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FREEDOM
Christ has
SET US FREE

Galatians 5:1



Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

St. Joseph Church-Wright

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Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM
Closed Friday

St. Catherine Parish

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Office Hours

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Closed Friday

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St. Joseph Prayer Line

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Theresa Miller..... (616) 899-5561

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM SFX
4:00 PM † Pam May by M/M Jim May SFX
5:30 PM † Arlene Armock by Herb & Norma Armock SJ

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM † Connie “Rae” Leyanna by The Kroll Family SC
11:00 AM † Michelle Klein by Donna Lozon SJ

Monday, July 8

8:30 AM ~ Members of the Cluster SFX
5:15 PM Confessions/Adoration until 6:15 SFX

Tuesday, July 9

8:30 AM † Leo Rasch by Mark & Marilyn Zemaitis SJ
9:00 AM Adoration until 3:00 PM SJ

Wednesday, July 10

No Daily Mass

Thursday, July 11

8:30 AM † Diana Zimmer by Alan Zimmer SC

Friday, July 12

8:30 AM † Leo Rasch by Leo Rasch Family SJ

Saturday, July 13

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM SFX
4:00 PM † Gerard Brown by Barb & Jeff Brown SFX
5:30 PM † Leanne Armock by Ministry of Consolation SJ

Sunday, July 14

8:00 AM Confessions until 8:45 AM SC
9:00 AM † Pinky Steensma by Family SC
11:00 AM † Leanne Armock by Geraldine Brown SJ

St Catherine = SC • St Francis Xavier = SFX • St Joseph = SJ

Father Andrew will be away from July 17th—July 24th. For pastoral emergencies, call 616-320-4234.

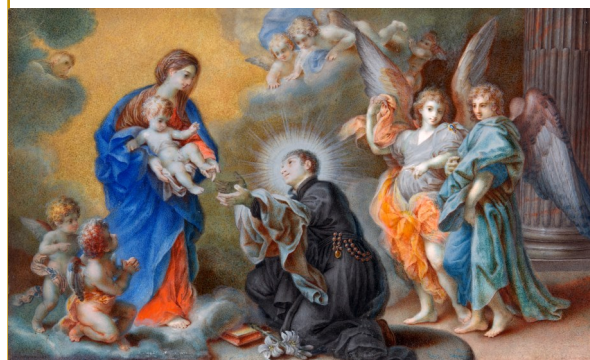


Please Pray

*It is within the waters of Baptism
that we welcome into our communities...*

Manuel Pablo-Ramirez, July 14th

Garnet Dietrich, July 28th



Rosary Intention for July

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.



Ministry Schedules

Saturday, July 13

St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM

Sacristan/EM Sharon Denhof
 Lector Bill May
 Usher Anyone Available
 Server Anyone Available

St. Joseph • 5:30 PM

Sacristan Marty Brown
 Lector Heather Brown
 EMHC..... Barb Umlor
 Ushers Vince Umlor & Tony Rosloinec
 Servers..... Marty Brown

Sunday, July 14

St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan Joni Waller
 Lector JoAnn Beechnau
 EMHC..... Vicki Woodard
 Ushers Jim Helsen, Leon Bekius,
 Barry Kroll & Matt Block
 Servers..... Chloe Bothe & Tenley Visconti

St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan Ben Benefiel
 Lector Luke Cunningham
 EMHC..... Ben Benefiel
 Ushers Mark Umlor & Alex Umlor
 Servers..... Leo, George & Ed Armock

Money Counters for July

St. Catherine

Mary Patterson & Cheryl Helsen

St. Francis Xavier

Sharon Denhof

St. Joseph

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Henry

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Reflections from the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*

In the Depths of Your Heart

Meditation:

I will tell you most when you converse with Me in the depths of your heart. Here, no one can disturb My actions. Here, I rest as in a garden enclosed (*Diary*, 581).

When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time (*Diary*, 584).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, teach me. Help me to listen to You as You speak to me in the depths of my heart. Like St. Faustina, help me to become holy as You form my heart to become like Yours.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

You can sign up to receive the Divine Mercy daily messages by going online to: TheDivineMercy.org/dmddsignup



St. Catherine's News

St. Catherine's Clubs

Are you looking to deepen your connection with our parish community? Want to meet new friends and engage in meaningful activities? Join our Parish Clubs and become part of a vibrant, supportive group dedicated to faith, fellowship, and fun! We want to hear your voice and suggestions to making the parish thrive. We look forward to seeing you!

MARS Food Pantry Needs:

We are in need of flour, sugar, oatmeal, jelly, mayo, mustard, ketchup, vegetable oil, saltines/crackers, skillet dinners, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, baked beans, tortillas/taco shells, laundry soap and dish soap. Thank you for your continued support!

St. Francis Xavier News

New doors are in the process of being installed at St. Francis.

St. Joseph's News

Save the Date for St. Joseph's picnic on **August 11th**. Mass on the grass at 11:00am with food, 50/50 raffle and fun to follow. We hope to see you there!

Bible Study

Catholic Women on the Ridge will be doing a summer bible study with the book "*Becoming Women of the Word*" by Sarah Christmyer. We meet on **July 11, 18, 25, and August 1** at 7pm in St. Joseph's church meeting room. You can find the book on Amazon. If you don't have access to Amazon, there are 4 free books in the back of church. On July 11 we will discuss the chapters on Sarah, Leah and Rachel. All women are welcome.

Senior Euchre

Will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30 PM. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next date is **July 23rd**.

The Cluster News

Baby Bottle Drive

Reminder to return your baby bottles to the back of the churches. Thank you for your support!

Divine Providence Academy

Box Tops

The Box Top Program is an easy way to earn money for DPA. We would love for everyone to participate. Just download the app and scan your receipts.

DPA is looking for storage sheds for both St. Joseph and St. Catherine Campuses. These will be used to store playground toys and bikes. We are looking for something around the size of 10ft x10ft.

Contact Christina Watkoski at sjadmin@wingsdpa.org or 616-899-5300 (Ext. 2) if you are able to donate 1 or 2 sheds.

Ravenna Food Receipts

Please turn in your Ravenna Foods Receipts! DPA receives 1% back on everything besides tobacco and alcohol and 5% back on Tuesdays.

Cluster Music Information

Consider Joining the Cluster Choir!

To existing choir members or those who would like to join: Please prayerfully consider joining me for weekend masses year round as your schedule allows. Outlines for the music can be sent in advance. I enjoy & look forward to singing with you.

I am also looking for more people to lead the Psalm responses- if you are feeling called/able. Contact Becky after Mass or via email: musicdir@ourcluster.org.

Youth Ministry News

Save the Date for a hiking retreat on **August 1st—4th**. \$40 per student. Join us for a weekend of hiking, camping, prayer, and fellowship throughout beautiful Kentucky. Contact Luke Cunningham for more information.

Religious Education News

Vacation Bible School will take place **August 5-8th** at St. Joseph Church from 9:30-11:00 am. All students ages 3-12 are welcome to participate. Students 13 + can volunteer to help! Cost is \$5/child OR \$20 cap per family. All are welcome! Registration forms are available in the back of each church. Please return forms to the parish office by **August 1st**.

Outside the Cluster News

St. Joseph (Weare) & St. Vincent (Pentwater) 73rd Annual Ox Roast & Homecoming

The annual Ox Roast is on **July 14th** from **11am—3pm** at St. Joseph's Faith Formation Center in Hart. Come out and enjoy beef that practically melts in your mouth, along with mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus, baked beans, coleslaw, beverage and dessert! You definitely won't walk away hungry!

There are also several raffles, a silent auction, baked goods and white elephant booth, sweet cherries (weather permitting) and much more! Plus, take the opportunity to visit and tour beautiful St. Joseph church. Built from 1909 - 1912 mainly by parishioners, the "new" church replaced a much smaller wooden structure that sat in the same spot. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased online or at the door.

We're looking for you!

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring!

See available opportunities at: grdiocese.org/employment/

Offertory for June 30

St. Catherine\$2,562.30
St. Francis Xavier\$1,505.00
St. Joseph\$3,470.00

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.
Questions? (616) 899-2286

Online Giving

St Catherine tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n
St Joseph tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya
St Francis Xavier tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya

CSA 2024 Contributions

St Catherine \$28,869
(Pledged, \$30,749.00.....Surpassed by \$1,925.00)

St. Francis Xavier \$18,397
(Pledged, \$14,065.00.....Still Needed \$4,332.00)

St. Joseph \$46,311
(Pledged, \$38,175.00.....Still Needed \$8,136.00)