:00 AM  
Live-Streamed for 48 hours!  
Come and Join us in Fellowship!



Pete Cerneka  
Joan Christ  
Lee Conway  
Mary Hogg  
Delores Schulte  
Mike Schwaegel

*Remember in your prayers the sick, their loved ones and caregivers.*

### Weekly Readings Week of July 4, 2021

Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33



July 5	Kitty Gagen Nicholas Burger Maren Pier
July 6	John Christ
July 7	Rebecca Wilkins
July 9	Pamela Martin Letitia Herbert

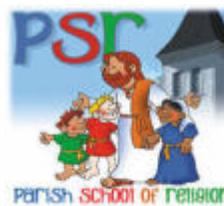
## Did You Know?

The Lebanon Matthew 25.40 Ministries (LMM) was established by the Lebanon Area Ministerial Council of Churches for the purpose of serving those in need in the communities of Lebanon and Summerfield, IL. In responding to Christ's teachings, LMM makes resources available through the food pantry as well as provides financial assistance, employment assistance, referrals to handle day-to-day or emergency situations while educating and strengthening the individual's capacity for self-reliance through the Community Care Coalition.



The LMM is financially supported by several local churches, businesses, and private individuals and is the umbrella organization for the Lebanon Food Pantry and Community Care Coalition, which have served the communities of Lebanon and Summerfield, IL for over 22 years.

Caring for those in need requires monetary and grocery donations. Please consider LMM a place to give of your time and treasure.



Parish Schools of Religion (PSRs) provide catechetical instruction to children and youth who attend public schools, so that young people can grow in intimacy with Jesus, be knowledgeable about their faith, and integrate the teachings of the Gospel into their lives. Parish religion programs also prepare young people for the reception of first sacraments. Teachers are needed—please consider volunteering to be their Spiritual Teacher thru their journey.

As St. Joseph prepares for the upcoming school year—please reach out to us if you will be sending your children in school year 2021-2022! Email [lebstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:lebstjoe@gmail.com).

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
*Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...*  
-John 14:12

This weekend let us celebrate the hope, peace and freedom of our great nation and pray for those who make our freedom possible. We wish you and your family a blessed, happy and safe July 4th.

-Agencies and Ministries Supported by  
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal



## Fourth of July Prayer

**We** lift up our hearts, O God,  
on this day of celebration in gratitude  
for the gift of being Americans.

**We** rejoice with all those who share  
in the great dream of freedom  
and dignity for all.

**With** flags and feasting,  
with family and friends  
we salute those who have sacrificed  
that we might have the opportunity  
to bring to fulfillment  
our many God-given gifts.

**As** we deny all prejudice  
a place in our hearts,  
may we also clearly declare  
our intention to work for the time  
when all people,  
regardless of race, religion, or sex,  
will be granted equal dignity  
and worth.

**Come**, O gracious God,  
who led your children Israel from slavery,  
keep us free from all  
that might hold us in bondage.

**Bless** our country and join  
our simple celebration  
that we may praise you,  
our Source of freedom,  
the One in whom we place our trust.

By: Fr. Ed Hays



*“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet.”* In the First Reading from Ezekiel 2:2-5, Ezekiel, the prophet, is heavily tasked with carrying God’s message of repentance to the Israelites, “hard of face and obstinate of heart.” As a biblical prophet, Ezekiel was deemed a spokesperson for God, who called His people to return to the covenant and work for justice for the poor and the outcast. Ezekiel firmly spoke for God, but with an invitation to return. His vocation was like “sitting among scorpions.” **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-When have you had a have a difficult conversation with a loved one or friend? Maybe it has been to explain the truth about abortion? Or to discuss with town leaders ways to support those who have been trafficked, now living in your community? By praying over the situation and acknowledging our weaknesses, we open ourselves to Christ’s grace which is sufficient for us. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we go forth, sharing God’s message of love and solidarity with those in need, as we work to inspire action and change just as Ezekiel did.

**SAVE the DATE**

Monday, July 19, 6:30 pm: Parish Council Meeting  
Sunday, Sept 12: Women’s Club Social  
Sunday, October 24, 2021: Fr. Jim’s 80th Birthday &  
50th Ordination Celebration

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 04 July 2021**  
Ezek 2:2-5. Ps 123:1-4. 2 Cor 12:7-10. Mark 6:1-6.

**Home Town and Country.** In the gospel today, Jesus astonishes the home town folks who then poke fun at him. Jesus, however, still did what he could by preaching and healing a few. Even when things seem not to go right, we still embrace our town folk and our country. Here is prayer for this Independence Day in the USA.

Father of all nations and ages,  
we recall the day when our country  
claimed its place among the family of nations;  
for what has been achieved we give you  
thanks,  
for the work that still remains we ask your help,  
and as you have called us from many peoples  
to be one nation,  
grant that, under your providence,  
our country may share your blessings  
with all the peoples of the earth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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