St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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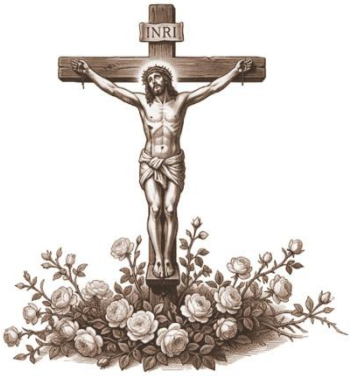
September Mass Readings

September 06
Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Matt 18:15-20

September 13
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30-28:7
Rom 14:7-9
Matt 18:21-35

September 20
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20-24, 27
Matt 20:1-16

September 27
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11
Matt 21:28-32



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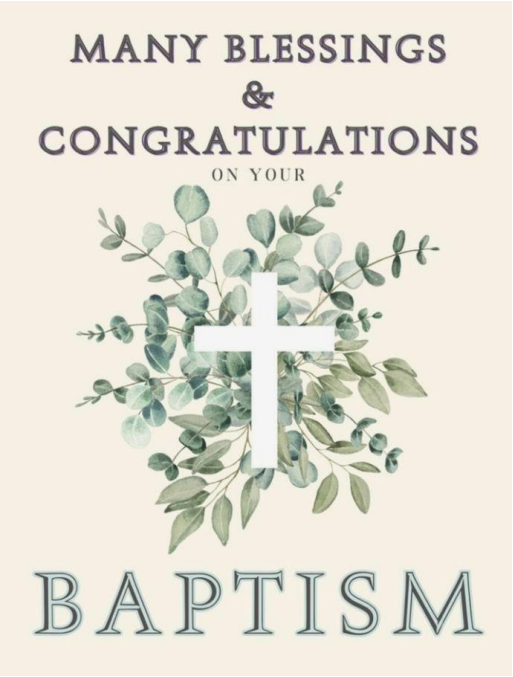
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Financial Report
JULY 2026

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	18,241.00
Second Collections	361.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	120.00
Other Income	1,089.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$19,811.80
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	23,494.56
Rectory, Church & Offices	6,468.98
Budgeted Committees	1,626.78
Contributions/Aid	1,500.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	361.00
Cemeteries Expenses	722.42
Other Expenses	547.42
Diocesan Assessment	2,224.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.10
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$37,323.09
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	($17,511.29)



Congratulations on the Baptism of Kekley Cade Parker!

May God bless precious Kekley Cade on this beautiful and sacred day. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, may Kekley always be surrounded by God's love, guided by the Holy Spirit, and grow in faith and grace throughout life.

Congratulations to Dalota and Sarah Parker and big sister Adley on this joyous occasion. May God bless your family as you nurture Kekley's faith and provide a loving example of Christ's love.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." — Galatians 3:27

With great joy, we welcome **Debra Davis, Olivia Fasco, and Jeremy Gamble**, who joined our Catholic faith and our parish family at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice with you as you continue your journey of faith and pray that you will always feel the love and support of our parish community.

We also extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioners, **Makala MacKinnon** and **Vincent and Mae Ann Lopez**, along with their children, **Natalie and Nathan**.

We are truly blessed to have each of you as part of our parish family!

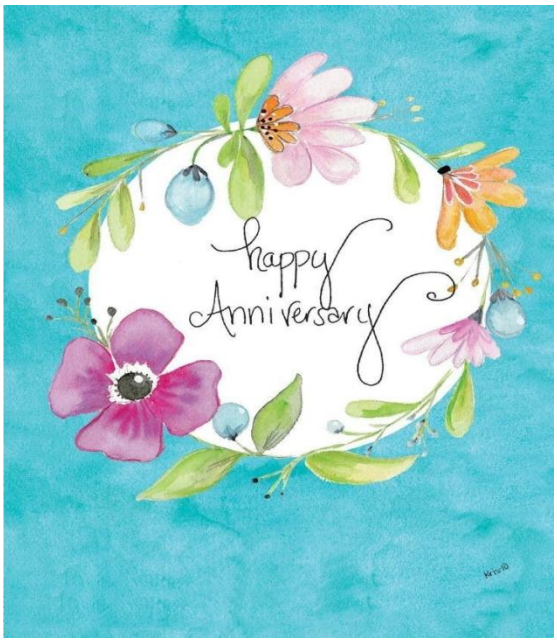
Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Bob Erstine	21	Gary Bunting
02	Rosalina Smalley	21	John House
03	Mercedes Cass	22	Darwin Ecalner
03	Jennifer Cole	22	Crawford Neal, III
03	Othell Lee	23	Claude Wilbern
05	Barbara Fratesi	24	Doan Gallinero
06	Ihle Reginio	26	Franklin Murray
07	Shawn Henning	26	Ann Smith
08	Marilyn Reynolds-Lee	29	Sarah Parker
12	Vanessa Fratesi	29	Kim Soto
15	Joe Gieringer		
18	Anna Marie Jacks		
19	Ramona Green		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04	Kim & Lisa Kosmitis
07	Gregg & Cassie Braden
19	Lee & Cynthia Forestiere
21	Mike & Vickie Turchi
25	Claude & Mary Kay Wilbern
30	Eric & Sofia Edwards
30	Mike & Annette Kline



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 1153

Our August meeting was held on August 3rd at the KC Hall. Twelve members and District Deputy Greg Mattics were present.

Grand Knight Richard Burleigh began the meeting the news that our council earned the Star Council award for Fraternal Year 2025. This award recognizes the recruitment of new members and the successful events sponsored by the Council during the last year. As we begin our new fraternal year, we will look for more events for Fraternity to bring men closer to Christ, events to support our parish and our community, and ways to recruit more men of St. Josephs and St. Peters to become Knights.

Richard also discussed the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner and the need for workers before and during the actual dinners. Help will especially be needed on the dates for meatball making and frying (September 15th and 22nd), sauce making (October 5th) and on the actual dinner days where we will also be making sauce (October 6th and 8th). We encourage all members of the parish to join us and help out as your schedule permits, even for a few hours. This is a great way to meet and get to know your fellow parishioners and to support our parish.

David Henning, Faith Program Director, reported that the next KC rosary and Mass will be Sunday, August 30th at 10:25 am. Members should arrive by 10:20 am. Leonard Zell will lector, Richard Burleigh will lead the rosary, David Smith and Don Stringer will be the gift bearers. It is requested that all Knights and their families sit together for the rosary and mass. Thank you to the Knights for volunteering to participate in these devotions and thank you to the parishioners who join us each month.

Larry Miller, our Community Program Director, reported that our next ice cream social will be August 7th at 2:30 pm at Trinity Village. He will send out text reminders. Larry thanked the members who have shown up each month to support this event and visit with the residents of Trinity Village. The residents enjoy these events and enjoy catching up with our KC members.

Greg Turchi, our Membership Director, suggested an idea for a larger presence at the parish by encouraging everyone to bring at least one canned good for Neighbor to Neighbor to mass each weekend. He suggested that we start with KC members and that other parishioners will see our actions and follow suit. We hope that everyone can help support this effort to help our community.

Don Stringer, Faithful Navigator of our 4th Degree Assembly, stated that we are working on a Veteran's Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery on November 11th. Hopefully the weather will be better this year! Watch the bulletin for more details.

The meeting was ended with prayers for the sick and confined members of the parish and the reciting of the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Ice Cream Social at Trinity Village** August 7th 2:30 pm
- **Men's Holy Hour,** Saturday August 8th at 8 am in the Annunciation Chapel
- **KC Rosary and Mass for August,** Sunday August 30th at 10:25 am.
- **5th Sunday Potluck Dinner**-KC Sponsoring. Sunday August 30th at noon.
- **Officers and Directors Meeting**-Monday, August 31st at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall.
- **Regular Council Meeting,** Tuesday September 8th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Together we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community.

Sincerely,
David Henning, Recorder

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
August 13, 2026

Chairman Don Stringer called the meeting to order and began the meeting with the Our Father prayer. Secretary Connie Boutwell did a silent roll call, and a quorum was present with Lauren Bland absent. Gail Bryant was introduced as our guest. Alyson Gamble made the motion to approve the May and June minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy and Music:

- Chairman Timothy Lim: Richard Campbell, Music and Liturgy Director, reported St. Joseph needs to recruit musical leadership. He is willing to work with anyone who is willing to try. The new keyboard is currently being used due to hot weather.

Community Life:

- Chairman Greg Turchi: **Altar Society** had no report. **Catholic Daughters** went to their National Convention in Iowa in July. **Knights of Columbus** will say the rosary before 11 AM Mass on August 30 and host the 5th Sunday Potluck immediately following Mass. They recently visited Trinity Village to hand out ice cream sandwiches.

Religious Education:

- Chairman Juliet Bogy: There is one person in OCIA. Religious Education (PRE) will begin September 13 at 9:30 AM with 14 or 15 returning students. Three (3) Catechists are needed. September 20th Catechists will be commissioned at 11:00 Mass. Any adults wishing to train as Altar Servers can receive training by contacting Deacon Garry Boccarossa.

Building & Grounds:

- Chairman Lynn Castleberry: All approvals have been received for East Harding Construction to begin work may begin around September 1st.

Gail Bryant gave the Financial Report.

Unfinished Business: The Jimmy Akin Presentation is confirmed for November 7 after 5:00 PM Mass. Early bird tickets will be sold for $40 to St. Joseph, St. Peter and St. Raphael Catholic churches first. In August, Timothy Lim will do a short presentation at each Mass at all three churches explaining what people can expect. Price will include an appetizer and professional Security around the church to keep vehicles and visitors safe with some profit for the church. An improved sound system will be installed to ensure quality sound during the presentation. Catholic Answers will be set up to sell materials (mainly books and associated publications) in the Hall. During the first portion of the program the topic will be ***Evidence for Christ: How We Know That Jesus is Messiah.*** The second portion of the program, Jimmy Akin will answer questions pulled from baskets where people submitted them before the program began.

New Business:

- Old YWCA building is available. Alyson Gamble made the motion not to offer to take the YWCA building. It passed unanimously.
- We did not have any students apply for the Parish Scholarship.

Pastor's Report: Father Joe passed around information he had received from *Hallow*. They are offering our parish the opportunity to have *Hallow* to use for PRE and other programs for $2,500 each year. The Council decided we were not ready to invest in this at this time.

Dates to Remember:

- August 30 KC Rosary before Mass and Potluck after Mass
- October 6 and 8 Spaghetti Supper
- November 7 Jimmy Akin Presentation
- November 11 Veteran's Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery 11 AM sponsored by KC. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms.

The next meeting will be on September 9, 2026, at 6:15 PM. Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Father Joe Marconi ending with Hail Mary.

Connie Boutwell, Secretary

PROPER MASS GESTURES:

WHAT THE CHURCH ACTUALLY ASKS OF THE CONGREGATION

The way we move at Mass is not random… it is prayer with the body.

1		**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** (BEGINNING) • Make the Sign of the Cross reverently • Stand	A STAND	This marks the beginning of sacred worship.	*(Norm: GIRM 43)*
2		**PENITENTIAL ACT ("I CONFESS...")** • Strike your breast at "through my fault…" • Stand	B STAND	This gesture expresses repentance.	
3		**GLORIA** • Stand	C STAND	A hymn of praise to God.	
4		**LITURGY OF THE WORD** **First Reading & Psalm** • Sit	D SIT	We listen to the Word of God.	
5		**GOSPEL** • Stand • Make small crosses on: forehead, lips, heart *(Signifying: "May the Word be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart")*	E STAND	We honor the Gospel and ask God to dwell in our mind, on our lips, and in our heart.	
6		**HOMILY** • Sit and listen attentively	F SIT	We listen to the teaching of the Church.	
7		**CREED** • Stand • Bow at the words: "…and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate…"	G STAND & BOW	We profess our faith together.	*(Norm: GIRM 43)*
8		**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** • Stand	H STAND	We pray for the needs of the Church and the world.	
9		**OFFERTORY** • Sit (in most places)	I SIT	We prepare our hearts and gifts.	
10		**CONSECRATION** (MOST IMPORTANT PART) • Kneel	J KNEEL	This is the moment Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist.	*(Norm: GIRM 43)*
11		**OUR FATHER** • Stand Note: The Church does not prescribe the congregation to raise hands. The orans posture is proper to the priest.	K STAND (Hands joined or folded)	We pray as one family of God.	
12		**SIGN OF PEACE** • Offer peace simply and reverently × No walking around excessively × No prolonged greetings or distractions	L EXCHANGE PEACE SIMPLY	We share Christ's peace with others.	
13		**HOLY COMMUNION** • Approach reverently • Bow before receiving • Receive on the tongue or in the hand (where permitted)	M RECEIVE REVERENTLY	We receive the Body and Blood of Christ.	
13		**FINAL BLESSING** • Stand • Make the Sign of the Cross	N STAND	We are sent forth to live the Gospel.	*(Norm: GIRM 43)*

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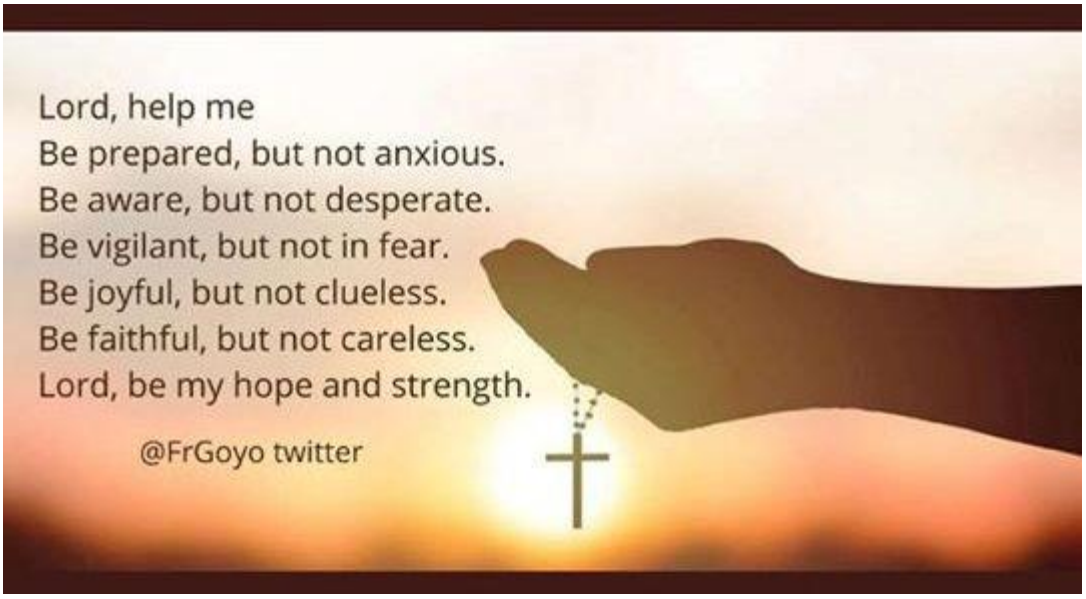
IN SUMMARY...

A	D	J	G
STAND	SIT	KNEEL	BOW
Respect	Listen	Adore	Reverence

"Do my actions at Mass reflect the reverence I have for God?"
Reverence is not old-fashioned… it is the language of worship.



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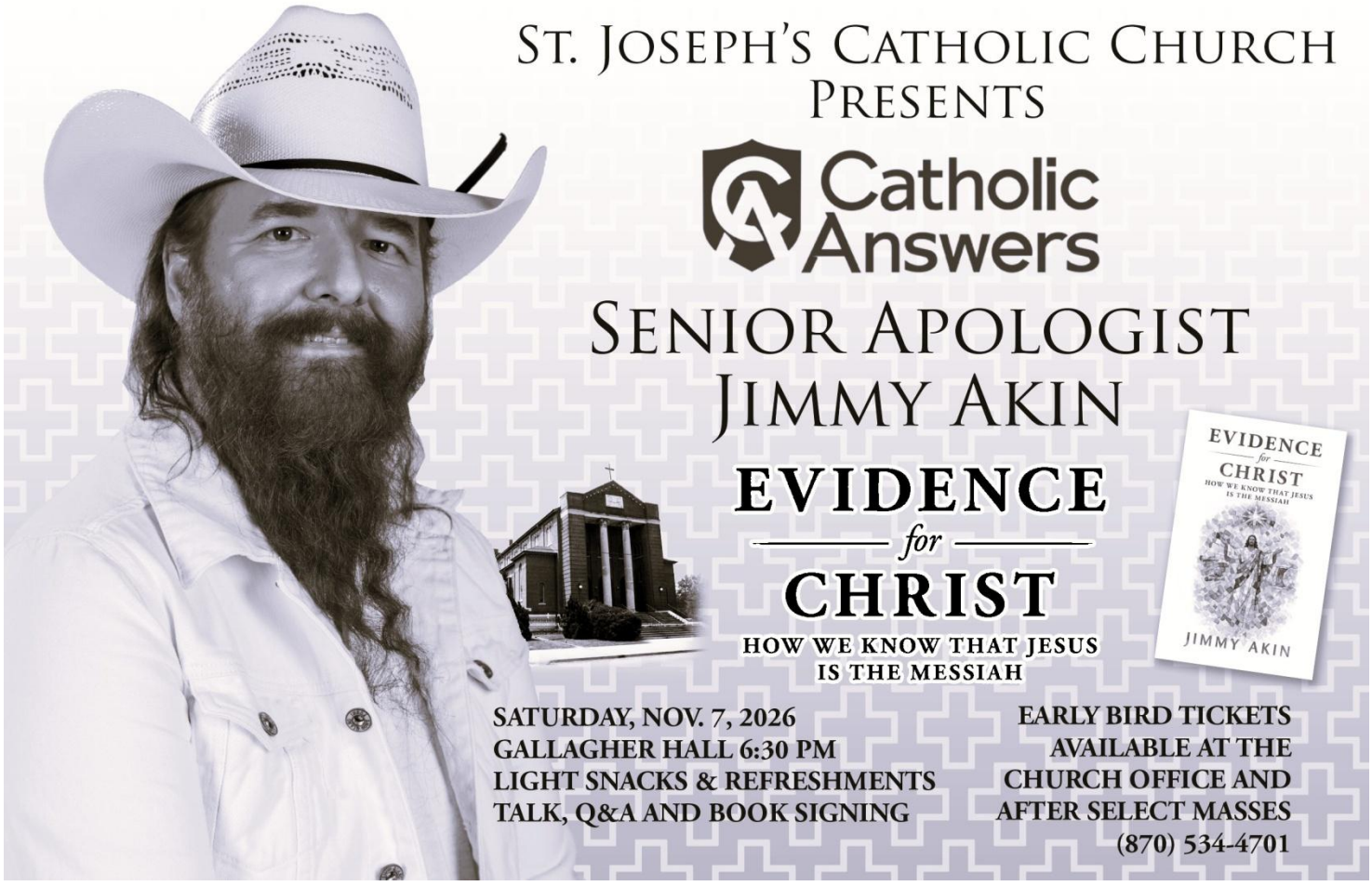
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