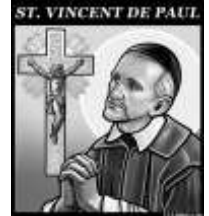




ST. JOSEPH & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



September 15, 2019 • 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Phone & Website.....(317) 398-8227 stjoeshelby.org
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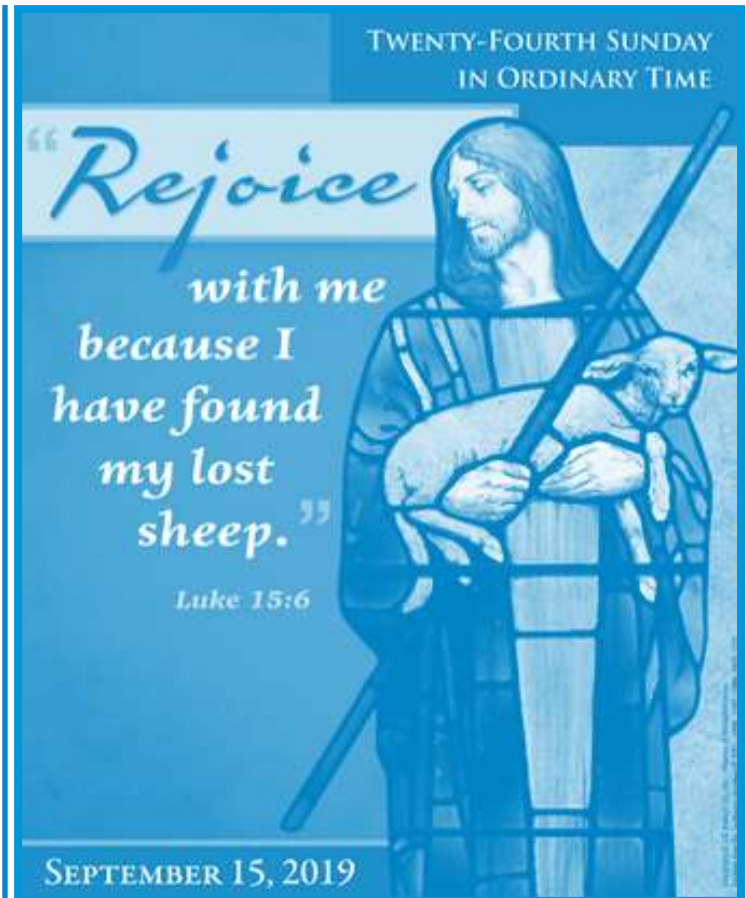
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General Information

- **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

Sun., Sept. 15	8:30am 10:00am 12:15pm	Buddy Ernstes Leroy Mathies For the Holy Souls in Purgatory	St. Vincent St. Joseph St. Joseph
Mon., Sept. 16	5:00pm	Omer Brewer	St. Vincent
Tues., Sept. 17	8:15am	Charles Davies	St. Joseph
Wed., Sept. 18	8:00am	Walt and Sally Schwegman	St. Vincent
Thur., Sept. 19	No Mass		
Fri., Sept. 20	8:15am	Mildred Aldridge	St. Joseph
Sat., Sept. 21	5:00pm	For Mental Health	St. Joseph
Sun., Sept. 22	8:30am 10:00am 12:15pm	Buddy Ernstes For the Parishioners Ramiro and Carmen Tapia	St. Vincent St. Joseph St. Joseph

Readings for the Week

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]

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101: 1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49: 6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Weekly Numbers

Mass Counts

September 8, 2019

5pm.....	223
8:30am.....	212
10am.....	335
12:15pm.....	188
TOTAL.....	958

St. Joseph Sunday Collection

September 8, 2019

Budgeted Sunday Collection.....	\$14,500.00
Total Sunday Collection.....	<u>\$15,545.73</u>
Sunday's Surplus (Deficit).....	\$ 1,045.73
Catholic University Collection.....	\$ 522.00

St. Joseph Year-To-Date Collection

YTD Collection Budget.....	\$145,000.00
YTD Collection Total.....	<u>\$143,550.38</u>
TD Surplus (Deficit).....	\$ (1,449.62)

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

September 8, 2019

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 3,483.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
Catholic University Collection.....	\$ 336.00

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

Bob Artmeier	Dianne Reuter
Max Branson	Lebryk
Roger Brewsaugh	Rose Mary Martin
Jan Chandler	Millie McVey
Ronnie Chandler	Pat Miller
Leonardo Leon	Mary Myers
Chavez	Ruth Pennycuff
Rick Comstock	Grant Plue
Alice Cossairt	Dixie Redelman
Kate Freeman	Michael Schreiner
Leopoldo Gomes	Sloan
Diane Hargitt	Allen Snow
Bill Holt	Mona Spalding
Colleen Hradnansky	Jerry Thomas
Tammy Jones	Nora Van Natta
Alex Kalsxheur	Char Rene'
Liam Kapfhammer	Thompson
Jim Knecht	Travis Whelen
Betty Knight	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. Be sure you have their permission before submitting their name.

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St. Joseph News

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners,

Today we welcome Archbishop Thompson among us. He has been here three times since my time here began two years ago: once to celebrate our 150th, once to dedicate our perpetual adoration chapel, and then now today to confirm the 24 youth from Shelby County who have been preparing this past year for this sacrament.



I remember Archbishop Daniel's homily at my own Confirmation. He said: "I can't promise you anything, except this: if you pray every day, in your own way, everything will always be okay."

Before I got confirmed, I met with my pastor, Fr. Charlie. It was a requirement that we all meet with him individually. We all had to. This year, I decided to do the same thing for the youth at St. Joe. I met with each one of them for about ten minutes on the bench in front of the office. Some observations:

- They are deeper than you'd ever think. When they're in a big group, you'd never know it; like most teens, they don't want to talk too much about God in front of others. But one on one, they really open up.
- They are generous. I asked each of our youth to commit to helping with SOMETHING around here after Confirmation. I gave them a list. We have new choir members, cantors, lectors. I got a webmaster from this group. I am also so happy that six of them are now assisting in Sunday religious ed classes every week. That's good for them, and good for the younger kids.
- I reminded them that the decisions they make now are the biggest life-changing decisions of their lives: to get confirmed, where to go to college, who to date, how to date, who to be friends with, etc. In the middle of all those decisions, must be Jesus.
- I implored them all: MASS EVERY SUNDAY or Saturday night. No excuses. Some of them will have to fight their parents to get that done. I hope they do.
- Most of these youth are sincere and actually care about God. With them, the Church is in good hands...so long as they stay with it. There are many temptations out there.

May God bless you!
Fr. Mike

Mensaje del Padre Mike

Hermanos en Cristo,

Hoy damos la bienvenida al Arzobispo Thompson. Él ha estado aquí tres veces desde que mi tiempo aquí comenzó hace dos años: una vez para celebrar nuestros 150 años, una vez para dedicar nuestra capilla de adoración perpetua, y hoy para confirmar a los 24 jóvenes de Shelb que se han estado preparando el año pasado para este sacramento.



Recuerdo la homilía del arzobispo Daniel en mi propia confirmación. Él dijo: "No puedo prometerle nada, excepto esto: si rezas todos los días, a tu manera, todo siempre estará bien."

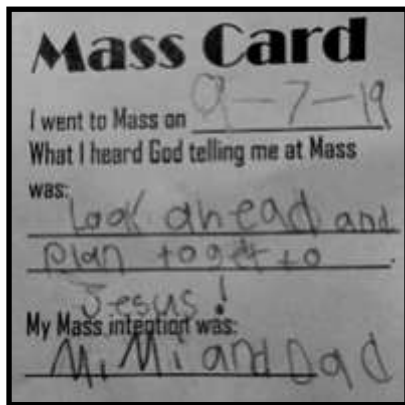
Antes de mi confirmación, me reuní con mi parrojo, el P. Charlie. Era un requisito que todos nos reuniéramos con él individualmente. Todos tuvimos que hacerlo. Este año, decidí hacer lo mismo por los jóvenes en St. Joe. Me reuní con cada uno de ellos durante unos diez minutos en el banco frente a la oficina. Algunas observaciones

- Son más profundos de lo que piensas. Cuando están en un grupo grande, nunca lo sabrías; Como la mayoría de los adolescentes, no quieren hablar demasiado sobre Dios demasiado delante de los demás. Pero uno a uno, realmente se abren.
- Son generosos. Le pedí a cada uno de nuestros jóvenes que se comprometiera a ayudar con ALGO por aquí después de la Confirmación. Les di una lista. Tenemos nuevos miembros del coro, cantores, lectores. Tengo un webmaster de este grupo. También estoy muy feliz de que seis de ellos ahora asisten a clases de educación religiosa los domingos cada semana. Eso es bueno para ellos, y bueno para los niños más pequeños.
- Les recordé que las decisiones que toman ahora son las decisiones más importantes que cambian sus vidas: ser confirmados, a dónde ir a la universidad, con quién salir, cómo salir, con quién ser amigos, etc. todas esas decisiones deben ser de Jesús.
- Les imploré a todos: MASA CADA DOMINGO o sábado por la noche. No hay excusas. Algunos de ellos tendrán que pelear con sus padres para lograrlo. Espero que lo hagan.
- La mayoría de estos jóvenes son sinceros y en realidad se preocupan por Dios. Con ellos, la Iglesia está en buenas manos...si se quedan con ella. Hay muchas tentaciones.

Que Dios te bendiga!
El p. Mike

St. Joseph News

Mass Card—Sept. 8



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.

Confirmation Mass—Sept. 15

Archbishop Thompson will offer Mass for our Confirmation candidates this Sunday at 2pm. **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. Let us pray for our Confirmandi.

Confirmation Classes Start—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.

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!

Rosary Rally—Oct. 12

Joining America Needs Fatima, St. Joe will host a rosary rally at noon on Sat., Oct. 12, together with hundreds of other Catholic parishes around the United States. All are welcome.

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

This weekend, Fr. Mike will offer a reflection at 11am in the school building about cell phone & screen addiction. In particular, Father will examine its effects upon a child's development.



All are welcome. Just go to the school gym and follow the blue signs to the Adult Education Room. If you are a school parent, you would know that room as Mrs. Vogel's room. It is across from the school office.

St. Joe School Spirit Wear

The St. Joe Spirit Wear Store will be open now until Noon on Monday, September 23rd. Items will be delivered to St. Joe approximately by October 8th. A donation will be made back to St. Joseph for the purchase of every item by Z Shirts! To order your 2019-2020 St. Joe Spirit Wear, please go to <http://www.itsazshirt.com/stjoelions>



St. Joe PTO

Please help St. Joe PTO by saving your Mickeys 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.

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

St. Joseph News

Upcoming Events & Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
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
Sept. 17	3:00pm	Faculty Faith Formation
Sept. 18	10:30am	Mass at Morristown Manor
Sept. 20	9:00am	12 Hour of Confessions
Sept. 21	9:00am	Liturgical Ministers Retreat
Sept. 22	11:00am	Religious Ed at St. Joe
Sept. 22	1:00pm	Kermes-Mexican Food Sale

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 21

- Betsy Stephens and Fran Chigi

10:00am Mass September 22

- Viola Miller and E. Ann Myers

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 21

- Richard Gray

10:00am Mass September 22

- Richard Gray

Collection Counter Schedule

September 16	Teresa Wood's Team
September 23	Tom Duvelius' Team
September 30	Nancy Nolting's Team
October 7	Betsy Stephen'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)

Parish Council Meeting—Sept. 24

St. Joseph Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm in the Parish Office. Contact Gaye McKenney with any agenda items.

Oktoberfest—Sept 28



St. Vincent News

Sr. Joan's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel reading is the story of the Prodigal Son. You probably know that story by heart. Our children begin hearing it in the 2nd grade when they are preparing for First Reconciliation. Learning how much God loves them. And that God is always looking for them to come back to him. BUT, have you really thought about what it means for you today? There are three characters in the story: the Father, the Prodigal Son and the Older Son. Each of those characters teach us a lesson. It is interesting to picture who it is you identify with at different times in this parable. We are not always the younger son seeking forgiveness after having come to our senses. Sometimes we are the forgiving parent and at other times the unforgiving and self-righteous sibling. This week as we pray with this parable, we can ask God to help us to see ourselves as we truly are. Are we loving and forgiving? Are we sorrowful and repentant? Are we unforgiving and self-righteous? And remember all the time we do have a Forgiving Father who is always looking for us and wanting us to return to him. God is always loving and waiting for us with open arms.

Sr. Joan

Collection

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.



October Newsletter—Sept. 15

The deadline for the October newsletter is Sunday, September 15th. Please share 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.

Parish Council Meeting —Sept. 17

St. Vincent Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is 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!

Salvation Army Dinner—Oct. 13

St Vincent will be hosting the Salvation Army Dinner on Sunday, October 13, 2019. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, applesauce and dessert. Drinks are lemonade and iced tea; the Salvation Army provides coffee.

Donations needed:

- 8 - 48 oz. jars of Applesauce
- 2 - 1 gal. Lemonade
- 2 - 1 gal. Arizona Sweet Tea
- 1 - 1 gal. Arizona Unsweet Tea
- Desserts - 7 to serve 15 each

If you would like to donate any of the above items, or help set up and/or serve on Sunday, October 13, please call Jean Adams at 317-696-0778 or Joyce Ford at 317-392-4210. Thank you for your generous support. We would like to give a very big THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus who cook this meal for us each time.

Today's Readings

First Reading — "Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?" (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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.

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.

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 7:30pm on Thursday, December 19th. More details to come, but mark your calendars now! Please call the office to reserve your seat now!

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.

Kermes-Mexican Food Sale!!—Sept. 22

Come and enjoy some delicious Mexican food favorites! Tacos with choice of meat (pork, steak), Mexican duros, and more! This is all taking place right after the 12:15pm Spanish Mass next Sunday, September 22nd, in the green space. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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 mariancncr@aol.com to sign up or for more info. What a joy it will be to pay special honor to Our Lady.

RCIA—Starting Sept 23

RCIA stands for the Rites of Christian Initiation of Addults. 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.

St. Joe Parish Council Recap—Aug. 27 Mtg

1. Building & Grounds: new parking bumpers will be installed soon, refurbishing of classrooms and halls will continue in school soon
2. Faith Formation: REP will begin on Sept. 8, includes adult ed component. Great teachers. Confirmation will be on Sept 15. RCIA will begin on Sept 23. The Adult Education Series will begin in Sept. Youth group water kick off was awesome. MUMs great. NCCYC coming.
3. Spiritual Life: Plans have been made for a 2019 Advent Devotional. The "Elements of Faith" video series is being distributed to over 600 folks. Adoration chapel awesome.
4. SVdP: Doing fantastic on all fronts-- store, warehouse and ministry. Very grateful to all the volunteers making this possible!
5. Evangelization & Hospitality: Discipleship Conference @ Roncalli, Digital Prayer Box, new cake ministry for new parishioners!!! Christ Crew providing food for youth.
6. Finance: Fr. Mike's year-end report was reviewed and proof-read for release ASAP
7. Hispanic: 1st ever CHRP for women in Spanish, Fr. shared about sister parish progress.

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

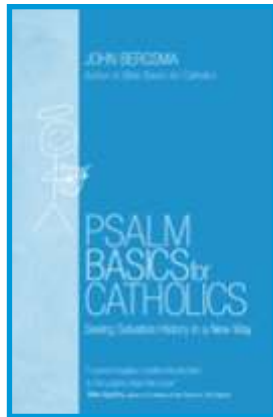
Save the Date: November 2nd. Calling all Holy Women of the Catholic Community of Shelby County to attend this year's women's retreat. All women who are interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Judy Hill at Mrsbigdawg1980@yahoo.com.

News for Both Parishes

Fall Book Study—Oct. 9/Oct. 13

Dear Friends,

Our faith community has an immense desire to be a community of prayer and to grow spiritually through prayer. Sacred Scripture offers us a masterpiece of prayer, The Book of Psalms. The purpose of the Fall Book Study is to nurture our faith community's desire for better prayer life by becoming more familiar and gaining greater understanding of the Psalms.



The book for this season is *Psalm Basics for Catholics; Seeing Salvation History in a New Way*; author John Bergsma. Classes will be held each Sunday and Wednesday for the six weeks beginning on Wednesday, October 9th at 7pm and Sunday, October 13th at 11am (ending on November 13th & 17th). You may attend either class or both classes each week. The Wednesday class will meet in the St. Joseph School cafeteria. The Sunday class will meet in the St. Joseph School.

There are three registration options:

1) The St. Joseph Parish website; 2) E-mail me at thill@sjsshelbyville.org; 3) Call me at (812) 343-1749 (leave a message). Please, indicate whether you plan to attend the Wednesday or Sunday class. The books will be furnished by St. Joseph Parish. If you wish, you can purchase the book via the typical internet outlets.

Books will be available in the coming weeks after Masses and/or at the St. Joseph Parish office. The study guide is being developed and will be available in advance of the start of the book study.

If you cannot commit to attending the study classes, you are welcome and encouraged to study on your own, as a family or as an independent study group.

In advance of the first class, please read the Introduction, Chapters 1 and 11 and prepare your answers to the study guide questions.

Blessings and Peace,
Deacon Tom

Elements of Faith—Every Monday

Fr. Mike and Dcn. Tom are creating videos for a series called Elements of Faith. If you'd like these emailed to you, email stjoeshelby@gmail.com. Currently they are doing a series on prayer.

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 pre-schoolers, kindergarteners, 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.

Mum Sale Thank You!!



The Youth Group wants to extend a giant **THANK YOU** to all St. Joe and St. Vincent parishioners who were gracious enough to order mums and support the Youth Group! We sold over 250 mums this year!

WOW!!!! We are continually blown away at the generosity and support that we get from both parishes. The trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) costs around \$235 per child and with all your help, you have made it much more possible for our youth to attend this life changing experience! Know that your support will help these youth fall in love with Christ and their Catholic Faith.

When to Call the Priest

When a loved one is ill, please remember to call Father Mike before it is too late to give last rites. Many times people wait too long, thinking things will get better or waiting until as close to the very end as possible. No need! Call Father as soon as things are going downhill. Remember that a person can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing many times in his or her life.

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.

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.

Getting Engaged?

Remember to book the church early on. Please remember that we don't do weddings on festival weekend. Most importantly, remember that a Catholic seeking marriage is **REQUIRED** by Church law to get married in the church by a priest in order for his/her marriage to be considered valid. If you need help with an annulment, please contact Deacon Tom.

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.