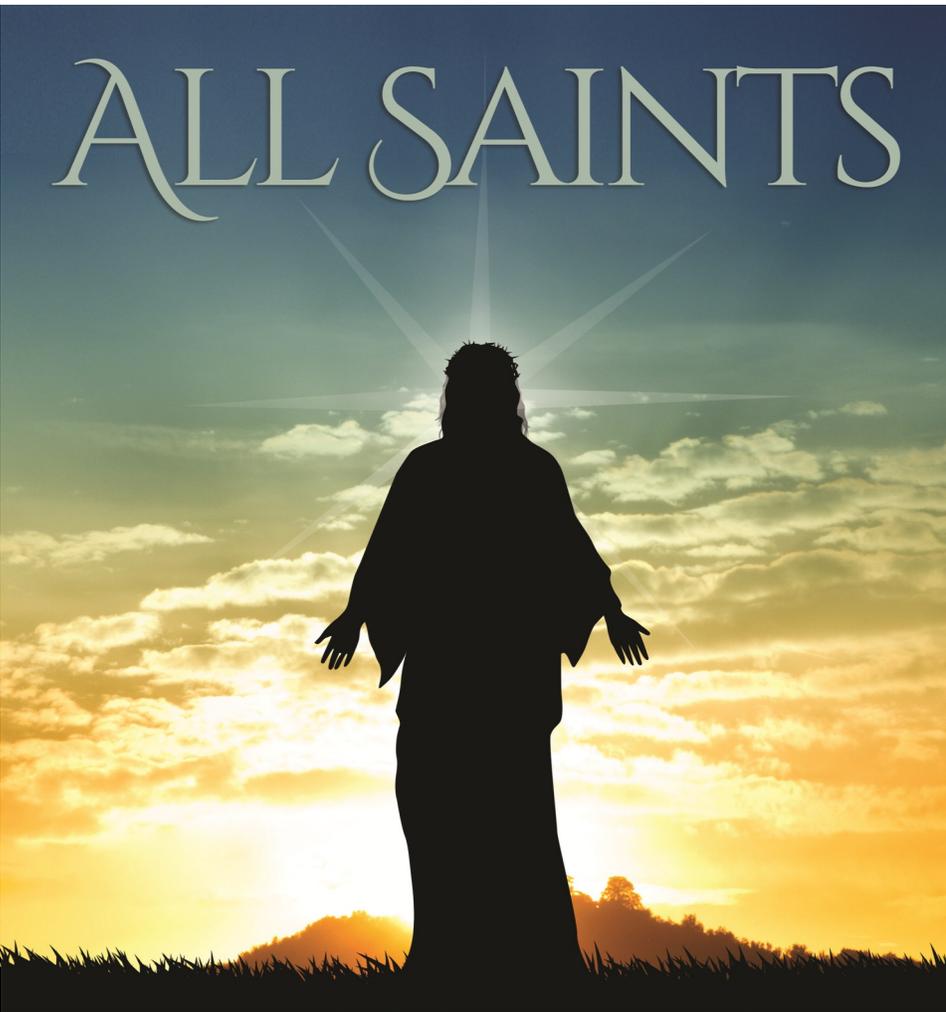


ST. JOSEPH'S



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”

- Mt 5:3, 9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Lord's Day

Saturday..... 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday flexible schedule—see bulletin

Holy Day flexible schedule—see bulletin

New Parishioners and Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the parish, please contact the office so we may greet you properly. There are also Welcome Packets available in the Gathering Space.

www.stjoeleb.org

From the Director of Religious Education...

Last April, Pope Francis announced the coming of an Extraordinary Jubilee Year, also known as a “holy year.” Traditionally holy years have been celebrated every 25-50 years and the last one was celebrated in 2000. The popes, however, may also designate special holy years when appropriate and these are then called, “extraordinary jubilee years”.

The upcoming Extraordinary Jubilee Year is called the Year of Mercy. This year long celebration begins on December 8, 2015 and continues until November 20, 2016. This year will give Catholics the opportunity to reflect on God’s mercy for all and to help us remember that we are to be merciful to all.

There is much to learn regarding this special jubilee and many things that will be occurring during the year, in the Vatican and across the country. This is not just something to be recognized or heard about being celebrated but an opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate in various ways right here at St. Joseph’s and within our own homes. In my morning dismissals for religious education classes, I will share more about this special year. I have talked about what this year is to our catechists and have asked them to incorporate the Year of Mercy into their classroom. I will assist them in doing so by giving them necessary materials as well as ideas. I would also like to encourage families to learn more about the Year of Mercy and begin to incorporate its teachings in their own homes.

One important way is through prayer and what better way to pray as a family than to go to Mass. Perhaps we have let “worldly” schedules dictate our weekends, or overlook Mass to do something else. Perhaps we work so much that by the weekend or Sunday, we just want to be home and be with family. That is wonderful, however, even more wonderful is making part of that family time special by going to Mass together. Many may feel that if their children make it to religious education classes that is sufficient. While that is a nice thought and getting them to class is wonderful, it still misses the great importance of going to Mass.

The beauty of this special holy year is that we can shed the things that have called us away from living a Christ guided life and embrace his forever mercy and restart the “clock.” We are not just encouraged to receive God’s mercy but to give it. I encourage each of you to offer up in prayer one area of your life that is leading you away from God and his path for us and ask for the ability to extend such mercy to others in thanksgiving of your receiving of it. Then encourage each other and keep it up! Mercy isn’t just about saying I’m sorry or forgiving others. It is about loving each other unconditionally; encouraging others to not worry about the past but to restart or start for the first time in living God’s path for our lives; being gracious to and praying for all no matter who they are, what they stand for, look like, act like, or what they don’t do.

I pray that this special holy year will invigorate your faith life as well as mine and draw you to an even closer relationship with God.

God Bless, God Speed and have a great week,
Caroline

Stewardship & Administration

Parish Finance Council

Ron Lind (Chair), George Anichini, Dan Lamar, Jon Lehmkuhler, Michelle Marietta, Ron Morelock, Jeff Newman, Michele Thomas

Financial Stewardship

Last Week Envelopes	\$5,307.00
Electronic Giving	2,140.00
Youth Envelopes	2.00
Last Week Loose.....	311.60
Total	\$7,760.60
Weekly Budget.....	\$10,000.00
YTD Weekly Collection Budget	\$420,000.00
YTD Weekly Collection Actual.....	\$407,081.68



Thanks for your good stewardship.

Stewardship of Our Youth

My good deed was....

Children of St. Joseph, remember we love to hear about all your good deeds during the week. Won't you please share with us? If you need additional envelopes, more can be found in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office.

Stewardship Prayer Corner

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? *All* of my heart, *all* of my soul, *all* of my mind and *all* of my strength!

Online Giving

Our parish offers another option for contribution to the church. Online Giving, provided by Our Sunday Visitor, is available for those who would like to make donations online. Please prayerfully consider Online Giving and visit the link on our parish website, www.stjoeleb.org.

Keeping Our Children Safe

Everyone who works with young people shares the responsibility of creating safe environments. All those whose ministry involves youth under the age of 18 must register and complete the new diocesan safe environment program, Safe & Sacred, by December 31, 2015. You may complete this program through the diocesan website: www.dol-in.org/online-safe-environment-training.

Flocknote

Text STJOELEB to 84576 to subscribe to Flocknotes. Please join so you can receive current messages from St. Joseph's. Be sure to sign up for each of the specific ministries with which you wish to stay connected.

Facebook

Like St. Joseph's Facebook page and keep up to date with happenings in our parish. The "Communication" page of our parish website also has links to additional Facebook groups and pages related to our parish.



Congratulations to Arron and Christina Hodgen on the baptism of their son, John Albert Hodgen, on October 25, 2015.

Formation

Religious Education

Preschool - 5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:40 am

November 1 No Class - Fall Break
November 8 Classes resume

First Sacrament Class

November 4 6:00 pm in classroom

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45 am in the St. Aloysius Room

November 1 No Class - Fall Break
November 8 Classes resume



High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the St. Gregory Room

November 1 Issue Night
November 8 Psalms

Adult Formation

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45 am in the Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

November 1 Sunday by Sunday

“Come and See” Inquiry into the Catholic Faith

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How does the Catholic Church help people to follow Jesus in everyday life? Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our faith community...or would you just like to ask some questions? Then you are invited to “come and see” inquiry into the Catholic faith, which is held in the St. Aloysius Room on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Enter through the door just east of the canopied office entrance on the south side of the parish hall building. For more information, you may call the Parish Office (765-482-5558).

First Sacrament Class

Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 pm, will be the next First Sacrament class in the classroom. Please email confirmation of attendance to Caroline at religiously@stjoeleb.org or call the Parish Office.

Family Invitation

Michael James Mette will be sharing his music with our community on Sunday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Michael is a Catholic musician and speaker who travels the country with his wife of 15 years, Michelle, and their six young children, infant through 11 years of age. His music is a modern reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics. Your whole family is invited to this free-will concert to be held in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar to join LIFE TEEN and support Michael's ministry.



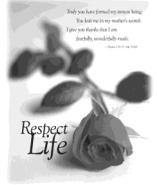
In 17 days, the people from St. Joseph's will be leaving to National Catholic Youth Conference. Plans for transportation to and from NCYC and for our meals are in the works. NCYC needs volunteers to help with the conference. Go to www.NCYC.info to see if you can help bring 20,000 Catholic teens closer to Christ. One hour of volunteering allows you to join us for the closing Mass! Hope to see you there!

Outreach

Pro-Life Corner

Please pray the following prayer every day for an end to abortion and for the unborn babies...*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”*

-Prayer of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Pro-Life Notes

“As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?” *Respect Life Quotes— Pope John Paul II*

Post-Abortion Healing & Reconciliation

Project Rachael, a post-abortion healing ministry, offers confidential and skilled help. Call 1-877-522-3300.

Did You Know?

There are several people who go each Friday to abortion clinics to pray? If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution

With colder weather comes higher utility bills. Those with limited resources suffer more than most of us. They often depend on programs such as the St. Vincent DePaul food distribution for help. The program runs entirely on volunteers so there is always a need for more help. Several people with pickup trucks, who are free during the day, are needed to go to Gleaners and Midwest food banks to pick up food. More help is needed at St. Joseph's to unload the trucks. Watch Flocknotes for dates and times. Many volunteers are needed on the first and third Saturday of each month for the distribution. Set-up begins at 7:30 am. If this is too early for you, the distribution begins at about 9:30 am following 9:00 am Mass. The next distributions are November 7 and November 21. Come and join us.

Parish Life

Rock The Manger

Help us celebrate the nativity on November 13. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing and auction. The auction of nativity scenes from around the world have been donated by Father Tim. Proceeds go to support St. Joseph's young adults on their pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day 2016, the Shalom House and Love INC. Featured entertainment, The Flying Toasters. For tickets and information go to: www.wedoauctions.net/rockthemanger or contact the Parish Office at 482-5558.

First Friday Breakfast

Please join us for the First Friday pitch-in breakfast after the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, November 6, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Come join us for good food and fellowship.

Funeral Planning Session

Join us on Sunday, November 15 at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall, as Fr. Tim and Cathy Rund review readings, music and answer questions regarding funeral planning. A funeral planning packet will be available to assist individuals in planning a funeral.



Congratulations to Stephen and Megan (Scherer) Spitzer as they celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on October 17, 2015. May God's blessings be upon them in their married life.

Worship

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2015

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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This Week in the Parish

Monday, November 2 • The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
8:00 am Communion Service
4:00 pm Grief Support Group in St. Aloysius Room
7:00 pm "Come & See" Inquiry in St. Aloysius Room

Tuesday, November 3 • Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

10:00 am Communion Service at Parkwood
1:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

Wednesday, November 4 • Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Mass for †Steve Reynolds (V Reynolds)
Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 3:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass
6:00 pm First Sacrament Class in Classroom

Thursday, November 5

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
10:00 am Mass for Josh Compton (J & C Brand)
10:30 am Reconciliation
7:00 pm Cursillo in St. Aloysius Room
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in St. Cecilia Room

Friday, November 6

6:00 am That Man Is You in Parish Hall
7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
8:00 am Mass for John McCall (St. Joseph Parish)
9:00 am First Friday Breakfast in Parish Hall
9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 8:00 am (Preregistration Required)

Saturday, November 7

9:00 am Mass for Novena Intentions (Legion of Mary)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution in Parish Hall
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass for St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, November 8 • Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Rosemary Furrer (St. Joseph Parish)
9:30 am Religious Education & Middle School Youth Ministry
9:30 am Adult Faith Formation in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room
9:30 am RCIA in St. Gregory Room
11:00 am Lord's Day Mass for the Youth of St. Joseph
Baptism of Declan Joseph Sullivan during Mass
6:00 pm Life Teen in St. Gregory Room

Dismissal Catechist: Barry and Kim Crist

Worship

Pray For...

Celeste Trippel, Martha Endres-Jackman, Jean O'Neal, Joseph Bart McAtee, Ross Neese

...parishioners and their loved ones who are serving in the military...

If you have someone you would like the parish to pray for, please ask for their permission, and then contact the Parish Office or place a note in the collection basket. We will include their name in this box for a period of one month.

If a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 482-5558 to arrange for Communion to be brought to them. Thank you.



Area News

Marriage Encounter

Are you living a busy life and don't really have time to talk to your spouse? We have a gift to share with you; it's called Marriage Encounter weekend. The weekend will give you the opportunity to examine your lives together. A time to share your feelings, hopes, joys, and frustrations without the interruption of family commitments, TV, internet and phone calls, rather it is a time to get to know your spouse all over again and rediscover your deep love for each other. Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, November 6-8, 2015 and April 29-May 1, 2016, and at the Clarion Hotel, Clarksville from February 5-7, 2016. For further information visit www.wvme.org.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Thank you for the most rewarding weekend of our lives. We are looking eagerly to many exciting years together. We wish every young couple could have a Marriage Encounter Weekend."

Retreat for Healing After An Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat November 6, 7, and 8. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact: Project Rachel at 765-477-7706 or 1-877-522-3300. For a complete listings of retreat dates and locations contact 1-877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Images of God Retreat

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host the "Images of God," retreat from 7:00 pm on Friday, November 20 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 21, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. During the retreat, you will explore the nature of "image," the culture of Biblical images and more. Cost to attend is \$90, which includes all meals. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2946, email ProvCtr@spsmw.org or register online at events.sistersofprovidence.org.

175th Anniversary Celebration Concert

First Presbyterian Church will celebrate their musical heritage on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 pm. St. Joseph's parishioners are invited to this celebration which takes place at 128 E Main St, Lebanon. Both First Presbyterian Church members and community members will share musical gifts in concert. All are welcome!