

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me  
will never hunger, and  
whoever believes in me  
will never thirst."  
John 6:35**

**Jesús les dijo, "Yo soy  
el pan de vida. El que  
viene a mí nunca  
tendrá hambre y el  
que cree en mí nunca  
tendrá sed."  
Juan 6:35**

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## Mission Statement

Rooted in God's Love, St. Joseph Parish takes as its mission to be a welcoming faith community that lives and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Prayer, Faith Formation, Evangelization, Fellowship and Service.

*Arraigada en el amor de Dios, la parroquia de St. Joseph es una comunidad que "da la bienvenida en la fe"; que vive y comparte el evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la veneración, la oración, la formación, la evangelización, la hermandad y el servicio voluntario.*

### Message from Fr. Antony

My loving parishioners,

The Summer is slipping by so quickly. I can hardly believe that we are already in the month of August. You will not see me this weekend at the Masses as I will be making a mission appeal for my Missionary Congregation in New Jersey. Msgr. Mike has graciously accepted to do all the Masses in my absence. Thank you, Father Mike.

This will also be the final weekend that Deacon Jacob will be with us. He has served his Summer ministry with us the past two months. Next weekend, we will host a small reception to say farewell and wish him the best as he returns to his classes at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. God willing, next summer he will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We wish him the best of luck and assure him that he will continue to be in our prayers.

As I informed you last weekend, at the end of the Masses, I will be sending you messages and emails to your phones. This will keep you informed of the programs that are being offered at our Church and of other important information. The good thing is you do not have to install a new app on your phone, but you do need to have a valid email or cell phone that is able to receive MMS messages like pictures and files.

This weekend's readings challenge us to trust in the providence of a loving and caring God and to hunger and thirst for the Bread of eternal life-the Holy Eucharist. As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We hunger to be recognized and honored, to love and to be loved, to be listened to and to be appreciated, to help others, to console and to encourage people and by doing so receive gratitude. But, only God can satisfy our various forms of spiritual hunger. St. Augustine said "O God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

Let us thirst for the Eucharist and prepare ourselves to receive the Lord worthily as we reflect on the importance of the Eucharist in these weeks.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Antony



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

**4:30** Ron and Judith Gervais (Their intentions)

**Sunday, August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in OT**

**8:30** † Bill & Sally Barnes Req. by Bill Barnes Jr.

**11:00** † Lety Chavez Req. by Her Family

**1:00** † Ma. Trinidad Enriquez V. Req. by Fam. Mares Enriquez

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

**8:30** Santos & Katie Fotis (Their intentions)

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

**4-6** Adoration

**6:00** † Mayra Avila Isidoro

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021 Memorial of Saint John Vianney**

**8:30** † José M. Gutierrez & niña Req. by Martha Gutierrez

Pat Leindecker Req. by Sara Miller

**Thursday, August 5, 2021 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

**Friday, August 6, 2021 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

**8:30** Michael & Rebecca Frazier (Their intentions)

**11:00** Wyndham

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**

**4:30** William Fry (His intentions)

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**8:30** † Elly McCarty Req. by Nick McCarty

**11:00** † Nancy Saunders

**1:00** † Mayra Avila Isidoro

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# READINGS

## Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</b> Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14;
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest</b> Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</b> Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</b> Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

## Offertory Week of July 25th, 2021

Envelopes (Checks and Cash)	\$ 3890.00
Loose cash	\$ 741.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4631.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$ 93.75</b>
<b>Other Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 92.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



See BAA update on page 5

## Prayers For The Sick



*Please pray for our friends each day and during Mass*

Maria Isabel Almaguer  
Bradford M. Baldwin  
Tony Baldwin  
Karen Barnes  
Laura Buccarelli-Young  
Luz Elena Chavez E.  
Jim Carow  
Manuel Cordoba  
James Duncan Sr.  
Marlene Estrada  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Pat Fitzpatrick  
Carmen Frybarger  
Josie Gutiérrez  
Tim Harrington  
Neil Jeannetti

Shaid Juarico  
Gerald Kistka  
Michelle & Kevin Lucas  
John Moore  
Rosa Hilda Maldonado  
Mara & Kevin McHugh  
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Jeannette Pushell  
Frank Raith  
Maria Ramsey  
Roxanne Reisterer  
Ricky Sanchez  
Victor M. Sanchez Ch  
Michael VanArkel  
Maria VanderPloeg  
Yareli Velázquez Mtnéz.  
Melanie Wiedmayer  
Terry Wycoff  
Francisca Zepeda



To Our Wonderful Parishioners Whose Birthday fall between the 1st and the 7th of August ☺

Lori Cagney	Amy McCarthy
Lawrence Downey	David Miller
Walter Fish	Peter Minich
Alan Grantham	Robert Penny
Shirley Horn	Guadalupe Valtierra
Michael Howard	Michael Bracy
Thomas Massura	

## Things to Know at St. Joe

**Receptionist.** St. Joe is looking for a bilingual part time receptionist. If interested please call the office for more information.

**- Wanted talented musician at St. Joe.** Opportunity for talented musician with good keyboard skills able to work with a guitar group, adult choir of 15, and an Hispanic Coro musical group. Job does not require a musical degree but someone looking to work 25-30 hrs weekly rehearsing, selecting/preparing appropriate music for Catholic worship, and providing accompaniment for weekend and other liturgical services. Opportunity is open to anyone who can provide good interpersonal skills to work with any individuals willing to sing. Salary and benefits negotiable. Contact Janice Mackay, Search Committee, St. Joseph Church, Kalamazoo, MI at [jmack50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmack50@sbcglobal.net)

**- Rosary Prayer Group** will start meeting again at 3:30 PM on Mondays. Please meet us at Church for an hour of prayer.

**- Rosary Makers** will be meeting again once per month. The first meeting will be on August 5th, at the Bennett Library from 3-4:30 PM. Please join us or if you have questions contact Mary at 269-381-0836.



**-Praying with Scripture.-** Each Monday evening at 7pm a small group of persons meet in the St. Joseph Room to “pray with” the scriptures of the coming Sunday. All are welcome. Praying with Scripture is sometimes called Lectio Divina (sacred reading) and does not require a deep knowledge or understanding of the Bible. During our time together we read each of the readings for the Sunday Mass and in between the readings we sit silently with what we’ve read, noting the word or statement in the reading that calls our attention. After each reflection we each share what our thoughts have been while the others listen silently. We do not question each other or critique each other.

Those of us who have shared this practice have found it joyfully fulfilling. We would love to have you join us. Given that the pandemic is not yet over and our space is not well ventilated we hope you will come with dual vaccination. Do come and share our joy.



**-Funeral Luncheons.-** Our Funeral Luncheons group is asking for donations of monetary gifts, gift cards, individually packaged chips, and frozen things such as lasagna. You may drop your items at the office from 8:30 until 4:00 M-F, or your monetary gifts in the collections basket labeled as Funeral Luncheons. Thank you in advance.

**- Save the date!** On August 8, join us to wish Dcn. Jacob a farewell after Sunday masses. Refreshments will be provided at the gym.

**- Welcome back gathering.-** Please join us the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of August to welcome back Sr. Yurany. More details soon.

**-Faith Formation Classes.** Faith Formation classes will begin on September and we follow the school year. Find enrollment form in vestibule.

### St. Joe's Parking Lot Updates

You may have already noticed the changes in parking access. The entrance to the parking lot is next to the playground, the exit is the old entrance to the parking lot. There are signs already.

# CAUTION

**This week we take the time to thank...Dick Wheeler** for his extraordinaire commitment to St. Joe. ☺

Thank you always and many blessings to you and yours.

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."  
*Pope Francis ~*

## 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

**Report #7      7/14/2021**

PARISH TARGET \$89,231.00

PLEDGED                      \$64,831.54

BALANCE TO BE PLEDGED: \$24,399.46

Families donated >>> 172

Thank you, thank you. Because of your generosity we are getting closer to achieving our goal. As the 2021 Bishop's Appeal comes to completion, will you please consider how your gift can ensure we meet our goal. Remember that pledges can be made with convenient payment plans to fit your budget. No gift is too large or too small. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### St. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Monday .....8:30 AM English

Tuesday.....Adoration 4-6, 6:00 PM Spanish

Wednesday..... 8:30 AM English

Thursday .....

Friday.....8:30 AM English

Saturday..... 4:30PM English

Sunday ..... 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM English

Sunday ..... 1:00 PM Spanish

### St. Joseph's Groups Schedule

We are slowly returning to scheduling events. If you are interested in being part of one of our groups, please contact the office at 269-343-6256 or via email at: [office.stjoekal@gmail.com](mailto:office.stjoekal@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you!

### English Baptismal Class

English Baptismal Preparation Class happens every first Monday of the month through google meet at 6 PM. Please call the office to register at 269-343-6256.

Thank you.



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### Office Hours

Monday-Friday..... 8:30-4:00

### Your Parish Staff

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## St. Joseph En Español

### - ¿Porqué Hacerse un Miembro de St. Joe?

- Para que sus contribuciones a la iglesia le ayuden a pagar menos impuestos.
- Por si necesita una carta de buena conducta moral
- Por si va a bautizar a un niño o hacer un trámite en otra parroquia.
- Para que pueda rentar algún espacio de St. Joe o el gimnasio.
- Por si va a dar a sus hijos una educación católica.
- Por el descuento de miembro de la parroquia que se le otorga al casarse o al hacer alguna misa especial como la de quince años.
- Porque si está pasando por tiempo difíciles y necesita ayuda pagando servicios, los miembros de St. Joe tienen preferencia sobre aquellos que no son miembros.

Para llenar un formulario llame o pase a la oficina, la información que nos proporcione es confidencial.

### -Se busca músico talentoso en St. Joe.

Oportunidad para músico talentoso con buena habilidad en el teclado que pueda trabajar con un grupo de guitarras, un coro de adultos de 15 y un grupo musical hispano y Coro. El trabajo no requiere un título musical, sino alguien que busque trabajar de 25 a 30 horas semanales ensayando, seleccionando / preparando música apropiada para el culto católico y brindando acompañamiento para los fines de semana y otros servicios litúrgicos. La oportunidad está abierta a cualquier persona que pueda proporcionar buenas habilidades interpersonales para trabajar con cualquier persona que desee cantar. Salario y prestaciones negociables. Comuníquese con Janice Mackay, Comité de Búsqueda, Iglesia St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, MI en [jmack50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmack50@sbcglobal.net)

### Se Busca Recepcionista Bilingüe

St. Joe está en busca de una persona para trabajar algunas horas por semana. Si está interesado por favor llame a la oficina para mayor información.

### Mensaje del Padre Antony

Mis amados feligreses,

El verano pasa muy rápido. Apenas puedo creer que ya estemos en el mes de agosto. No me verán este fin de semana en las misas ya que atendere un llamamiento misionero para mi Congregación Misionera en Nueva Jersey. El Padre Mike ha aceptado gentilmente hacer todas las misas en mi ausencia. Gracias, padre Mike.

Este también será el último fin de semana en el que el diácono Jacob estará con nosotros. Ha servido en su ministerio de verano con nosotros los últimos dos meses. El próximo fin de semana, realizaremos una pequeña recepción para despedirnos y desearle lo mejor en su regreso a sus clases en el Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. Si Dios quiere, el próximo verano será ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de Kalamazoo. Le deseamos la mejor de las suertes y le aseguramos que seguirá estando en nuestras oraciones.

Como les informé el fin de semana pasado, al final de las misas, les estaré enviando mensajes y correos electrónicos a sus teléfonos. Esto lo mantendrá informado de los programas que se ofrecen en nuestra Iglesia y de otra información importante. Lo bueno es que no tiene que instalar una nueva aplicación en su teléfono, pero sí necesita tener un correo electrónico válido o un teléfono celular que pueda recibir mensajes MMS como imágenes y archivos.

Las lecturas de este fin de semana nos desafían a confiar en la providencia de un Dios amoroso y cariñoso y a tener hambre y sed del Pan de vida eterna: la Sagrada Eucaristía. Como seres humanos, tenemos hambre de muchas cosas además de alimentos y posesiones materiales. Tenemos hambre de ser reconocidos y honrados, de amar y de ser amados, de ser escuchados y apreciados, de ayudar a los demás, de consolar y animar a las personas y, al hacerlo, recibir gratitud. Pero, solo Dios puede satisfacer nuestras diversas formas de hambre espiritual. San Agustín dijo: "Oh Dios, nos has hecho para ti, y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta que descansa en ti".

Tengamos sed de la Eucaristía y preparémonos para recibir dignamente al Señor mientras reflexionamos sobre la importancia de la Eucaristía en estas semanas.

Que dios te bendiga siempre,

El Padre Antony

# From The Diocese and More



-- **The Trauma Recovery Program** is a faith-based program for adult Catholic survivors of childhood abuse and neglect. The program focuses on the present, rather than the past, and teaches skills for more effective functioning. For

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The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **(844) 324-3374**

- The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](https://www.catholicbishops.org/report-bishop-abuse) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

## **Diocese of Kalamazoo Caregivers Connection:**

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on **Sunday, Aug 1 from 1:00 – 2:00p.m.** The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org) Zoom link will be sent to those who register. Future 2021 dates are Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

**Creative Connections:** Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from **1:00 – 2:00p.m. on Sunday Sept. 19.** The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x227 or [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). Zoom link will be sent to those who register. Future date: Nov. 21



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