

Mass Intentions

Liturgical Ministers

**Lectors: 08/30/2025 & 08/31/2025**

**3:45 PM: Pat Fowble**

**10:30 AM: Michael Jonker**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 08/30/2025 & 08/31/2025**

**3:45 PM: Joe Polisen**

**10:30 AM: Chris Gartung**

**Altar Servers: 08/31/2025**

**10:30 AM: Trent Davis, Tullulah Kelley**

**Greeters: 08/31/2025**

**10:30 AM: Samantha Hoecker, Helen Siems**

**Ushers: 08/31/2025**

**10:30 AM: Emily Snyder**

**Readings for the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Op. 458—Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Psalm 117: Go Out to All the World

Off. 678—O God, You Search Me or 680 Amazing Grace

Comm. 780—Bread for the World or 775 Look Beyond

Cl. 825—Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

**Weekly Offering Table**

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

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> & Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

	Sat	Sun	Total
<b>Regular</b>	<b>735.00</b>	<b>\$1,761.06</b>	<b>\$2,496.06</b>
<b>Assumption</b>			<b>\$ 863.00</b>
<b>Candles &amp; Poor</b>			<b>\$ 80.16</b>

**“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!!



***“Mother Teresa of Calcutta”***

"In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.



A shrewd diplomat and an indomitable force, Mother Teresa was unwilling to accept what others deemed impossible, fearlessly fighting for the unloved and the forgotten. She was regarded as one of the most significant personalities of the twentieth century, although she never owned more than a white and blue sari. She influenced the decisions of the most powerful men on Earth, although she always stayed close to the poorest people of the world. The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone, and also shows her stubbornness with the people who wanted to block her way. Her faith and loving works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

**Watch on Formed!!**

***Praying the Rosary***



"We encourage all parishioners to arrive early for Mass and use the time before the liturgy to pray a decade of the Rosary. This allows for a deeper and more meaningful participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." Let us enter into a spirit of reverence and recollection before the liturgy begins."

**2026 Mass Record Book**

Our 2026 Mass Record Book is in. Please send in your mass intentions to be recorded for the upcoming year.

**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

About this series:

While in one of his adventures in the Sea of Galilee, Lukas met Jesus and was so impressed and gratified that now together with his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah’s Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of all times of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages... Discover how these stories full of music and fun changed the lives of the youngest of the reef: Ana, Paul, Agnes and Peter.



This series is known for its fun and musical approach and its ability to convey important life lessons to a young audience.

***Catechist Meeting***

Catechists, it's that time of the year again where we come together. On Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> there will a catechist dinner and meeting at 5pm in the parish hall to welcome you all back and meet new catechists. There will be a discussion on the curriculum for this school year as well. So please come enjoy the food and good company among your fellow catechists.



God Bless! Corinne Connington

***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 are 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.

**\*For Healing Rosary—Friday— 7:00 p.m.\***

Meeting I.D. 284 242 6978

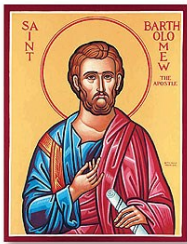
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**St. Bartholomew  
Feast Day—August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Did you know ?

Saint Bartholomew holds a very special place as one of Jesus’ twelve chosen Apostles, but the details of his life are largely shrouded in mystery. He is mentioned by name in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and is always found to be in the presence of the Apostle Philip. In the Gospel of John, Bartholomew is not mentioned by name, but Nathanael is listed as a companion of Philip, suggesting that Bartholomew and Nathanael might be different names for the same person. The three Synoptic Gospels record no special words or deeds attributed to Bartholomew, but John’s Gospel records Nathanael (Bartholomew?) as voicing skepticism that the Messiah could come from Nazareth – before coming to acknowledge Jesus as both the Son of God and King of Israel. And it is believed that he was present when Jesus appeared to several Apostles at the Sea of Galilee after His Resurrection. Several early Church leaders and ecclesiastical historians have associated Bartholomew with missionary journeys into such diverse localities as India, Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia and Armenia. He is reputed to have been martyred in what is now southeastern Turkey while ministering to the Armenians. Tradition holds that he was flayed alive and then crucified upside down for his refusal to worship the local pagan gods, The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Bartholomew on August 24th, while the Eastern Orthodox churches honor him on June 11th. He is recognized as the patron of bookbinders, plasterers, butchers, tanners and shoemakers, and is the patron saint of Armenia, where a thirteenth century monastery bears his name.



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**2025 Annual  
St. Joseph’s Harvest Dinner**  
 This year we will be having our Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the dinner, recruiting volunteers to set up, serve and clean-up. If you wish to attend the meeting, please sign-up on the Harvest Meeting Sheet on the piano podium.  
 Hope to see you there!!  
 Fr. Joe

**Catholic Home Mission  
Second Collection**  
 This weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for Catholic Home Missions. Thank you for your generosity for strengthening our church at home.

**Healing Service**  
 Our monthly Healing Service will be held on Sunday, August 31st. Please come and bring someone who may need healing.

**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, Sean Filipowski, Rick and Wade Lewis for a speedy recovery.

# ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

## Who Will Be Saved



**August 24<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!**

### 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

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