

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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October Mass Readings

October 02

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 09

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tm :11-16

Luke 16:19-31

October 30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Wis 11:22-12:2

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

HISTORY OF THE ROSARY



DOMINIC OF GUZMAN WAS A HOLY SPANISH PRIEST, THAT WENT TO SOUTHERN FRANCE TO CONVERT THOSE WHO HAD LEFT THE CHURCH DUE TO ALBIGENSIAN HERESY.

HE CONVERTED A FEW SOULS, BUT OFTEN, FOR FEAR OF BEING RIDICULED BY THE ALBIGENSIANS, THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS.



DOMINIC PRAYED TO THE HOLY VIRGIN FOR HELP, SINCE HE FELT HIS EFFORTS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS.

THE HOLY VIRGIN APPEARED TO HIM HOLDING A ROSARY IN HER HANDS; SHE TAUGHT HIM HOW TO PRAY IT, AND ASKED HIM TO PREACH IT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IT WILL CONVERT THE SINNERS



TODAY, THE ROSARY IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND POPULAR MARIAN PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial Report

AUGUST 2022

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	16,605.50
Second Collections	1,035.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	.48
Other Income	6,797.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,438.28
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	21,054.97
Rectory, Church & Offices	7,841.31
Budgeted Committees	329.00
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	- 0 -
Cemeteries Expenses	742.02
Other Expenses	293.59
Diocesan Assessment	2,301.92
Parish Support-Seminarians	390.88
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$34,603.69
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$10,165.41)



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SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Zita was born in Tuscany, Italy.



At age 12 she was sent to work as a servant for a very rich family. She was abused and overworked from the very beginning. Her co-workers told the head of household

Zita was giving food to the poor when she should be baking bread.

Upon returning to the kitchen, they found angels doing Zita's work. She is the patron saint of domestic workers.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France. As a child gathering firewood, the Blessed Mother appeared to her seventeen times. Bernadette was urged to pray for sinners and to build a chapel on the site. Bernadette dug into the mud and a spring developed. Many healings have been attributed to this water. As she got older, Bernadette became a nun and passed away at age 35.



St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
September 14, 2022

President Elizabeth (Liz) Rinchuso called the meeting to order. Father Joe Marconi gave the opening prayer. A quorum was present. Absent were Trudy Pascale, and Sandra Taylor. After a silent roll call, the May minutes were approved as emailed and mailed. Gail Bryant and Gretchen Zell were our guests.

Committee Reports:

Religious Education:

- Parish Religious Education classes began on September 11, 2022. The number of children attending has dropped drastically in the past years. The trend seems to be continuing this year.
- The Circle of Grace Program will begin in the next few months.
- Because there are only two children in the First Reconciliation/First Communion Class, we decided to defer this to next year.
- Because there are no children in the ninth grade, we do not have a Confirmation Class this year.
- Deacon Bud Bryant is retiring as the Director of Religious Education (DRE) this year. Deacon Garry Boccarossa has been appointed as new DRE. De. Bud said "I have been truly blessed to have been able to serve in this role for almost 10 years and the grace which I have received is beyond measure. I will be available to give Garry all of the help and guidance that he needs for the future".
- September 18 is Catechetical Sunday. At Mass we recognize the dedicated catechists of our parish and show them our support and monetary contribution.

Community Life:

- At the September 1 Altar Society meeting, the letter from the Prison Chaplain requested continued support for prisoners during Christmas. Last year Altar Society, Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus purchased bars of soap. Rena Harrison, Secretary, knows the Chaplain and she will see how many of the items on the list are already furnished to the prisoners by the prison. She will report at the next meeting.
- Catholic Daughters will hold their first fall meeting on September 25.
- Knights of Columbus has recently installed three new members.

Building & Grounds:

- There is no news on the new garbage disposal in Gallagher Hall that has been ordered.
- The motion to proceed with ordering two new HVAC units for the Sanctuary at a cost of \$195,000.00 was made by Connie Boutwell. The motion was adopted. Delivery date will be 39 weeks out, making estimated delivery July 2023. Because we do not have a proposal on the cost to replace the 54 year old boiler, a vote on this was postponed.
- Elizabeth (Liz) Rinchuso reported the new Meat Ball machine has left the Long Beach, CA dock and is on a train. The location of the train is unknown at this time.
- The Gym drink reach-in cooler has not been replaced. We are waiting on Pat McAlister of Neely/McAlister to get us a price for a new one. Richard Campbell spoke to Scott Ladd at Ladd Appliance. Scott thinks he might have a repair solution and will come look at the cooler.
- No word yet from Deacon Bud Bryant and surveyor, Steve Brown, about locating our property line near the intersection at the southwest side near the traffic light to allow installation of pipe bollards to prevent future fence damage. Discussion was held about installing large rocks in the area or pipe bollards. We need to consult our insurance company to see if we would be covered for an lawsuits that might be filed because someone hit the barriers.

Unfinished Business:

- Mark Ives distributed books and discussed Safe Haven Weekend at Masses on September 10-11.
- Lisa Boccarossa has been gathering information from various sources for the Grief Support Group. She and Deacon Garry will be facilitating a nine week class at a future date. Additional information will be presented at the next meeting.
- Lisa made a motion to hold a Vendor/Craft sale in Gallagher Hall on November 5, 2022 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Motion was adopted. A table and two chairs may be rented for \$25 with set up available from 5:00-7:30 PM on Friday, November 4. Lisa will prepare a contract for each vendor to sign.

New Business:

- Election of new Pastoral Council members will take place just after the new year begins. Catholics in good standing are encouraged to discern if they would like to make a commitment to serve on the Council for the good of our parish.
- A date will be set soon to train new Altar Servers. Children and adults interested in this ministry are encouraged to attend.

Pastor's Report: There are no new members for RCIA this year. Catholics can come for continuing Adult Education. Meeting is held each Monday at 6:00 PM in the office kitchen. Bring a friend!

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
September 14, 2022 - CONTINUED

Dates to Remember:

- A Mass to remember those lost to Covid-19 will be Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 PM. People may bring framed picture of their loved ones.
- Wednesday, October 12 is the date for the Mass to honor all healthcare workers and all front line workers.
- Both Masses will be open to the public. Liz has contacted three contacts (Democrat-Gazette, Delta Plex and the Pine Bluff Police Department) to publicize the services. A card will be sent to the Public Relations office at Jefferson Regional Medical Center inviting all hospital staff. Gail will have the Masses placed on the DOLR calendar.

The next meeting will be October 12, 2022 immediately after the Mass for healthcare workers and front line workers. Meeting concluded with a prayer lead by Father Joe.

Connie Boutwell, Secretary

Altar Society Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2022
Gallagher Hall - St. Joseph Catholic Church

In the absence of President Lauren Bland and Vice President Mary Shannon Fikes, the meeting was called to order by Treasurer Kathryn Brickey. Rena Harrison gave the opening prayer. The May minutes were approved as read. Three items of correspondence were read. They consisted of Thank You notes from Susan Lambert, Deacon Garry and Connie Boutwell.

The card report was read by Pam Thornton with two sympathy cards and five get well cards sent out in May. In June congratulation cards were sent to Deacon Garry on his ordination and Father Joe on the anniversary of his ordination. There were two sympathy cards and five get well cards mailed in July with August also having two sympathy cards and five get well cards being sent.. Pam asked everyone to please remind her or let her know when someone is sick or deceased so that she can send out cards in a timely manner.

Unfinished Business:

- The bingo fundraiser on June 12th was postponed until April due to the reception for newly ordained Deacon Garry Boccarossa held on that date.
- Kathryn reminded committee members to stay and help clean up.

New Business:

- Angelique read a letter from the Department of Corrections, Chaplain William Pearson of the Tucker Unit requesting donations for the inmates' Christmas bags. A list of items approved for distribution was sent with items needed to be delivered between 12/12/22 - 12/16/22. A total of 1,050 items are needed and must be all the same. Items would be divided with Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. Last year 1,050 bars of soap were donated.

Announcements:

- Mary Ann Kizer suggested if anyone would like a good app for Catholic prayers there is one called HALLOW that she likes. It does cost but there is a two-week trial period so one can see if they like it or not before purchasing.
- The next meeting will be November 3, 2022. Chairs: Gretchen Zell and Cathy Lewis

The closing prayer (Prayer to Our Blessed Mother) was led by Rena Harrison.

Rena Harrison, Secretary



Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.



02	Karen Cash	16	Savannah Morgan
03	William Rhodes	19	Barbara Billinger
03	Kenny Scott	19	Jack Culpepper
04	Richard Burleigh	19	Walter Theriot
04	LeAnn Saffold	19	Mary Winkley
04	Debbie Yount	21	Elizabeth Love
05	Lynn Bryant	22	Ximena Alvarez
06	John Via	22	Pam Blake
09	Nancy Gieringer	23	Renee Mayer
10	Sarah Camarillo	23	Wendy Ruggeri
10	Barbara Sanders	23	Jeff Winkler
11	Tyler Clay	24	Kathleen Phillips
12	Michael G. Cash	26	Susanne Chambliss
12	Laura Kauffman	27	Cooter Failla
13	Bruce Bellefeuille	27	Ayn Freygang
13	Cynthia Forestiere	28	Kyle Dean
14	David Jackson	29	Eddie Rinchuso
15	Cassie Braden	30	James Belvedresi
16	John Elkins	30	Donald Lain
		31	Linda Simpson

01	David & Maria Jackson
02	Cameron & Shannon Morgan
02	Neil & LeAnn Saffold
03	Matt & Kim Soto
08	Ross & Ann Allen
08	Mark & Mary Ives
09	Jack & Janie Culpepper
12	Pat & Cindy Sutliff



Should Catholics celebrate Halloween?

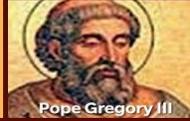


“Halloween”
comes from
“All Hallows Eve”
that refers to the night
before All Hallows Day, also
known as **All Saints Day**

“hallow”
as a noun:
an old English
word for saint
as a verb:
to make holy or
to honour as holy

HISTORY

Halloween is actually a **Christian celebration** that’s over 1,000 years old. All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day have been celebrated since the **early 8th century**, when they were first instituted by **Pope Gregory III** in Rome.



Pope Gregory III

As Catholics, we believe in the reality of evil. Before going to Halloween celebrations, why not recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel?

TRADITIONS

The “supernatural” aspects of Halloween (like ghosts and demons) have their **roots** in Catholic belief. It was a popular belief that at certain times of the year, the veil separating earth from purgatory, heaven, and even hell, becomes thin, and the souls in purgatory (ghosts) and demons can be more readily seen.

Christians wore costumes to drive away evil spirits!

MAKING YOUR DECISION

If you choose to celebrate Halloween, remember its Christian origins.
Tie the vigil to All Saints Day!

A popular alternative to a Halloween celebration:
All Saints Party! Also held on Halloween, but featuring costumes of saints.



*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince
of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*



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