



ST. JOSEPH & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



September 8, 2019 • 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Center:

Address.....228 E Hendricks St
Phone & Website.....(317) 398-8227 stjoeshelby.org
Office Hours.....Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm, Tues: 8am-5pm

School:

Address.....127 E Broadway St
Phone & Website.....(317) 398-8227 sjsshelbyville.org
Office Hours.....Mon-Fri: 8am-3pm

Perpetual Adoration Chapel:

Address.....228 E Hendricks St
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St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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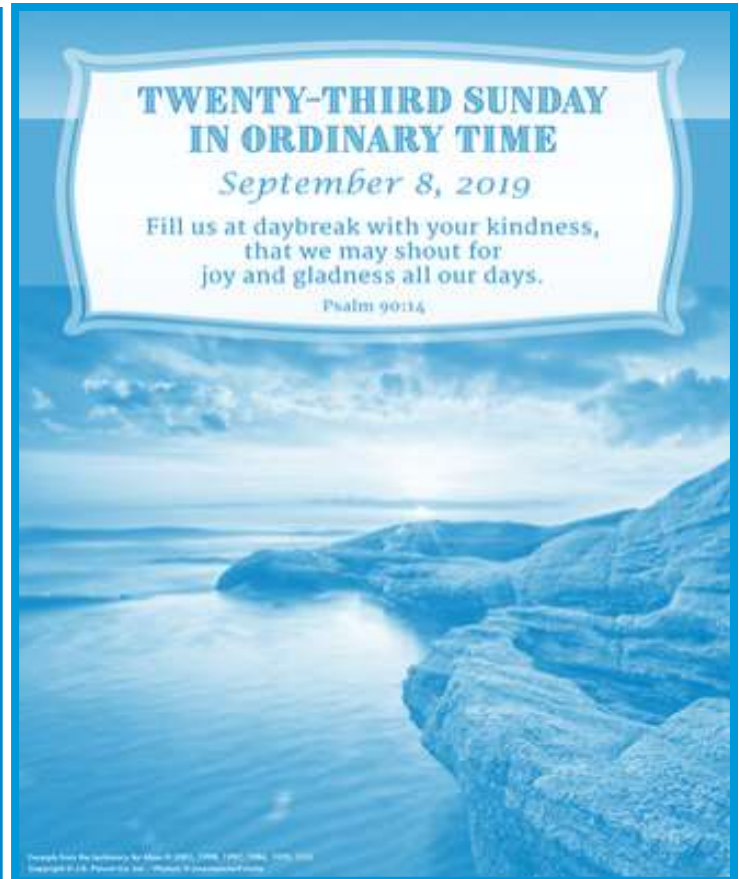
SVdP Society of Shelby County

Contact Information:

Help Line.....(317) 395-7027
Website.....svdpshelby.org
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Store Hours.....Sat. 10am-2pm
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14

General Information

- **Parish Membership:** Register online or at either parish office
- **Mass Schedule:** Mass schedule & intentions are inside on pg. 2
- **Adoration:** Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located at St. Joe
- **Confessions:** Saturday 4pm (SJ), Sunday 8am (SV), Monday 5:30pm (SV), and 3rd Friday 9am-9pm (SJ), or call Fr. Mike for appt.
- **Baptisms:** Classes are held the 2nd Monday of the month in the Office (English) and the 2nd Sunday of the month in the church (Spanish). Scheduling takes place at the end of class.
- **Marriage:** Marriage preparation is available for registered members. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Contact Fr. Mike or Sr. Joan.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** 1st Tuesday of the month after the 8:15am Mass (SJ), or call Fr. Mike for a visit. Call anytime. Fr. Mike make homebound visits every First Friday.
- **Vocations:** Contact Fr. Mike or Sr. Joan
- **Rosary:** Saturday 4:30pm (SJ) & Wednesday 5:30pm (SV)
- **Religious Education, Faith Formation & Youth:** See pg. 8

Schedules, Counts, & Prayers

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Sun., Sept. 8 | 8:30am 10:00am 12:15pm | Julia C. Runnebohm Richard Dickman For the Parishioners | St. Vincent St. Joseph St. Joseph |
| Mon., Sept. 9 | 5:00pm | Bob Muckerhide | St. Vincent |
| Tues., Sept. 10 | 8:15am | Charles Davies | St. Joseph |
| Wed., Sept. 11 | 8:00am | For the Haehl and Hurst Families | St. Vincent |
| Thur., Sept. 12 | No Mass | | |
| Fri., Sept. 13 | 8:15am | Suzanne Reuter | St. Joseph |
| Sat., Sept. 14 | 5:00pm | For the Parishioners | St. Joseph |
| Sun., Sept. 15 | 8:30am 10:00am 12:15pm | Buddy Ernestes Leroy Mathies For the Holy Souls in Purgatory | St. Vincent St. Joseph St. Joseph |

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Weekly Numbers

Mass Counts

September 1, 2019

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| 5pm..... | 204 |
| 8:30am..... | 230 |
| 10am..... | 269 |
| 12:15pm..... | 212 |
| TOTAL..... | 915 |

St. Joseph Sunday Collection

September 1, 2019

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Sunday Collection..... | \$14,500.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection..... | \$14,116.62 |
| Sunday's Surplus (Deficit)..... | \$ (383.38) |

St. Joseph Year-To-Date Collection

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| YTD Collection Budget..... | \$130,500.00 |
| YTD Collection Total..... | \$128,004.66 |
| TD Surplus (Deficit)..... | \$ (2,495.34) |

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

September 1, 2019

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|--|------------|
| Sunday Collection..... | \$6,155.00 |
| Assumption Collection..... | \$ 1.00 |
| Missionary Sister of Seaton Hill Collection..... | \$ 50.00 |

Thanks for your generosity!

It is amazing what God can do when we are generous.
Please be sure to remember your parish in your will!

Prayer List

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bob Artmeier | Dianne Reuter Lebryk |
| Max Branson | Rose Mary Martin |
| Roger Brewsaugh | Millie McVey |
| Jan Chandler | Pat Miller |
| Ronnie Chandler | Mary Myers |
| Leonardo Leon Chavez | Ruth Pennycuff |
| Alice Cossairt | Grant Plue |
| Kate Freeman | Dixie Redelman |
| Leopoldo Gomes | Michael Schreiner |
| Diane Hargitt | Sloan |
| Colleen Hradnansky | Allen Snow |
| Tammy Jones | Mona Spalding |
| Alex Kalsxheur | Jerry Thomas |
| Liam Kapfhammer | Nora Van Natta |
| Jim Knecht | Char Rene' Thompson |
| Betty Knight | Travis Whelen |
| | Rosie Young |

If you would like to place a name on our Bulletin Prayer List, please send an email with your loved one's name along with your name and phone number to Bulletin@sjsshelbyville.org or call the Parish Office at 317-398-8227. We will only place the name of the person, for whom we are praying, in the bulletin. Be sure you have their permission before submitting their name.

Bulletin Sponsors & Submissions

Sponsors: This bulletin is furnished to our parish without charge. The advertisements that appear on the back of the bulletin completely defray all publishing costs. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Rebecca in the parish office.

Submissions: Please submit your submissions for the bulletin by 9am on Monday to bulletin@sjsshelbyville.org. All items must be received by 9am on Monday in order to be included in the bulletin for the following weekend.

St. Joseph News

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners,

As I shared with you recently, I've been reading some Thomas Merton lately. He really knows how to strike the perfect chord with his words. Listen to this:

Every time I cannot think straight, God straightens me out as soon as I get a moment alone in church. It is good to go there and pray even when you feel washed out. The mere effort makes you feel better. You are giving something of your silly self away, and that always nourishes you. And it is comforting to realize, "Even if I feel rotten, I don't want anything but God and His solitude. Health and sickness do not matter, unum est necessarium (one thing is necessary (Luke 10:42).



I'm also reading a book called *Screen Addiction: Why You Can't Put That Phone Down* by Sister Marysia Weber, RSM. It's wonderful—and very scary stuff. I realize that my generation is the last generation to know life before the iPhone. I'm glad I grew up without it. What it does to the developing brain, the soul! I will be giving a talk on Sunday, Sept 15 about this book and some of its more interesting points. I will surely do some additional research as well. The talk will be during REP time and will take place in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

I've also been reading a bit from Fr. Kaelin, who served as pastor here at St. Joe from July 7, 1886 to October 24, 1917. The man wrote everything down. He oversaw the construction of the new church building. He wrote out the names of the choir members who sang at the first Mass in the new church. He kept careful ledgers, noting where we bought everything from, how much it cost, etc. He kept records of the measurements of doorways, windows, etc. He kept careful records of who donated how much—and what was distributed to the whole parish for years and years. He wrote about the baptisms, confirmations, first communions. He said he was too busy to have a hobby: his hobby was Jesus. I could think of far worse.

What are you reading these days?

May God bless you!
Fr. Mike

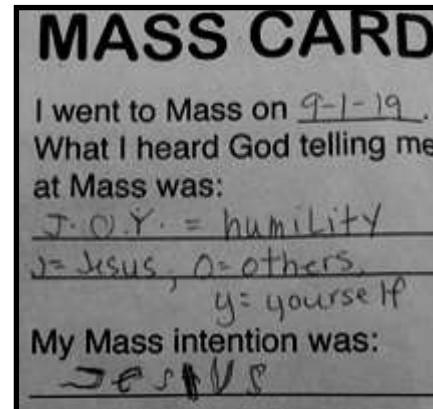
Parish Library

Remember that you can always borrow books from the library by the side door! There are many great Catholic books there. Just return the books when you are finished. You never know how much a book might change your life.

Rosary Rally—Oct. 12

Joining America Needs Fatima, St. Joe will host a rosary rally at noon on Sat., Oct 12. More info to come.

Mass Card—Sept. 1



Next Baptism Classes—Sept 8 & 9

Remember that the next baptism class in Spanish is Sunday, Sept 8 after the 12:15pm Mass in the church. The next class in English will be at 6:30pm on Monday, Sept. 9 in the Parish Office. Parents and godparents should attend. Paperwork is filled out in the class.

REP 2.0—Starts Sept 8

The faith formation program for our children resumes this weekend. Please pray for our young people as they learn more about our Catholic faith this year. If you haven't signed up, you can still do so here: <http://stjoeshelby.org/rep>.

Confirmation Mass—Sept. 15

Archbishop Thompson will visit St. Joseph on Sept. 15 to confirm our students who have been in preparation for Confirmation. The Mass is at 2pm that day. All candidates should arrive at 12:45pm in order to meet with the Archbishop downstairs before Mass. Please note the dress code... information on the next page.

All are welcome to attend this special Mass!
It is always nice to have a crowd when the bishop is in town. It is also nice to support our youth.

Bulletin Bloop

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on water."
The sermon next week: "Searching for Jesus."

Annual Report Coming

The annual report will be mailed to all parishioner families in the coming week. Please be on the lookout for this important document.

St. Joseph News

Welcome Iker, Jesslyn, and Alan!

A happy welcome to Iker & Jesslyn Hernandez, who were baptized last Saturday (top photo). Also this past weekend, Alann Flores was baptized and his parents Eleazin and Virginia Flores were married. Congratulations to all!



Pilgrimage to EWTN & Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament—Oct 14-17

Pilgrimage from Batesville to EWTN Studios & Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama will take place through the St. Joseph's Shop in Batesville. More info, contact Marian Ahern at 513-616-0575. Cost will include bus and lodging.

Oct 14—Travel to Alabama
 Oct 15—EWTN studios
 Oct 16—Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Oct 17—Travel home

SVdP Society Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at St. Vincent's Hall from 6:30 - 7:30pm.
 Email: shelbycountysvdp@gmail.com

“Teenage Cell Phone Addiction: Are You Worried About Your Child?” — Sept. 15

Fr. Mike has been reading a book about cell phone addiction and its effects upon our youth.

The statistics are real and quite troubling.

What are the statistics? What can be done? Fr. Mike will offer a reflection and answer these questions on Sunday, Sept 15 right after 10am Mass in the school gym. It will conclude at noon.

All are warmly invited to attend. This is an important topic, especially for parents and godparents.



Next Round of Confirmation Prep— Starts Sept 15

The same day that this past year's candidates get confirmed, we will begin the next round of classes for our youth who need the Sacrament of Confirmation. All freshmen are invited to the first meeting for the year at 4pm at St. Joseph. Please invite all the high schoolers you know who are in need of this sacrament. More details will be shared at the meeting that day.

St. Joe PTO

Please help St. Joe PTO by saving your Miceys T-Mart receipts. Just drop them in the containers that are located at the back and side door of church. You may also help our PTO by linking your Kroger card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com and downloading the new boxtops app and scanning your receipts.

St. Joe School—Did You Know

St. Joseph School provides a unique dining experience for its students. How does homemade, baked chicken and noodles and hearty beef chili sound for lunch? Shelbyville's very own, family owned restaurant, The Chicken Inn, prepares and serves healthy and delicious food every day at our school. Our students are fueling their bodies and minds with nutritious meals so that they can learn and play while feeling their best!

A Pious Tradition You Should Do

Fr. Mike shared with the children at Mass last week the importance of making the Sign of the Cross every time you drive by a Catholic church or a cemetery. He reminded them that it is also a good idea to make the Sign of the Cross whenever we hear a siren or see any kind of accident -- a car accident, accident on the playground, or any kind. If people are around to see us make the Sign of the Cross, even better!!

St. Joseph News

Upcoming Events & Meetings

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Sept. 8 | 11:00am | Religious Ed at St. Joe |
| Sept. 8 | 5:00pm | Personality Types and Prayer Styles at St. Joe |
| Sept. 8 | 6:00pm | HS Youth Group |
| Sept. 9 | 10:00am | Fr. Mike's Bible Study at SV |
| Sept. 9 | 6:30pm | SVdP Meeting at St. V. |
| Sept. 10 | 4:00pm | Evangelization Committee |
| Sept. 10 | 6:00pm | St. Joe School Comm. Mtg. |
| Sept. 15 | 11:00am | Religious Ed at St. Joe |
| Sept. 15 | 2:00pm | Confirmation Mass |
| Sept. 15 | 4:00pm | Confirmation Preparation Class at St. Joe |
| Sept. 15 | 6:00pm | HS Youth Group |

St. Joseph Liturgical Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm Mass for September
- Host—Rosemary Grove, Mary Rose Levesque, Monique Scott
 - Cup—Daniel Bagley, Pat Cassidy, Bill Grove, Andrew Walke
- 10:00am Mass for September
- Host—Becky Boyd, Nancy McNulty, Marty Tormoehlen
 - Cup—Scott Fisher, Sherry Mohr, David Snuffer, Stephanie Lancaster

Lectors

- 5:00pm Mass September 14
- Marilyn Williamson and Jessica Zuroske
- 10:00am Mass September 15
- Judy Miller and Jerry J. Lux

Ushers

- 5:00pm Mass for September
- Leroy Martin, Paul Nolting, Tom Toll
- 10:00am Mass for September
- Steve Antle, Fred Bohman, Lou Carter, Tom Duvelius, Patrick Lancaster

Musicians

- 5:00pm Mass September 14
- Curtis and Angie Davies
- 10:00am Mass September 15
- Steve Keucher and St. Joseph Choir

Collection Counter Schedule

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| September 9 | Betsy Stephen's Team |
| September 16 | Teresa Wood's Team |
| September 23 | Tom Duvelius' Team |
| September 30 | Nancy Nolting's Team |

Cantors Needed—ASAP

WE NEED MORE CANTORS....PLEASE CONTACT FR. MIKE, RICHARD GRAY, or CAROLYN DISSER.

Knights of Columbus News

Monday thru Saturday
Lunch from 11:00am - 1:00pm
Phone: 317-398-9914

Dinners
Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm
2nd Sunday of each month from 11:00 - 1:00pm

Golf League
Tuesday evening 5:30pm at River's Edge

Wing and Shrimp Night
Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm
Served Hot, Honey Garlic and BBQ

Bingo
Thursday evening from 7:00 - 10:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting Dates
Council Meeting: 8:15pm (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
Finance Meeting: 7:00pm (1st Wednesday)
Columbian Homes Mtg.: 7:00pm (3rd Wednesday)

2nd Sunday Chicken Dinner—Sept. 8

Come join us for the Second Sunday Chicken Dinner at the **Knights of Columbus from 11:00am - 1:00pm this Sunday, September 8th**. A delicious fried chicken dinner will be served.

Oktoberfest—Sept 28



St. Vincent News

Sr. Joan's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel has a couple of very hard sayings of Jesus, especially if you take them literally. The first one is, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." The other one is the closing line of this Sunday's Gospel, "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." With that criteria, not many people will be Jesus disciples. Didn't Jesus tell us to love our neighbors as ourselves? How can you hate your life if you love yourself?

One real person I know about who lived this out is St. Thomas More. Thomas More was the Chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII. Henry wanted his marriage to his wife annulled so he could marry Anne. The Pope would not grant such an annulment so Henry declared himself head of the Church of England. Henry wanted Thomas to go along with all of this and take an Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry the Head of the Church of England. Thomas More would not do it. So he lost all his possessions. He left his wife and children and went to prison and finally to his death. This is the kind of hatred of life and loved ones that Jesus is talking about. Thomas More loved his family and his life, but he let go of everything for the love of Christ. This week as we pray, may we ask Jesus to help us love as He asks us to love. Sometimes this can be difficult.

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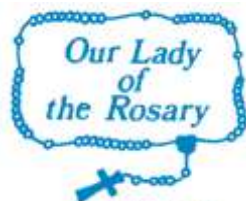
Please refer to page 2, the new home for this information in the bulletin.

St. Vincent Purpose Statement

We joyfully share our gifts to nourish the community.

Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary. We will be praying on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Fields**, weather permitting. If weather is inclement, we will be in the St. Vincent Parish Hall.



September Newsletter

The September Newsletter is in the rack at each door of church, please take one and pass one on to a friend or you may view it online at svdpcc.com.

Endowment Fund

St. Vincent de Paul has recently established an endowment fund as a perpetual source of revenue for our parish. A wide variety of gifts can be contributed - cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, charitable IRA rollovers, etc. Contact Margaret Haehl, John Kappes, or Sr. Joan Miller with interest or questions at St. Vincent Church - 317-398-4028.

Finance Meeting—Sept. 10

The St. Vincent Finance Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm in Sister's house.

September Food Drive—Sept. 15

The next meeting of the St. Ann Altar Society will be Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The committee for September is Pat Rosenfeld and Rosanna Rodgers. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

October Newsletter—Sept. 15

The deadline for the September newsletter is Sunday, August 18th. Please share your joys and sorrows with your parish family. Call Pat at 765-265-7195, email pat.barley49@gmail.com or put your news item in the orange envelope at the church door.

St. Ann Altar Society—Sept. 16

The next meeting of the St. Ann Altar Society will be Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The committee for September is Pat Rosenfeld and Rosanna Rodgers. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Ann Rummage Sale—Oct. 4 & 5

Mark your calendar for St. Vincent's St. Ann Fall Rummage Sale on October 4th and 5th. Now is the time to start sorting out your closets and cabinets. You may bring your clean usable items to Sr. Joan's garage any time. We are no longer able to accept outdated televisions. Thank you!

Today's Readings

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalms — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

News for Both Parishes

Open Adoration Hours

We need the following hours filled:

Thurs. at 2am
Sat. at 1pm
Sat. 7pm

Call Jim if you can take one of these hours at 317-850-5248.



Food for Thought

Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

Catholic University of America—Sept. 8

There will be a Special Collection at St. Joseph and St. Vincent Churches the weekend of September 8th for the support of the Catholic University of America.

Personality Types & Prayer Styles—Sept. 8

The first Adult Education Night will be on September 8 at 5pm in the St. Joe cafeteria. Mark your calendar now! Fr. Mike will explain how personality types make a difference to a person's prayer. Come learn your own prayer style! Other nights are:

- November 17: Exorcisms, Fr. Vince Lampert
- January 19: Marriages & Annulments, Fr. Joe Newton
- March 29: Baptism and New Life, Dcn. Tom

12 Hours of Mercy—Sept. 20

Fr. Mike and Fr. Paul will be hearing confessions from 9am until 9pm on Friday, Sept. 20. This happens every third Friday of the month. There are many graces that come from a monthly confession!

Retreat for Liturgical Ministers—Sept. 21

The annual Liturgical Ministers Retreat will take place from 9am until Noon on Saturday, September 21st in the St. Joe Cafeteria. Ushers, EMHCs, musicians, lectors and greeters from both parishes are invited.

Adoration Summit—Nov. 30

There are five exits in a row off I-74 that have churches with perpetual adoration chapels!! It is truly remarkable! Adorers from all parishes are invited to join for a day of prayer on Nov 30. More details to come.

Thank You from Sr. Laura

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Vincent,

Thank you so much for kindly welcoming me on August 17 and 18 at the Masses. Your parishes are vibrant witnesses to the living Church in the United States. I want, however, to particularly express my gratitude for your generosity in hearing my appeal and for the contribution to the missions you made that day or will in the future.

God bless you,
Sr. Laura Coughlin, SC

RCIA—Starting Sept 23

RCIA stands for the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. These sessions are for adults who would like to know more about the catholic faith. Please invite your family or friends to attend these sessions beginning on Monday, September 23rd at 7pm in St. Vincent School House. There is no fee for attending. Contact either Parish office if you have questions. All are welcome.

Catholic Men's Conference—Oct. 5

Save the Date: October 5th. The Indiana Catholic Men's Conference "Lions Breathing Fire." **Fr. Mike is the MC of the event.** There will be INCREDIBLE speakers such as Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, and many others. There will be many opportunities for grace!

Women's Retreat—Nov 2

Save the Date: November 2nd. Calling all Holy Women of the Catholic Community of Shelby County to attend this year's women's retreat. All women who are interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Judy Hill at Mrsbigdawg1980@yahoo.com.

Handel's Messiah—Dec. 19

Just like last year, Fr. Mike will take a bus load of adults (and youth too) to the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts. Join the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, along with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, as they perform music's most powerful message of faith, Handel's *Messiah*. The event is at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 19th. More details to come, but mark your calendars now! Please call the office to reserve your seat now!

Pilgrimage with Fr. Mike to Mexico— June 23-28, 2020

Join Fr. Mike and the Marian Center of Indianapolis on a pilgrimage to Mexico! Father Mike will guide the group to several holy shrines in Mexico -- the famous Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, the Shrine of San Miguel Del Milagro, the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan, and many more places. Email the Marian Center at mariancntr@aol.com to sign up or for more info. What a joy it will be to pay special honor to Our Lady.

News for Both Parishes

Gracias Padre Ernesto!

St. Joseph Parish was thrilled and honored to host Padre Ernesto Maria Caro, an incredibly gifted and spirited priest. He hosted a retreat in Spanish last Saturday, preached the Mass in Spanish, and offered another talk Sunday afternoon. Hundreds attended, including many from other parishes as well.



St. Joe Cemetery Update

We have raised all funds needed for the repaving of the St. Joe Cemetery road. Thanks for all your help!

Our long-term goal is to develop a maintenance fund to take care of the expenses in our cemetery. We have an endowment fund with the Archdiocese that generates about \$5,500 a year for cemetery upkeep, but the rest of comes out of Sunday collections. We would like to build up our fund through wills or donations so the cemetery can be taken care of for all its future years.



Blessings, Bruce and Edna Knecht

Faith Formation is for EVERYONE at St. Joseph and St. Vincent!

Faith formation is for everyone. That is to say, all our life we are seeking to be formed into Christ, into saints. This looks different at various stages of life:

Preschool through 5th Grade go to one or more of the following:

- St. Joe School
- Religious Ed classes at SJ meet Sundays from 11am - 12pm (starting Sept 8).
- Religious Ed classes at SV meet Wednesdays from 6:15pm - 7:30pm (starting Sept. 4).
- As a supplement, Children's Liturgy of the Word also takes place every Sunday during the 8:30am and 10am Masses. All preschoolers, kindergartners, and first graders are welcome!

Middle Schoolers go to:

- Sunday morning Religious Ed at St. Joseph
- Wednesday night Religious Ed at St. Vincent
- As a supplement, Middle Schoolers are encouraged to attend the monthly enrichment opportunities (social, service, and spiritual). Details to be shared in classes.

Confirmation Candidates (generally HS freshmen) go to Confirmation Preparation.

- St. Joe and St. Vincent do Confirmation preparation together, so we rotate our meeting space. We meet twice a month. First Sundays we meet at St. Vincent and Third Sundays we meet at St. Joseph.
- Dates: Sep 15 SJ, Oct 6 SV, Oct 20 SJ, Nov 3 SV, Nov 17 SJ, Dec 1 SV, Dec 15 SJ, Jan 5 SV, Jan 19 SJ, Feb 2 SV, Feb 16 SJ, Mar 1 SV, Mar 15 SJ, Apr 5 SV, Apr 19 SJ, May 3 SV - updates possible to this list
- Retreat and service hour dates TBA

High Schoolers go to HS Youth Group

- Every Sunday from 6 - 7:30pm. Come as you can.
- Trips, service projects, etc. as announced

Adults take part in Adult Faith Formation Programs, such as

- Fr. Mike's weekly Bible study on Mondays at St. Vincent at 10am
- Adult Formation during Sunday Religious Ed times at SJ (English and Spanish available)
- Deacon Tom's Book Studies
- Adult Education Nights
- RCIA every Monday at 7pm at St. Vincent
- Retreats, talks, workshops as announced
- Elements of Faith/Fr. Mike Minute emails

We all must take faith formation very seriously! We are never done being formed in the faith, and its riches are endless.

News for Both Parishes

National Catholic Youth Conference— Nov 21-23

Well everyone, it is that glorious time of the year again, it's time to sign your child up for NCYC! NCYC is the National Catholic Youth Conference that is held here in Indianapolis! There will be speakers, musicians and religious figures from around the world coming to simply party and worship our Lord with Catholic youth from all around the country. We are doing the mum fundraiser right now to help pay for most of the cost of the Conference. The Conference itself is November 21-23, 2019. We will be staying in Indianapolis at St. Michaels Parish with the youth group from St. Michaels and high schoolers from Cardinal Ritter High school. We will be leaving St. Joes around 5pm on Thursday, November 21st and return to St. Joe around Midnight on the 23rd. This will (should) count as an excused absence for Friday the 22nd. The total cost of the trip is \$230 per child. Can you please let me know what of this you might be able to cover? We will fundraise for the remainder. It is not a problem if you can't cover the whole thing!!! The Lord always provides. If you, or someone you know would like to sponsor a child or simply donate money to the trip, please contact Billy Cross at bcross@sjsshelbyville.org. Don't forget about the Mum Sale!! All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the trip!

How to Make a Good Confession

1. Walk in, kneel down and say, "Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was ___ ago. I accuse myself of these sins..."
2. Name your sins. Number and kind. No details are needed, but you should name your sin and how many times you did it. Don't be too vague about it. Example: Don't just confess "anger" or "lust" or "greed." What exactly do you mean by that? What did you do? Be clear. If it's hard to say, you need to say it.
3. Father will offer some brief counsel and assign a penance to be done after you leave the confessional.
4. Recite your Act of Contrition. Copies are available in the confessional.
5. Listen to the words of absolution!
6. All things considered, a confession shouldn't last more than three minutes.

Keep Your Rosary in Your Pocket

Always have your rosary in your pocket, no matter what! Teach your kids to do the same.

Know Someone Who's Homebound?

Fr. Mike spends the first Friday of every month doing visits to the homebound members of our parish. If you know someone who is homebound, in a nursing home or an assisted living community, please let the office know so that Father can visit everyone who needs a visit. Often people assume we know about their loved ones who are homebound, but sometimes we do not.

Dispense of Your Broken Sacramentals

There is a new plastic box under the Jesus statue in the narthex where you can put items that have been blessed (sacramentals) but that are broken or no longer usable. Fr. Mike will take these items every now and again and burn and bury them. Remember that you can never throw anything away that has been blessed.

St. Joe Social Club—Sept. 16

The St. Joe Social Club, a Shelby County organization for senior citizens for recreation and fellowship, will meet on September 16th at the Knights of Columbus. Doors will open at 11:15am with lunch being served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$12.00. Baked fish and fried shrimp will be the entrées served at lunch along with delicious sides, salad and dessert. Reservation or cancellations must be made by 12:00 noon Wednesday, September 11th by calling Peggy Forrest at 317-398-0084. Come join us and meet new friends or visit with old friends. Please remember to bring canned or non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Mrs. Disser's St. Joe Bell Choir

These are all St. Joe Fourth and Fifth graders.

