

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 08/23/2025 & 08/24/2025**

**3:45 PM: Cheryl Jory**

**10:30 AM: Janet Wenner**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 08/23/2025 & 08/24/2025**

**3:45 PM: Theresa Clements**

**10:30 AM: Brian Keenan**

**Altar Servers: 08/24/2025**

**10:30 AM: Jason Krueger, Pete Daempfle**

**Greeters: 08/24/2025**

**10:30 AM: Joan DeBenedittis, Julianne Militello, Parent**

**Ushers: 08/24/2025**

**10:30 AM: Griffin Kelley, Liam Serdy**

Readings for the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 448—Holy, Holy, Holy

Psalm 40: “Lord, come to my aid!”

Off. 685—Seek Ye First

Comm. 798—Spirit and Grace

Cl. 500—Lift High the Cross

Weekly Offering Table

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,250.00**

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup> & Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

|         | Sat      | Sun        | Total      |
|---------|----------|------------|------------|
| Regular | \$648.00 | \$1,247.00 | \$1,895.00 |

**“Please write a separate check to St. Joseph’s when requesting a mass intention.” Mass intentions are \$15.00 each.**

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

*Discipleship Formation*

Discipleship Formation for Children Classes begin September 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish hall. All registration forms have been mailed out.

Please return as soon as possible, so all material for them will be received for the children on time. God Bless and see you all soon!! Have a wonderful rest of the summer.



*Dessert with Fr. Joe Cooking Class  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!*

Calling all dessert lovers. Fr. Joe will be holding a South Indian Dessert Cooking class on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per person to buy supplies. The signup sheet is on the piano podium. Come help Fr. Joe whip up his delicious treat!!!!



*Sowing & Growing*

Words are powerful things, and the right words should be deep seeded in our children’s memories. Suddenly the seed will blossom when it’s least expected especially when it is most needed.

Make Mass a common place for family, come all to the table of the Lord. When we bring our children to mass as well as ourselves, we are bringing them to the perfect sacrifice offered to God the Father for the salvation of the human race we are bringing them to Jesus-Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is important for the children to see the parents on their knees before the Lord.

Keep in mind Jesus’ words.

Let the little children come to me do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:13-14



*Family Game Night  
August 22nd—6:00 p.m.*

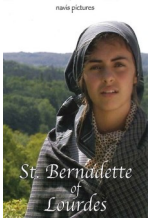
Family time can be fun and spiritually enriching. Game night combines play with faith and values it's a unique way to bond and grow closer to God. We value quality family time; many children feel disconnected due to too much screen time. Game nights bring families together while reinforcing values. Picture an evening of laughter and friendly competition. These games offer spiritual growth to, there is something for everyone. We have spiritual based games along with your everyday board games. You may also bring your own favorite games. Refreshment will be served so bring a smile and a friend.

Can you help us financially?

Thank you for your generous support to St. Joseph. Your donation helps us to pay the bills. Without you, what will we do? Please attend mass and help us with your offering. Now you can make your weekly offering to St. Joseph by mail or place it in our side door rectory drop box. You are all in my prayers and masses. God Bless You! Fr. Joe

*“St. Bernadette of Lourdes”*

The first “Children’s Cinema” release from Navis Pictures, “St. Bernadette of Lourdes” is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world’s most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009. Featuring a cast of over 160 mostly home-schooled, Catholic children ranging from 3 to 17 years of age, the film is perfect viewing for the entire family. **Comments are disabled for kids content. If you have any questions/comments/concerns about this content, please email [parishcare@formed.org](mailto:parishcare@formed.org)**



*Animal Food Collection*

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment (Feast Day: October 4<sup>th</sup>), our parish will be collecting donations of animal food September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit local shelters and families in need.

St. Francis of Assisi is renowned for his deep love and respect all creatures of God, reflecting this in his teachings and life, even preaching to the birds.

This collection is a wonderful way to honor his legacy and extend compassion to animals in our community.

Donations of dry and canned dog and cat food (any brand welcome) can be placed in the designated collection bin.

Consider donating other pet supplies as well, such as clumping litter, durable toys, treats, and even blankets or towels.

This collection helps minimize the number of animals surrendered due to owners facing financial difficulties in caring for them.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important initiative. Your kindness helps us care for all God’s creatures, following the beautiful example of St. Francis of Assisi.

*August Birthdays*

This weekend at the Annual Parish Picnic, we will be having a birthday cake celebration. All are welcome!!



**\*For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.\***  
Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978  
Password: 104215



*St. Drithelm*  
*Feast Day—August 17<sup>th</sup>*



Imagine you’re visiting a very sick relative. Suddenly you stop seeing his chest move up and down. He’s died. Throughout the night everyone is crying and talking about his life. Suddenly, this dead man sits up in bed and begins speaking! I know I would run screaming from the room. How about you? That actually happened to a man named Drithelm who lived more than 1300 years ago. He was married, had children, and loved God. One day he became very sick and died—or so everyone thought! Family and friends crowded around his body sobbing. As the sun began to rise, the “dead man” suddenly sat up and spoke! Everyone was shocked and ran screaming from the room—except his wife, who was too filled with joy to move an inch. Her husband was alive! According to Drithelm, he **HAD** died and seen souls in purgatory. God decided to allow Drithelm a second chance to live a better life. Immediately after explaining this to his wife, he went to church and spent the day in prayer. “I can’t waste this second chance at life without going to church and giving my thanks to God,” he said. Drithelm knew he needed to make a change to avoid suffering for eternity. But what? After making sure his wife and children had all they needed, he left to visit his Christian king for advice. Upon hearing Drithelm’s story, the king introduced him to the abbot of a nearby monastery. (This abbot later became Saint Ethelwald.) Drithelm joined the abbot’s monastery and spent the rest of his life doing penances. At times he prayed in the icy water near the monastery—the water being so cold it had chunks of ice floating in it! To make up for his sins and those of others, he deprived himself of all life’s comforts. “How can you suffer such hardships?” people asked. His reply: “Look around you. Others suffer even greater.” The actions of Drithelm encouraged others to make sacrifices, too. I’m sure many found their way to heaven because of these sacrifices.

***Pastoral Council Meeting***

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Prayer Remembrance**

Please, remember all of our homebound, sick and dying, hospitalized, and the needy! Pray for all the cancer patients! Pray for all of our veterans and soldiers and especially for all the soldiers who are in war zones!! Special prayers for Arthur Verity, Maryann Legaspi, Ean Shirm, Joseph Fedor, Alfred Staudohar, Judy Staruck, JoAnn Barnhart, Grace D. Leggio, Frances Florance, Nick Wicowski, Karlene Tauzel (Stokes), David Miller, Shannon Colin, Jim Bender, Beverly Erway, Jill Scott, Sharon Heller, Jeannie Zaengle Wilshire, Felix Dziembowski, Karl Hoecker, Fred Kirch, Justin Deas, George Olsen, Jeanne Chase, Francisco Miccio, Jeanne Bridger, Dan Gorke, Toni & Larry Bobnick, Bill Fredette Jr., Paula Jenkins, Janet & Charles Papst, Lois Golda, Lillian Spino, Ramona Adesso, Matthew Sivacek, Bill Morgner, Ruth Vinci, Brian Rock and Sean Filipowski for a speedy recovery.



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**Mission Statement:** To form Missionary Disciples through encountering the Lord in Word, Sacraments and one another to transform the communities in which we live.  
**Vision Statement:** St. Joseph is a Vibrant, Welcoming, Evangelizing and Transforming Catholic Community!

*I Have Come to Bring Fire*



**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Joe X. Arockiasamy

**Secretary:** Joan DeBenedittis

**Cemetery Manager:** Kelly Daniels

**Coordinator for Discipleship Formation for Children:** Corinne Connington

**Music Director:** Terry Hait

**Guitarist:** Richard Gruber

**Bookkeeper:** Mike Argiras

**Trustees**

Diane Fedor & William Fredette

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Cheryl Jory

**Finance Chairperson**

Amy Muehl

**Will you please remember “St. Joseph’s Church”  
in your Last Will?**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday Evening: 3:45 PM**

**Sunday Morning: 10:30 AM**

**Weekday Masses**

**Wednesday: Mass 9 AM**

**Friday: Adoration 11 AM—Mass 12 PM**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Wednesday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Friday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Sacraments**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 PM –3:30 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month.  
Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements for wedding should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call our Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Please call the Parish Office

**All are Welcome to St. Joseph!**