



### **Main Offices & Hours**

#### Main Offices of Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Parish Cluster

52 Croydon Street, Chatham, Ontario N7L 1L3

Phone: 519-352-9370, 519-352-9483, Fax 866-601-8699

#### **Office Hours**

Monday 9am - 2:30pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Closed each day from 12 - 1pm for lunch

#### Main Offices of St. Joseph and St. Ursula Parish Cluster

205 Tweedsmuir Avenue West, Chatham, Ontario N7M 5N8

Phone: 519-352-8530, Fax: 519-352-9680

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Parish Cluster Offices located at 52 Croydon Street

A Eucharistic community, living as Christ-centered disciples, sharing our faith, serving and embracing all.

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 pm ~ St. Agnes Saturday: 7:00 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament Sunday: 9:30 am ~ Blessed Sacrament Sunday: 11:30 am ~ St. Agnes

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes Wednesday: 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament Thursday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes Friday: 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament

#### **BAPTISM**

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist Two months notice & preparation course is required

#### **CONFIRMATION**

March 3/4, 2018 ~ Blessed Sacrament & St. Agnes March 3/4, 2018 ~ St. Joseph & St. Ursula

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 11:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament

#### **MARRIAGE**

One year notice & preparation course is required

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Higgins
Associate Pastor ~ Fr. Don Pumputis
Pastoral Minister ~ Colleen Keane
Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Robert ~ Ext 27
Coordinator of Youth Ministry ~ Mike McPherson ~ Ext 25
Ali Chinnick ~ Parish Catechist
Deacon Steve Cartier
Deacon Jerry Lozon
Deacon Chris Masterson
Deacon Morgan Treacy

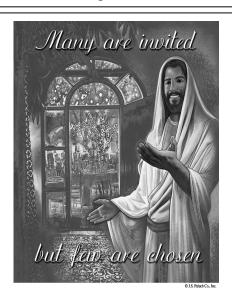
#### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Receptionist ~ Michelle Elgie ~ Ext. 22 Financial Secretary ~ Lynda Cadotte ~ Ext 21 Data Recorder ~ Cathy Zimmer ~ Ext 20 St. Agnes Custodian - Andy Willburger Blessed Sacrament Plant Supervisor ~ Brian Elgie

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ~ 8:00 am-12:00 noon 1:00 pm-5:00 pm (closed for lunch)

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am ~ 5:00 pm



#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY— October 22**

Each year at this time, we are called to focus our attention on the great needs of the Church in the Developing World. This year's theme,

"Rediscovering Mission at the heart of Christian Faith" reminds all baptized Catholics of their responsibility to share in the missionary work of the Church. In times of tragedy such as natural disaster, war, and persecution, many people look to the Church and her missionaries for help and hope. World Mission Sunday celebrates our unity as a human family and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of missionaries and of the Church among the suffering and the poor. There is an envelope in your offertory box. There are blank envelopes at both parishes for you to use. Please give what you can.

### OCTOBER 15, 2017 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Blessed Sacrament Parish** 

Email: bsacramentparish@dol.ca

**St. Agnes Parish** Email: stagnes@dol.ca

Parish Cluster Website: www.bssa.dol.ca



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When a priest enters a new community, it's paramount that relationships have to be established and solidified with the parishioners, and with the pastor. It's all part and parcel, of a fundamental building process that we have to go through, if we are to be successful in spreading God's word.

You all have been very patient with me within this transition, and for that I'm grateful, thank you. I look forward to getting to know you better in service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Don Pumputis Associate Pastor

#### Weekend Mass schedule for October 21/22

Fr. Don will be presiding at weekend Masses at St. Joseph & St. Ursula.

Fr. Paul will be presiding at weekend Masses at Blessed Sacrament & St. Agnes.

#### ST. AGNES K OF C ROSARY

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus are inviting the Parish Community to come together to pray the rosary on the 5th Sunday, October 28/29. The rosary will be conducted following the 5:00 pm and 11:30 am Masses that weekend.



To Everything there is a Season..... "a time to be healed"..... Please pray for the sick of our parish cluster

Christine Pinsonneault, Rose O'Mara

#### "a time to die...."

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially Frank Norbert Gonsalves brother of Diana (Phil) Gavin; Agnes McAlorum sister of Betty Ann (Phil) Sheeler and Ray Reaume. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

#### LITTLE BOOKS

In the past Blessed Sacrament & St Agnes have ordered Little Books for Advent, Lent and Easter.

This year we will not be ordering these books.

To place your own order please contact Little Books:

Phone: (989) 797-6653

littlebooks@dioceseofsaginaw,org E-mail:

Website: www.littlebooks.org

#### ST. AGNES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all our generous supporters who remembered us during the busy summer St. Vincent months. The needs of the poor never take a de Paul vacation. During the past 3 months we have society provided \$392.43 in food youchers. \$162.03 provided \$392.43 in food vouchers, \$162.03

in St. Vincent de Paul Store vouchers, and \$3,130.00 for children to attend camp. All of this has been made possible because of your kind and continued support. Thank you!

#### **COR 96**

COR 96 will be taking place November 10-12 at ESPC High School in Pain Court. COR weekend is designed for young people from Grade 10 to age of 21. A COR weekend involves you in a new, exciting and challenging approach to your Catholic faith and daily living. It is a well developed combination of prayer, reflection, sharing, activities and fun! If you are interested, apply online at goo.gl/dNqfDM or get an application from the back of the church or at the parish office. The cost of the weekend is \$50 but don't let that stop you, apply anyways. Apply early, limited space available. Application deadline is Monday, October 30th. Call Casey at 519-807-5765 for more details.

#### ST. AGNES K OF C ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE



Mark your calendars now for the St. Agnes K of C Annual Turkey Raffle taking place on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes Hall. Admission is free - Free meal will

Proceeds from the raffle will be going to Outreach for Hunger and Chatham Goodfellows.

#### CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES ALTAR SERVERS



Hello, this message is for anyone who is currently altar serving at any of the Catholic parishes in Chatham. We are going to have an altar server training

21<sup>st</sup> at Blessed day next Saturday October Sacrament. This will be for current altar servers and especially for new altar servers. The day will start with training at 9:00 am, then we will have pizza around 11 and play Ball hockey in the parking lot until 1:00 pm. Father Don and our seminarian Rob Renaud will also be there for the whole day. (If anyone has goalie equipment for Father Don, he really wants to play goalie!) If your child has friends who also want to be Altar Servers, this is the day to bring them out! We need more Altar Servers, especially at St. Joseph and St. Ursula. P.S. Please bring road hockey equipment, we will need nets, goalie gear and bring your own stick. Let me know if you are able to come so I have an idea of how many to expect! Parents are welcome to stay and either watch or play hockey. Thank you and see you next week!

#### **MEMORIAL MASS**



Our continued thoughts and prayers are with you and may the memories of your loved one surround you now and always. In memory of our loved ones everyone is invited to a special Memorial Mass to remember in a special way all our parishioners and family members who entered eternal life

during this past year. Each parish will have a Memorial Mass celebration with a light reception to follow in the parish hall. The Memorial Masses are: Blessed sacrament: Monday, November 13 at 7:00 pm; St. Joseph: Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm; St. Ursula: Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm and St. Agnes: Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm.

During this Mass the individual names will be called and we invite you or a member of your family to come forward and light the candle for your loved one. If no one is able to be present, your loved one will still be remembered with a lit candle. If a family member has died whose celebration was celebrated elsewhere since last October and you would like your loved one to be remembered, please call the parish office by Thursday, October 19, 2017 and leave the name of the deceased person and the parish you wish to have them remembered. To have your loved one remember at Blessed Sacrament or St. Agnes parish please call 519-352-9483. To have your loved one remembered at St. Joseph or St. Ursula Parish please call 519-352-8530.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

#### **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

The Staff invite you to join them Fri., Oct. 27<sup>h</sup> following the 8 AM Mass in Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for fellowship, coffee & muffins. Donations will be accepted to be forwarded to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

Cheques payable to: <u>Breast Cancer Society of Canada.</u>
Wear a Pink Ribbon Today!
Help Beat Breast Cancer.



TRANSITION TEAM NOTES - SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING
Present: Father Jim, Father Don, Denise Emery,
Carmen Gagnier, Sue Bates, Lonnie Sannes, Irek
Gorzelak, Ted Wolanski - not coming - he sent a
representative by the name of Mark Krol, Anne Foster,
Doug Gutteridge and Sue McMath.
Regrets: Fr. Bogdan

It was agreed that the assigned parish for Sue McMath was mistaken on the last Transition Team Notes. Sue is a parishioner of St. Ursula and not St. Joseph as indicated. Regrets on this matter.

As will be the custom, the Prayer of Unity was prayed as the Opening Prayer.

The Prayer of Unity will be translated into Polish, Portuguese and Italian for the parishes. There will be extra prayer cards available for anyone who wants to take the Card home and pray it there as well. The Team was encouraged to pray the prayer daily and to encourage Committees and Organizations in the parishes to pray the prayer at their meetings. Hopefully we will have the translations of the prayer available by Christmas.

The members of the Team broke into individual parish teams to record the individual parish committees and organizations. The individual parish team then went through their recording and discussed the similarities and differences among the parishes. This will be further discussed at the next meeting with the mindset of how we can see ourselves as a Missional Church. This is a body of people sent on a mission who gather in community for worship, community encouragement and teaching from the Word in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week. This model of Church says - I AM THE CHURCH - rather than saying I GO TO CHURCH.

Discussion on whether there is another way to see ourselves as a family of parishes to share our focus? If there is an event being organized there should be an invitation to the rest of the Family of Parishes to attend the event.

There should be a sharing of the bulletins among the five parishes so that everyone has the opportunity of knowing what is being done in the different parishes. The opportunity of soliciting advertisers for the Bulletin was discussed and thought to be a good idea.

While on the subject of Bulletins - the unification of the Sunday Bulletin was discussed. There needs to be a way that we unify the Bulletin while respecting the individuality of the parish (in particular the Polish identity). There could be a common bulletin with an insert for specific announcements in a parish. An option would be that the bulletin would include the Pastor's Pen, special events. Insert could include Mass Intentions, people that are ill and people who are celebrating anniversaries in that particular parish. In the Bulletin there should be a weekly calendar of the events in the Family.

The website was discussed and how that common website will look. This information will be shared at a later meeting.

From the discussion on the Committees and Organizations there is not much done with social. We need to get involved in the faith by getting to know one another. Unless people know one another it will not form community. People will not come unless they feel that they belong. Life is about relationships. We have to come together and build trust. Then we can gain more knowledge and understanding.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 12.

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS October 17-20

All 8:00 am Masses unless otherwise stated

Tuesday, October 17 ~ St. Agnes

Clarise Myers ~ Dr. Aaron Higgins ~ Jose Carlos Pinto Wednesday, October 18 ~ Blessed Sacrament
Jacoba Libbrecht ~ Joe Johns ~ Mary Boogaart

Thursday, October 19 ~ St. Agnes

Anna Babchenko ~ Silva Perini ~ Alma Sherwood

Friday, October 20 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Aline Udvari ~ Mike Harwood ~ Silva Perini

**READINGS: Oct. 22:** Isaiah 45: 1,4-6. 1 Thes 1: 1-5b. Matthew 22: 15-21.

#### REGULAR OFFERTORY October 8

Blessed Sacrament	\$3,419.00
Thanksgiving	\$6,080.00
October PAD	\$6,650.00
St. Agnes	\$3,189.25
Thanksgiving	\$6,661.75
October PAD	\$6,693.50

Oct 16	CWL Cards BS
	Vocations Meeting (BS) 6:30 pm MR
Oct 17	After school Catechesis SA 4:00 pm
Oct 18	Mission Follow Up BS Hall 6:00 pm
	SA K of C Exec Meeting
Oct 19	BS K of C
Oct 20	Ultreya at BS
Oct 21	SA CWL Baking Day
	K of C & CWL Recruitment Weekend
Oct 24	After school Catechesis (SA)
Oct 25	Mission Follow Up BS Hall 6:00 pm
Oct 26	BS CWL exec Meeting
	Transition Team Meeting SA 6:30 pm UR
	SA SVdP Meeting 6:30 pm H
Oct 27	Breast Cancer Awareness Coffee Break
Oct 28/29	5th Sunday Rosary after Masses at SA
Nov 1	Mission Follow Up BS Hall 6:00 pm
	SA K of C General Meeting
Nov 3	First Friday Adoration BS
Nov 4	SA CWL Baking Day
Nov 6	BS CWL Cards
Nov 7	Grade 8 Confirmation Classes BS 5:00 pm
Nov 8	BS K of C 4th Degree Dinner Meeting
–	SA CWL General Meeting

#### DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Mrs. Nancy Asciak, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon Gerald Clement; Sister Matijo Filipovic, Pastoral Worker; Rev. John Juhl, O.F.M., Cap.; Rev. David Boutette; Rev. Keith Morrison; Mr. Nick Fournier, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

#### FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by Wayne & Helen Bushey on the occasion of our 49th wedding anniversary (Oct 5).

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#### ~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES~ STUDENTS IN TEACHERS COLLEGE OR THOSE GRADUATED AND BUILDING A FAITH PROFILE



We would like to offer you an opportunity! If you are preparing to teach in our Catholic schools why not consider assisting us with our sacrament preparation process for First Reconciliation, First Communion or

Confirmation. We offer student teachers and graduates an opportunity to work with youth along with our volunteer program leaders and Pastoral Team. You will be engaged in the process, share your gifts and talents, further your learning and skill development, while experiencing another facet of our Catholic faith. You can expect to receive a letter of reference at the conclusion of the program. To take advantage of this opportunity please contact the parish office for more info on how to get involved and connected by calling Ali Chinnick at 519-352-9483 or achinnick@dol.ca.

#### STUDENT AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Students in grade 7-12 and adult facilitators are needed to help with the retreat days being held for the children making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion within our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. First Reconciliation Retreats will be held on Sat., Nov. 25, 2017 from 9:15-11:45 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament and Sun., Nov. 26, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m at St. Ursula's Church. If you are interested in helping with one or both of these retreats, please contact Ali Chinnick 519-352-9483 at achinnick@dol.ca. High School students will receive credit for volunteer hours.

#### YOUTH GROUP

On Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm we will have a Halloween themed youth group for grades 5 & 6. Dress up in your Halloween costume and come out to the Spirit and Life Centre at St. Joseph's church. We will have snacks, games and a prize for the best dressed! The night will be run by Mike McPherson and Jeff Teeuwen and will be about fun and *not* scary. For more information contact Mike McPherson at mmcpherson@dol.ca.

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Happy anniversary to Bert & Audrey Kraemer who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 11.

# St. Joseph and St. Ursula Parish



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 180 Wellington St. W. Chatham, ON stjoseph@dol.ca



ST. URSULA CHURCH 205 Tweedsmuir Ave. W. Chatham, ON N7M 5N8 stursula@dol.ca

Our Parish Office is located at 205 Tweedsmuir Avenue West. Telephone: 519-352-8530 Fax: 519-352-9680

Please visit our website at: www.stjosephstursula.dol.ca
Please visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stjosephstursula
Follow us on Twitter @stjosephursula

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - St. Ursula Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m. - St. Joseph Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Ursula

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday & Friday: 12 noon - St. Joseph Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula

#### **BAPTISM**

Please contact the office to make arrangements.

Preparation required.

#### RECONCILIATION

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - St. Joseph Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - St. Ursula

#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Pastor: Fr. Jim Higgins
Associate Pastor: Fr. Don Pumputis
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Steve Cartier
Deacon Jerry Lozon
Deacon Chris Masterson
Deacon Morgan Treacy
Pastoral Minister: Colleen Keane
Pastoral Minister: Karen Robert
Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Mike McPherson
Parish Catechist - Ali Chinnick

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Secretary: Maureen Foster Financial Secretary: Mardie Lessard Building Superintendent: Michael Bechard - St. Joseph Custodian: Brent Chinnick - St. Ursula

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2017

When I was growing up, Thanksgiving and Christmas were always great feasts in our house. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn were on the menu in November. The December menu substituted roast beef for turkey, and my father would poor a little sip of sparkling wine for each of us—a once-a-year treat.

My mother always made a little extra, "because you never know when a guest might come by." Sure enough, in one year or another one of us would invite someone or a neighbor would stop by. There was always plenty, and we would feast and tell stories into the night.

Those memories and the ones I make with my own family now are as close as I can come to the banquet Isaiah and Jesus describe, and I'm sure they're no match for that great feast in heaven.

But I think I know why Isaiah and Jesus use the metaphor. There is something sensual and earthy about gathering around a table with family and friends. It begins with the smells wafting through the house, the noise in the kitchen, the setting of the table with more than the everyday plates. We dress a little more carefully.

We are preparing for our family banquet. No matter what food is on the table, we'll be fed with love that draws us in and accepts us simply because we are family.

Love is the gift we bring to the table, and love is the gift we receive in the act of breaking bread with one another. Our love feast needs our care and attention.

And God's feast deserves no less

Mary Katharine Deeley/sundaybulletin@liguori.org

A prayerful Eucharistic community, rooted in Christ, welcoming all, joyfully celebrating our faith.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Tuesday, October 17 12 noon - St. Joseph Church

- +Zoe Emery
- +Alzira Rebelo
- +Clarence Zimmer
- +Jean & Nicholas Olivastri

#### Wednesday, October 18 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church

- +Lillian Denomy
- +George Wortner
- +John Newkirk
- +Maria Quinhas Vilas Boas Goncalves

#### Thursday, October 19 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church

- +Tom Peseski
- +Antonio DeCola
- +Joanne Moccia
- +Intentions of Sugar Norté

#### Friday, October 20 12 noon - St. Joseph Church

- +Bernice Houle
- +All Souls in Purgatory
- +Maria Peltier
- +Intentions of St. Mary CWL members

#### Saturday, October 21 5 p.m. - St. Ursula Church

- +Eva Ferrari
- +Peter Fox
- +George Wortner
- +Special Intentions

#### Sunday, October 22 8 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

- +Edna Charbonneau
- +Ellie Levesque-Hendriks
- +Danny D'Amico
- +David Major

#### Sunday, October 22 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church

+Intentions of our parish community

#### Sunday, October 22

11 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

+Intentions of our parish community

#### Sunday, October 22 7 p.m. - St. Ursula Church

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#### **PRAYER LINE**

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#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On the weekends of October 29/ November 5 we will be printing a two weekend bulletin. Anyone or group wishing to place an announcement in this bulletin must submit it no later than Monday, October 16 at noon.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who made soup for the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Thanksgiving Soup Social. Many thanks to those who helped serve and clean up. It was a wonderful time to come together and give thanks for the gift that we are to one another.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Environment Committee at St. Ursula Church is looking for individuals to assist with the decorating of the Church. For more information please call Cathie Luxton 519-351-9402.

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#### Let us pray for the sick of our parish ...

Deb Carr, Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Barbara Forget, Olivia Formosa, Jerome Lozon, Luigi Magliaro, Genesio Matteis, Ralph Mays, Paul McLaughlin, Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers, Carlo Rota, Martin Van Raay, Irene Wildgen and Genny Wrotkowska.



#### St. Ursula

The next general meeting will take place on Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room (St. Ursula Site). New members are always welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Outreach for Hunger.

The guest speaker will be Tamara Dick, Special Constable for the City Police Crime Prevention and Community Safety.

#### **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

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Wear a pink ribbon today! Help beat Breast Cancer.

#### WITH MANY THANKS

Last weekend Sheila Nugent fell following Mass. She wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who came to her aid. She could not believe the outreach she received and wanted to thank everyone.

#### YOUTH GROUP

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at 7 p.m. there will be a Halloween themed youth group for grades 5 & 6. Dress up in your Halloween costume and come out to the Spirit and Life Centre (next to St. Joseph Church). There will be snacks, games and a prize for the best dressed! The night will be run by Mike McPherson and Jeff Teeuwen and will be about fun and not scary.

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#### GIFT CARD SALES October 2 - 8, 2017

St. Joseph

Total Sales: \$ 1,700.00 Estimated Profit: \$ 63.75

St. Ursula

Total Sales: \$ 2,000.00 Estimated Profit: \$ 75.00

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#### CHURCH CHUCKLE

A little girls prayer: "Dear God, please take care of Daddy and Mommy and my sister and my brother and me. And please take care of yourself, God. If something happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

#### OFFERTORY October 8, 2017

St. Joseph

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,898.00 Thanksgiving: \$ 3,538.00 Capital Projects: \$ 519.00 Total: \$ 7,955.00

<u>St. Ursula</u>

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