

## Reminders

**Grace Network** - request for July – Sept. : **Oatmeal, grits, applesauce (same as Spring)**

**Community Storehouse** – **individual microwaveable meals** for children

Bible Study 

**Sunday morning** after 10:15 Mass Bible Study We gather to re-visit the Scripture readings for the day. We share insights, questions, applications for our lives. Meeting room is downstairs, first classroom to the left. Come to share.

**Thursday evening** downstairs at 7:00 PM. See Maureen Aaron if you are interested in studying different areas of our faith.

**Eucharistic Adoration** every Friday beginning after Mass until 6:00 pm. Come and spend some time with the Lord!

**Food Lion gift cards** are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week. The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe and go! If you shop at **Kroger** – register your rewards card online at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and enter St. Joseph # 82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend. There is no cost to you for either program!

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Chair: Jim O'Brien, 734-9325; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Bonnie Favero 647-8049; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: John Bucciero 673-8414; Sec: Colleen Ghammashi (614) 915-9401. Maureen Aaron 806-7688; Timothy Downey 638-7856; Isabel Loredó 806-3780; Dennis Miller 252-9293

### EVENTS/HANDOUTS/ FUNDRAISER POLICY

Any group or individual holding an event on St. Joseph property must fill out an appropriate form, and have it signed by Fr. Nicholas in advance. If you would like the event advertised in the oral announcements, a written copy must be submitted to the church office by Wed at 4 pm. Please plan your activities in advance so that we can properly plan for its success. Forms are available in the office or by email

The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ (August 6) celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee. After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and [John](#), went up the mountain. There, [Saint Matthew](#) writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."

### History of the Feast of the Transfiguration

The brightness was not something added to Christ but the manifestation of His true divine nature. For Peter, James, and John, it was also a glimpse of the glories of heaven and of the resurrected body promised to all Christians. As Christ was transfigured, two others appeared with Him: Moses, representing the Old Testament Law, and Elijah, representing the prophets. Thus Christ, Who stood between the two and spoke with them, appeared to the disciples as the fulfillment of both the Law and the prophets. At Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the voice of God the Father was heard to proclaim that "This is my beloved Son." During the Transfiguration, God the Father pronounced the same words. Despite the importance of this event, the Feast of the Transfiguration was not among the earliest of the Christian feasts. It was celebrated in Asia starting in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes that it wasn't commonly celebrated in the West until the tenth century. Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a feast of the universal Church and established August 6 as the date of its celebration.

### Dracula and the Feast of the Transfiguration

Few people today realize that the Feast of the Transfiguration owes its place on the calendar, in part, to the courageous actions of Dracula. Yes, Dracula—or, more precisely, [Vlad III the Impaler](#), who is better known to history by the dreaded name. Pope Callixtus III added the Feast of the Transfiguration to the calendar to celebrate the important victory of the Hungarian nobleman Janos Hunyadi and the elderly priest Saint John of Capistrano at the Siege of Belgrade in July 1456. Breaking the siege, their troops reinforced the Christians at Belgrade, the Muslim Turks were routed, and Islam was stopped from advancing further into Europe. With the exception of Saint John of Capistrano, Hunyadi could find no significant allies to accompany him to Belgrade, but he did enlist the help of young prince Vlad, who agreed to guard the passes into Rumania, thus cutting off the Turk. Without his aid, the battle might not have been won. Vlad was a brutal man whose actions earned him immortality as the fictional vampire, but some Orthodox Christians venerate him as a saint for confronting the Islamic threat to Christian Europe, and indirectly, at least, his memory is recalled in the universal celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration.



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Mass Schedule:

*Sunday: 10:15 (English) 11:45 (Spanish)*

*Weekdays: 12:10 Thursday & Friday*

**Parish Mission Statement:** To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world / **Declaración de la misión parroquial:** Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesús Cristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

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### Sacraments / Sacramentos:

**Baptism:** Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

**Bautismo:** Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero miercoles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina.

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday 5:30-7:00 PM or by appointment

**Confesión:** Miercoles de 5:30 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

**Marriage:** Call or email for an appointment with Fr. Nicholas at least 6 months prior to wedding.

**Matrimonio:** Llamar o mandar un correo electrónico al Padre Nicholas por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la boda, tambien pueden ver a Eduardo Guerrero

**Ministry with the Elderly:** Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office. Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casas, llamar a la oficina.

**Religious Education: Children:** Wednesday 5:30 – 6:45 PM Sept.- May; **Adults (RCIA)** Mondays 6:00 PM, classes to start Monday, September 12, 2016. Call Jim Reaghard 638-1427 to register.

**Educación religiosa; Niños:** Miercoles de 5:30 a 6:45 pm (de Septiembre a Mayo) **Adultos:** Ver a Eduardo Guerrero en el horario de oficina.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Aug 7 SUN: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18:6-9/ Ps 33:1,12,18-22/ Heb 11:1-2. 8-19/ Lk 12:32-48-  
From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Mass in English 10:15 –Bau Ly†  
Mass in Spanish 11:45 – Jesus Rivera Carrillo†  
Bible Study 11:30  
Pictorial directory sign up day

Aug 8 Mon: Dominic  
Ez 1:2-5. 24-28/ Ps 148:1-2. 11-14/ Mt 17:22-27- payment of the Temple tax

Aug 9 Tue: Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
Ez 2:8 – 3 4/ Ps 119: 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/ Mt 18:1-5. 10. 12-14 - "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Aug 10 Wed: Lawrence  
2 Cor 9: 6-10/ Ps 112: 1-2. 5-9/ Jn 12: 24-26- If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him.  
Confessions 5:30-7:00  
Finance Council 7:00

Aug 11 Thu: Clare  
Ez 12:1-12/ Ps 78: 56-59.61-62/ Mt 18:21 – 19:1- Parable of the Unforgiving Servant  
MASS 12:10 – Vy Nguyen †  
Bible Study 7:00

Aug 12 Fri: Jane Frances de Chantal  
Ez 16:1-15. 60. 63/ Is 12: 2-6/ Mt 19:3-12 - 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' ?  
MASS 12:10 –Angelita C. Guerra†  
Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00pm  
San José dance class 7:00

Aug 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday Pontian and Hippolytus  
Ez 18:1-10.13. 30-32/ Ps 51:12-15.18-19/ Mt 19:13-15 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Rosary at the grotto 9:00am

Aug 14 SUN: 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Jer 38: 4-6. 8-10/ Ps 40:2-4. 18 (14)/ Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53-  
"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!  
Rosary 9:45  
MASS IN ENGLISH 10:15 –Teresita Comia Maglalang†  
MASS IN SPANISH 11:45 –

Prayer requests

List of prayer requests can be found in the book of prayer in the commons and on the homepage of our website: <http://stjoechurch.net>  
(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office)

Add to the prayer list this week: safe travels, children and teachers returning to school, intentions in our parish Book of Prayer.

SICK, HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED? If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Sacraments, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906 or Blaise Plageman (276) 632-1591

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Make checks payable to Fr. Nicholas Mammi. Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

Mark your calendar

8/14 – Pancake breakfast  
9/15–Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8/17–21 – portraits for directory  
9/9 – Château Morrisette trip  
9/12– RCIA classes begin

Ministers for Aug. 14  
EM –W- Maureen Aaron\*, Marie-Bernice Downey, Timothy Downey, Lilian East, B – Dick Ephgrave  
Lector – Betty Smith-1; Jimmy McGarry -2Blaise Plageman– Int.  
Usher- Dennis Miller, Tony Rinaldi, Ethan Dobbins, Tony DiMaro

Collections: 7/31  
Budget Amt. \$3,846.15  
Collection: \$2,552.34  
Deficit: \$ 1,293.81

Next week's second collection will be for Reach out which helps support those in need in our community. The first collection helps pay the daily expenses of running the parish. Thank you for your generous donations.

Parish Events

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED  
NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS Y ASISTENTES DE CATEQUISTAS  
If you are looking for a way to make a difference in world and in the Church, volunteer to be a Catechist for our children- The present and future Church. You might just learn something yourself! Contact Donna McGarry in the church office or at [donnamcgarry@comcast.net](mailto:donnamcgarry@comcast.net).

Our Blue Ridge Sunset Bus tour has only 6 seats remaining for our Sept. 9th, 2016 trip to Chateaux Morisette for dinner at sunset on the Blue Ridge Mountains. Details for making reservations are available in the commons. Contact Bob Humkey if you are interested. (276-806-9060. Additionally, we are already busy planning 2 other Bus Trips  
Blue Ridge Fall Color Sightseeing Trip in mid- October  
"Holy Doors" bus trip as part of our year of Mercy celebration. More details on these trips will be forthcoming.

Be a part of our family album!/  
Haste una Parte de nuestro album de la familia  
The directory will include pictures, names and contact information for all members of our parish. This is a valuable tool for new members and old to put names and faces together! Sign up in the commons today!  
Free 8x10 portrait for participating families- retrato 8x10 libre  
Free directory for participating families – directorio gratis para las familias que participan  
Portrait dates:  
Wed. Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-6:30 Sat. Aug.20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am– 5:00 pm  
Thurs. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-9:00 Sun. Aug 21<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Fri. Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 pm – 9:00 pm



Upcoming Events  
Pancake breakfast: The next breakfast will be from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on August 14. Bring the whole family! Free will donations are encouraged to cover expenses.  
RCIA – (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – classes begin Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Religious education for children will begin registration soon. All school aged children are expected to attend religion classes every year. Catechists are needed! Please volunteer to help our children grow in faith!

EWTN Programs: Some interesting shows coming up:  
1) "Franciscan University Presents" at 10 pm Sunday August 7 "Lessons from the early church" by Mike Aquilina  
2) "Prophet, Priest, King" 6.30 pm (1/2 hour) M-F Aug 7-12 By Bishop Robert Barron  
3) Tyburn Convent August 13 ( Sat ) at 11pm Tyburn is where the English martyrs, like St. Thomas Moore, were hung , drawn and quartered  
4) Paul 6 , The Misunderstood Pope - part 2, August 13 , 8 pm  
Deepen your faith by knowing more about it!

Seminarian Sendoff



It seems like he just arrived, but Matthew Coleman's last day with us is Sunday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Matthew, as well as our previous seminarians (Kyle and Dan), as they continue to discern God's call for their lives.

Welcome

We now have a newly energized "Welcome to New Parishioners" Ministry. Susan Marshall is chair and Kim Plaster is vice-chair of this ministry. They would love to have you join them in planning how to best welcome new members to St. Joseph. [Kplaster12@gmail.com](mailto:Kplaster12@gmail.com)

Assumption Mass

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since this day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, for those who would like to attend Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin on the day of the Solemnity, Mass will be celebrated on August 15 at 9:00 am at Saint Joseph and at 6:00 pm at Saint Francis of Assisi.