



Seven the number of “completeness” in Hebrew. Jesus wants us to completely forgive one with a persistent act of forgiveness. We must forgive another if we expect forgiveness from God.

Together We Celebrate

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM – For all Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & SS. Peter & Paul

6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **Henry Watkins:** Requested by Theresa Watkins Chayer

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM– **Jeff Makie:** Requested by Friends & family

Thursday, September 17

8:30 am @ SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM – **Lucille Renier:** Requested by Wanda Bouche

6:00 PM @ SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM @ SS Peter & Paul

10:00 AM – **For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and SS. Peter & Paul Parishes**

1:00 PM Spanish Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

PLEASE NOTE!

Our church doors will be open for Mass on Wednesdays at 8:00am and will remain open until 4:00pm for private prayer time. This is for Wednesdays only.

Confession is available by appointment, call 743-2062

St. Joseph Mass is on TV

St. Joseph Parish weekend Mass is televised on Cable TV, **Channel 989** on Sunday at 1:00 PM and 6:00PM and again on Friday at 9:00AM and 6:00 PM.

Breaking Open the Word

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 *Phil 2:6-11 *Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a *Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: Saints Cornilius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 *Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 15:1-11 *Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20 *Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Saint Januarius, Bishop

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 *Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9 *Phil 1:20c-24, 27a *Mt 20:1-16a

Vigil Candles

This week we have a candle lit for each of the following intentions. They stand as silent but bright signs of the prayers offered by those who light them.

Special Intention: Requested by James & Barbara Tabaska
Jeffrey Scott Makie-now and forever-amen:

Requested by his wife, Diane



The September tabernacle candle is lit in loving memory of Eunice & Orv Gauger.

Candles have a special place in our faith journey.

Lighting a candle can symbolize the remembering of a loved one or a petition of prayer we make to God. We ask the saints to pray with us and for us during our most dire need. The light of the candle prolongs our prayer beyond our presence in church and shows our desire to remain in God’s presence as we go about our day. To have a 7-day Vigil Candle lit for your intention, please stop in or call the Parish Office at 920-743-2062. 7-day Vigil Candles are \$3.00.

Summary of Contributions:

This week’s Parish Financial Summary amounts were not available at time of print. Total will be printed in next weekend’s bulletin.



Please Consider Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy! Visit our website, www.stjosephsb.com and click our Online Giving link. When

you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. Thank you for donating! Call the parish office with any questions regarding setting up your Online Giving account at 920-743-2062.



Wedding Banns

We pray for those preparing for holy matrimony:

Dianne Kaminsky & Jonathan Powlowski (III)
Valerie LeGrave & Cord Young (II)



Edge and Life Teen
Middle High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry

The past months and the realities of 2020 have completely changed our approaches to youth ministry. Many things across the world have presented new challenges, and new opportunities, to rethink how we reach out to middle and high school youth. As we begin to look at how we need to pivot our approaches to gatherings, how and where we meet, and how we approach our youth depending on the experiences that they have had, it is vital that we continue to be creative. While we may be facing some very large and very real obstacles, there are still many things we can do to help foster both an encounter of the love of Jesus Christ and a greater sense of community among our youth and their families.

With that all being said, we are working on a plan for our 2020-21 Religious Education year for grades 6-12. Parents, stay tuned to your email and your mailboxes (If we don't have your email or home address, please contact Sarah at stgavin25@gmail.com ASAP). We WILL have Edge, Life Teen, and Confirmation...the way it looks? Well, that will be different...but still powerful and important! The Lord is working!

Mission Appeal 2020

Thank you to Fr. Pius for sharing the mission work of the Franciscan Friars in Mississippi this past weekend. St. Joseph Parish collected \$440.00 to date. If you would still like to donate it is not too late, there are envelopes in the baskets at the ramp entrance to church or at the parish office entrance. Thank you for your generosity.



Care for God's Gardens!

Everything we have is a gift **from** God, all that we do is a gift **for** God. Our gifts are plenty and our workers are few! Please consider being a keeper of God's gardens!

We need volunteers for outside environment for our beautiful church. If you or someone you know is being called to this creative ministry, please call the parish office.

Scrip is Fundraising while you shop

Remember that each time you buy Scrip during the month of September, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Scrip Card that was generously donated by a Parishioner! **Sandy Peterson** is our August Scrip winner! Congrats, **Sandy** thank you for supporting St. Joseph Parish with your Scrip purchase!

Scrip Profit (8/17-8/30).....\$27.50

Got Scrip?

Lifelong Learners



Genesis Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

After much prayer and conversation, it has been decided that Genesis, grades 1-5 will meet in person until we are directed by the Diocese or until the local schools decide otherwise. All precautions are being put in place to provide a safe environment for everyone involved. An alternative option will be available for families with compromised health concerns.

- If your family is new to our program this year
- If your family is returning to our program and did not receive an information packet...

Please contact Penny Biwer at 743-2062 or pbiwer@hotmail.com as soon as possible. Classes will begin **Wednesday, October 7.**

Like St. Joseph Parish on Facebook

St. Joseph Parish has a Facebook page. There are great pictures, parish news, weekly reflections and so much more. The link below will take you to our page. While there, hit the like button a few times as well as comment on the things you see. Let us know what you think of it!

<https://www.facebook.com/St.JosephCatholicSb>

Back to School Prayer

Dear heavenly Father,
As our children
Return to school
We look again
To your eternal faithfulness
Watch over our beloved ones.
Let your Spirit go before them
To prepare the way
And open the doors
That lead to your grace.
Guide them away from harm.
Equip them with discernment
And strength of character.
Let them be free to live and learn
As children of God.
Let us always remember
That they are yours
From the beginning.
Their lives a loving gift to us
From Almighty God.
We trust in you,
We depend upon you.
Care for your children,
Oh heavenly Father.
In Jesus name,
Amen



Center of Faith Formation



Book Discussion

*The Time is Now:
A Call to Uncommon Courage*
by Joan Chittister

St. Joseph Parish Social Hall

Mondays at 6:00 pm

September 14 & 28

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

This energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action for our times. Facilitators – Monica Hilbert & Laura Johnsrud.

Contact the parish office 743-2062 asap to register and purchase a book. (\$13.00).

- Masks are required,
- Social distancing will be implemented
- Hand sanitizer will be available.



Patriotic Rosary

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sunday, September 20

3:00 pm

Be lifted by prayer and music while praying for our country during this pandemic and time of social unrest. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September, 21.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by that same Spirit we may be ever wise and rejoice in his consolations. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Take a few moments to consider...



What are the scriptures asking of you?

How do you make room for grace and growth in your relationships?

What is the power of forgiveness in your experience?

How does it feel to forgive someone?

To be forgiven?

To ask forgiveness

To accept forgiveness

To grant forgiveness?



Dear Lord,

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;

Let peace fill our hearts,

Let peace fill our world,

Let peace fill our universe.

Amen



Spirituality for the Long Haul

Where Is God In The Midst Of Chaos?

Political Divisiveness – Shootings – Protesting - Vandalism and Violence in Portland and Kenosha – Hurricanes – Fires – Untruthfulness - Covid 19 - Overall Unrest and Confusion - Continuing Struggles for Equal Rights - Racism - Disconnect.

Where is God in all of this? Where is God in this chaos? Some may think - Are we being punished or tested? Others may think we are just spinning out of control. Again, we ask, Where is God in the midst all of this?

On August 27th we celebrated the feast of Saint Monica, a woman, wife, and mother who lived in chaos, chaos close to her heart, in her home, right beside her. She is our reminder that when we are challenged with chaotic things those are the precise moments to remember God is embracing, holding, and guiding us. These are also the moments we need to remember God has never left us! These are the times when we need to feel God's presence.

We can be so fickle as humans. When things go well, we think it is because of what we've done. How we have controlled and managed things. Oh, aren't we so wonderful! We forget to feel the love of our ever present God. We forget that He has never abandoned us. If we could see that Heaven is right here, all around us, we would see Jesus holding, embracing, raising us up.

Today it is easy to feel like we've lost our connection to God. But it is also today that we must make a renewed effort to remind ourselves we are always in the arms of God (Jesus.)

We need to be emboldened in all this chaos to look to and feel our higher purpose, grow into our higher selves, use our innate piece of Divinity to rise above chaos, to not be afraid and to know that God will always sustain us.

Chaos can create a sense of desperation. But chaos can also be a catalyst for our need to look for hope and light, to see God, to feel God! Chaos pushes us to the edge of a precipice that requires us to come remember to our own Divinity. Realizing the God in us, and around us, allows us to soar above the chaos. With these new eyes we can now look at chaos in a different way- an opportunity to demonstrate our oneness, our spirituality, to step into the Light – to be and reveal the Light. It is an opportunity to demonstrate by our words and actions that God dwells in us. Our words should be uplifting, life-giving. Our actions need to show compassion and genuineness.

This is a transformative time. This is a time. This is the time to rediscover the best in us. It is a time that we can expose our Divinity by what we say and do. Perhaps if we stop looking for an end to all of this, and instead begin looking at this time as a new beginning, a new dawn, then the chaos that surrounds us will serve to embolden us to live in love just as Jesus intended. When we can do this, the chaos will lose its power over us! Let us strive to let our light shine.

