



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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August 22, 2021

the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people of Saint Joseph Parish, are called to express our Catholic identity in joyful worship and in the responsible sharing of our gifts, as we reach out to others in our community and grow in our faith, knowledge, and love of God.

Eucharistic Schedule

Sunday Obligation Mass

Saturday at 5:00p
Sunday at 8:00a and 10:30a

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00a with Rosary 25 minutes before Mass

Communion Service

Thur. 8:00a

Devotion Schedule

First Friday of the Month

Holy Hour Exposition, Confessions, and Benediction after the 8:00am Mass

First Saturday of the Month

Litany to St. Peregrine for the aid of those struggling with Cancer, and Confessions after the 8:00a Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays after the 8:00a Mass

Litany to St. Joseph

Wednesdays after the 8:00a Mass
Saturdays after the 5:00p Mass
Sundays after 8:00a & 10:30a Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays after the 8:00a Mass

Holy Hour for Vocations

Adoration and Confessions
Second Wednesday from 7:00p-8:00p

Parish Staff

Pastor

Monsignor Martin Heinz

Deacons

Norm Kocol, Dennis Holian, Albert Dietz

Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Sachs
education office phone 815-678-4720

Liturgical Music Coordinator

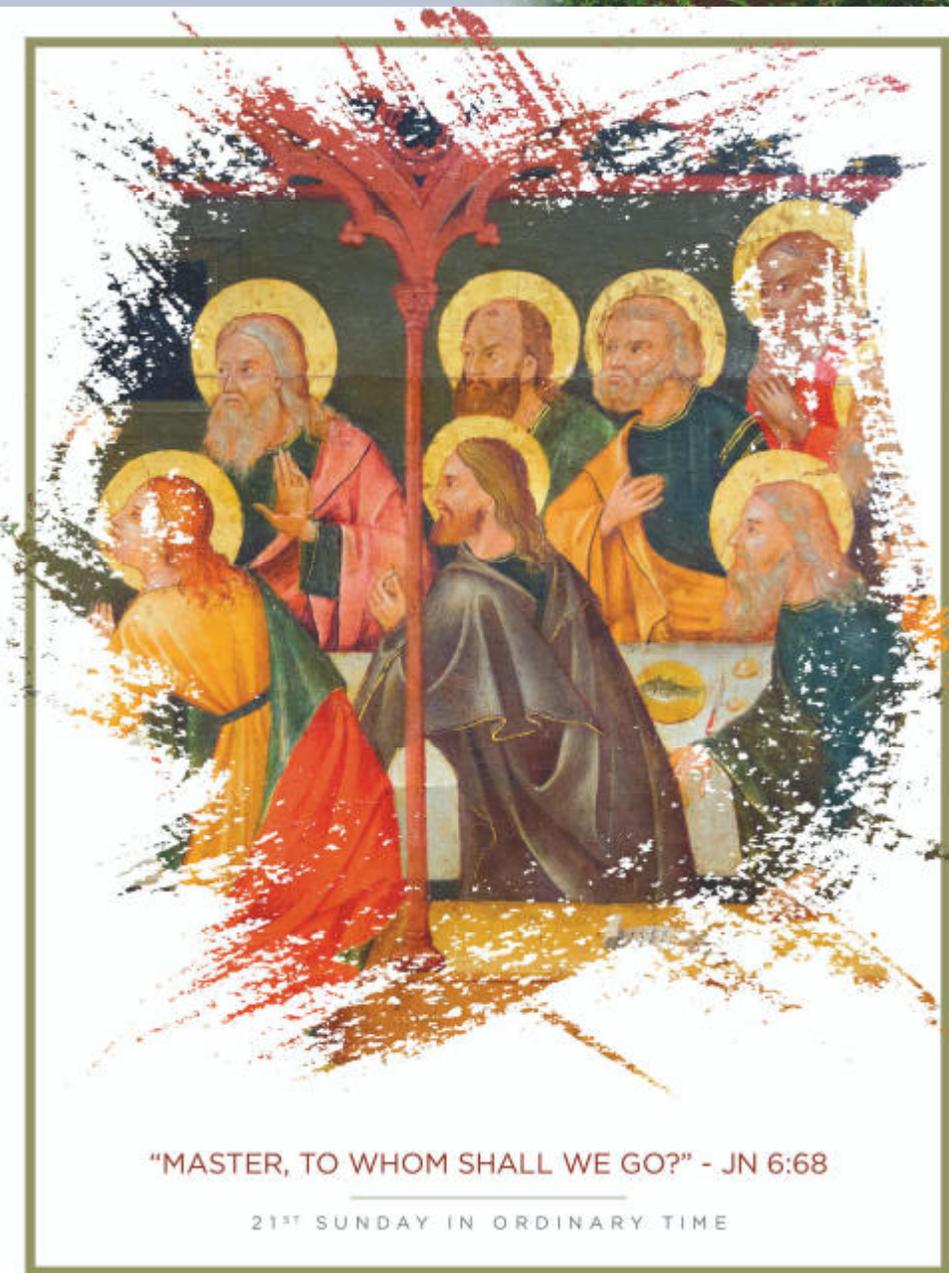
Barbara Russell

Parish Office Staff

JoLynn Smuda
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Parish Office Hours

Mo. and Tu. 8:30a to 2:30p
We. Th. and Fr. 8:45a to 2:00p



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Gospel Reflection the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is

not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make. ©LPi

St. Joseph Parish Information

New To The Parish Please call or visit the Parish Office to register with our Church. A registration form can also be found on our website (see the bulletin cover for the URL and QR code).

Sacrament of Baptism A Baptismal interview is required for parents and the Family must be registered with the Parish. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., First Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m., First Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, 2nd Wednesdays during Holy Hour at 7 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office and a Deacon will be in touch.

Private Prayer in the Church St. Joseph Catholic Church remains open Monday through Friday, on days when the Parish Office is open, from 8:30am to 2:00pm for private prayers. Enter at the Main Street doors or at the accessible entrance on the North Side of the Church.

Sacrament of Matrimony Please contact the Pastor through the Parish Office at least six months before your planned nuptials.

Community Ministry Please notify the Parish Office when sacraments, visits and prayers are desired for those confined to the home, hospital or nursing home.

Bulletin Announcements and Notices Publication items are due at least 14 days in advance. Bulletins available online at www.SeekAndFind.com or stjosephrichmondil.weconnect.com

Collection

Weekly Budget:	\$ 4,500.00	<i>collections support our parish and community service partners.</i>
Weekly Collection:	\$ 3,435.00	
Children’s Envelopes:	\$ 5.00	
Parish Improvements	\$ 280.00	



How do you know if you’re ready for RCIA? The USCCB provides a little background on that matter at their website, [https://](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/christian-initiation-of-adults)

www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/christian-initiation-of-adults, through their explanation of the three steps of adult conversion to the Catholic Faith. The first stage is becoming a **Catechumen**.

Prior to beginning the process of becoming a Christian, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest or a parish director of Christian Initiation, the person, known as an "inquirer," may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

Are you that person ready to take the next step, or do you know someone who is? The time to act is now. Don’t let another year go by. RCIA only begins in September and concludes at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday evening preceding Easter Sunday. Prayerfully consider joining others who are looking to be completely dedicated to the Lord. Scan the QR code to the right, contact the Parish office, or email Deacon Dennis at dennis@holianins.com

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Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21, 22-23 [9a]
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8
Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]
Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Have you heard? The parish just upgraded our audio system, for those who need hearing assistance. Much like the old personal hearing devices, which over time have fallen into disrepair, these new devices receive the audio from the church sound system wirelessly and can be adjusted for the individual needs of the listener. Unlike the old ones, the three new units are much smaller, contain rechargeable batteries, and provide sound to both ears. They are in the vestibule and ready for use. Instructions are posted on the wall nearby.



Calling all bakers! The Altar and Rosary Society is looking for brownie, cake, cookie, and pie bakers for the Fall Plant and Bake Sale on Sept. 11, 2021. Contact Adrian Adams at 815-678-2045 or ama5407@hotmail.com for more information.



Pro-Life Quote of the Week

“Even if you don’t share our faith, an atheist can know that it’s wrong to kill an innocent human life. That’s why I don’t mind ‘imposing’ this on other people.”
—Kathy Ireland



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Mass Intentions for the Week

M 08-23 + Theresa Crewe
Req. by JuLanny and Beth Morrison
+ Robert May
Req. by Mary Anne Gaylord

T 08-24 + Teri Miller
Req. by Bob and Betty Christenson

W 08-25 + Mervin and Elaine Christenson
Req. by Bob and Betty Christenson
Luke Commare
Req. by the Gaylord Family

Th 08-26 Communion Service

F 08-27 + George Kelsch
Req. by Judy and Larry Jones

Sa 08-28 (5p) All the Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Beverly Radtke
Ed Carroll
Req. by Amy Kinzie

Su 08-29 (8a) + Josephine Burnat
Req. by the Cvikata Family
+ Rosemary Buffo
Req. by John and Connie Griffin
(10.5a) **The People of God of St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Request Mass Intentions by contacting the Parish Office, emailing saintjosephchurch@gmail.com, or leave a note in the mailbox at the office. Provide Name of the Intended, if living or deceased, Requestor Name & phone number. Fee for an intention is \$10.00.



Altar & Rosary Society
CCW

The Annual Catholic Woman of Inspiration Award Banquet is on Sunday, September 19, 2021, 4:00 P.M. in Father Sherry Hall at The Church of Holy Apostles, in McHenry.

Your reservation is requested to show our parish support for Barb Russell, St. Joseph’s 2021 Woman of Inspiration. Reservations and payment may be made to the parish office. The cost is \$25.00 for an adult and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. All tickets must be paid for in advance. No tickets will be available on the day of the event. Please make checks payable to the **McHenry Deanery DCCW**.

For more information please contact Teresa Weber at 815-678-2704. (The tickets will be ordered by Teresa once all the reservations have been made.) The reservation deadline is Wednesday, September 1.

Wednesday morning small group Bible Study resumes on September 15, 2021.

The focus will be on the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts the origins of the Church and its growth from the persecution of the followers of Jesus through the spread of the faith. Bible Study meets at 8:45am on Wednesday Mornings in Father Blake Hall, the basement of the church. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of, “The Acts of the Apostles: Good News for All People, a Liguori Catholic Bible Study.” Everyone is welcome to join.



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