



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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October 31, 2021

31st 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
Edward Varga, PE

Parish Office Hours

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVE

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:34ab

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Gospel Reflection the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi



Mark your calendars & roll up your sleeves!
The Knights of Columbus are having a Blood Drive on November 20, 2021 from 8am to 1pm in Father Blake Hall.

Pro-Life Quote of the Week
"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." - St. Teresa of Calcutta



A message from Deacon Norm Kocol:

When was the last time you did something for someone and experienced great joy? Over the past few years I've been bringing communion to those unable to get to church due to health reasons. It's an occasion that brings me great joy, taking Our Savior to those unable to attend mass.

John's gospel tells us of the importance of receiving the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. To fulfill that mission, we are looking to establish a **homebound ministry** to bring communion to the homebound. The training process is very short and the actual time to distribute communion is usually less than five minutes.

Many people who become homebound, permanently or temporarily, do not realize they can have communion brought to them, and it does not require a priest or a deacon. If you know of someone who desires to receive communion but is unable to, have them call the parish office. If you would like to participate in the **homebound ministry**, contact me directly at 815-388-4301.

Collection

Weekly Parish Operating Budget:	\$ 4,500.00
Weekly Mass Collection:	\$ 3,750.55
Children's Envelopes:	\$ 5.00
Parish Improvement Donations:	\$ 70.00
Stewardship Appeal 2021 Status	
Goal \$ 27,537.00	Pledged \$ 28,752.00 Paid \$ 26,019.50

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]
Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12
Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]
Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4



Everyone is invited to add names of the faithfully departed to our **Book of Remembrance** located in front of the statue of St. Joseph, inside of the church. This book will be presented at the altar during the 7pm

All Soul's Day Mass on November 2, 2021.



Please pray for those who have died and their families, and especially for parishioner Cecile Skozen, who passed on October 26, 2021.



Our Knights of Columbus invite men in the parish to grow their faith by attending the 2021 Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference, Nov. 20, 2021, in DeKalb, Illinois. More at <https://thetalk.org/>



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Mark your Calendars!

- 11-02-21, Tuesday, 7:00pm, All Souls' Day Mass - Parishioners are encouraged to add names of the faithfully departed to the book of remembrance to be presented at the Mass.



- 11-05-21, Friday, 8:00am First Friday Mass, Adoration, and Confessions.
- 11-06-21, Saturday, 8:00am, St. Peregrine Devotion Mass, with Confessions to follow.
- 11-10-21 Wednesday, Holy Hour for Vocations 7p-8p Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

M 11-01 + Bob Freund
Req. by Judi and Larry Jones
+ Kenneth Kania
Req. by Judy Horak

T 11-02 (7p) For All The Poor Souls In Purgatory

W 11-03 + Raymond J. Miller
Req. by Don and Marilyn May

Th 11-04 Communion Service

F 11-05 + Ed Wright
Req. by the Yvonne Herring

Sa 11-06 (8a) + Hermann N. Herres
Req. by the Herres Estate
(5p) + Chuck and Gloria Marchetti
Req. by Marty and Kathy McGreevy
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and their Families
Req. by Knights of Columbus Cncl 8366

Su 11-07 (8a) The Living and Deceased Members of the Altar and Rosary Society CCW
Req. by the Altar and Rosary Society
(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.



Congratulations to long-time parish staff member Jan Radcliffe and her husband Toby (seen here receiving a blessing from Monsignor Heinz) on their recent wedding anniversary! Jan was in the office for over 12 years, and although retired, she and Toby remain very active in the day to day activities at St. Joseph.



Project Rachel recognizes that it's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. Resources for those seeking recovery after suffering the aftermath, as well as advice for their friends and family, are available at www.hopeafterabortion.com



Our Parish congratulates Jacob Robert Johnson and Gabriella Miranda Garrelts, who began their life as husband and wife on October 23, 2021.



Do you want to stay up to date with the Parish? Maybe you'd like daily inspiration delivered right to your phone? Sign up to receive text message updates from **Flocknote** by going to <https://stjosephrichmondil.flocknote.com/>

Note: On Tuesday, 11-2-2021, there will be no 8am Mass because of the special 7pm **All Souls Day Mass** that day.

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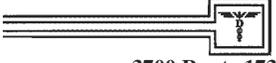
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