Saint Joseph Catholic Community Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24-25, 2024

The Challenge Week 5: Bread of Life Discourse

a 5-week Homily Series



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Mass Times Weekends Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm

> **Daily** Monday - Saturday 8:30 am

Adoration 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Our Lady of Pilar Chapel

Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm Eldersburg Church



This Week. This Month. This Month. This Year. at Saint Joseph Catholic Community

This Week

Monday 26th

8:30 am Daily Mass for Meghen & Andrew Klick * 7:00 pm Rosary for Life

Tuesday27th Memorial of Saint Monica8:30 amDaily Mass for Annie Jacob +7:30 pmRosary for World Peace

Wednesday 28thMemorial ofSt Augustine8:30 amDaily Mass for Deceased Relatives
of Michael Grossarth +10:00 amCarroll County Food Sunday7:00 pmWINGS

Thursday 29th *Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist* 7:00 am St John the Baptist Novena Day 1

8:30 am Daily Mass for Raymond & Grace Oyson * 7:00 pm Rosary for Cancer Victims

Friday 30th

Sunday 1	Twenty-Second Sunday in
5:00 pm	Mass for Maria Guzman
3:30 pm	Reconciliation
8:30 am	Daily Mass for SJCC
7:00 am	St John the Baptist Novena Day 3

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Ordinary Time
St John the Baptist Novena Day 4
Mass for Our SJCC Priests
Adult Bible Study
Baptism Prep Class One Mass for SJCC Parishioners Mass for Richard Lewis +

* In honor of + In memory of

Later This Month

- September 2nd Labor Day Parish Office Closed
- September 5th Catholic Daughters Meeting
- September 6th Pizza and Pray
- September 7th Youth Ministry Car Wash
- September 8th Coffee & Donuts Returns
- September 9th Bearing the Beams of Love
- September 8th 9/11 Memorial Service
- September 12th Our Daily Bread Drop Off
- September 17th Theology on Tap
- September 25th Knights Monthly Social
- September 28th SJCC Block Party

(Mark Your Calendar, Details to Come)

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- October 5-11th Rosary Congress
- October 12th-13th Anniversary of Church Dedication
- October 19th KOC: Oktoberfest
- November 1st Holy Day: All Saints Day
- November 2nd All Souls Day
- December 1st Advent Begins
- December 7th Breakfast with Saint Nick
- December 9th Immaculate Conception

Complete Details available at SaintJoseph.cc/Calendar-of-Events

From the Desk of Our Pastor

The Challenge

We now conclude the great Bread of Life discourse in John chapter 6. The way I understand its structure is that Jesus is offering us a two-course meal. The first course is given to us in 6:25-51. Behind this discourse section is God's provision of manna through Moses. Though it is not quoted, Moses' statement in Deut. 8:4 in the background, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." The Evangelist John established Jesus as that Word in chapter one. Those who are "God- taught" and "learn from the Father" (v.45) feast



on Jesus as the Incarnate Word as taught in Scripture. We must all develop an appetite for God's Word. This first course reminds us of the first part of our Mass, the Liturgy of the Word.

The second course, very shocking indeed, is the offering of His very physical flesh and blood in the Eucharistic feast in vv. 51-59. As we said last week, this is interpretation is unavoidable, and if we have a problem with it is because 1) we are not doing the "work of God," which is to believe what Jesus is clearly saying (v. 29), and are too proud to believe that Jesus could present Himself so humbly in what looks like a plain piece of bread, and a chalice of what looks like simple wine. We must develop an appetite for the Eucharist.

As shocking as this is, it all becomes clear when we see it in the big picture of Scripture. Jesus is the fulfillment of the whole sacrificial system in the old covenant. In that covenant, the sacrifice must be devoured by God through the sacred fire, the priests, and in the Peace Offering and the Passover Lamb, by the people. Once atonement for sin is made, the sacrifice must be devoured to consummate the relationship with God. What is new is the ingestion of blood; it was forbidden under the old covenant because the life of the animal was "in the blood," and it was unholy to mix human life with animal life. But here we are invited to take in the very life of God Incarnate for eternal life.

We see this was too much for many of Jesus' disciples, for they turned away. Jesus' challenge to Peter is the challenge of all the ages: "Will you also go away?" Peter's humble answer is superb: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed" (v. 68).

Yours in Christ, Father John Worgul



So that there are no strangers among us...

Three easy Steps to Join SJCC

- 1. Visit our website at SaintJoseph.cc/ Welcome
- 2. Complete the Registration Form Congratulations and Welcome
- 3. Attend a Quarterly Welcome Brunch to learn more about your new community.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all of the sick... Dawn Friend, Gabriella Rose Ganis, Teresa Brocato, Christopher Baba, Tim McGrath, Beverly Sheredy, Chris and Ray Comes, Christina Kniska, George Farley, Eileen Campbell, Peggy Wilhelm, Tanya Kilty, Sherry Duff, Frank SanFellipo, Ben Dean, Andi Holland, Jim Holland, Lisa Sheredy, Bill Richelderfer, Barbara Ruprecht, Stacie Briles, Andrew Moan, Robert Moan, Wesley Griffin, Carole Truitt, Jennifer Meisenkothen, Kenneth Andrews, Danny Clark, Jean Carroll, Andrews, Danny Clark, Jean Carroll, Lisa Wing, Donna Muffoletto, Pat Kovacsi, Maria Rios, Kurt Hider, Priscilla Lemak, George Moriatis, Beverly Brinkley, Angela Carol Ellis, Abby Cafiero, Lucille Perron, Doris Wagner, Michael KirchnerLet us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died: John Eggers, Joseph M. Ziegler, Jr, Peter White, John "Cav" Cavanaugh Pavlick... Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

Look online for the most up to date list of prayer requests.

Please contact our Parish Office to add your loved one to our prayer list. All names will remain on this list for one month. If a longer period of time is needed, please let us know.

Dear Parents,

We are so glad that our population of young parents is growing! We love our children and desire to do everything we can for them and for you. We want you to know that if they become a little bit too rambunctious in Mass, that we have a delightful area down the steps from the narthex with a monitor so you can watch the Mass until they settle down.

Yours in Christ,

Father John Worgul

STEPHEN MINISTRY... Here When You Need Us

Everyone experiences difficulties in life—the loss of a loved one, spiritual crisis, sickness, imprisonment, disability, discouragement, divorce, rehabilitation, job loss and more. God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone, and our Stephen Ministers are here to listen, support and encourage through life's trials.

SaintJoseph.cc/Stephen-Ministry



Are you a mom looking for fellowship for you and your child(ren)?

Our SJCC Pray and Play Co-Op méets weekly on Fridays (former known as the Homeschoolers Co-Op)

9:30-11:30 am September through May

Email for more information: linka@saintjoseph.cc

Reconciliation 3:30 - 4:30 pm | Saturday or by appointment

The Year of Formation 2024 - 2025

Did you know there are six components of Catholic formation: (1) to promote knowledge of the faith, (2) to promote knowledge of the meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments, (3) to promote moral formation in Jesus Christ, (4) to teach us how to pray, (5) to prepare one to live in community, by participating actively in the life of the Church, and (6) to promote a missionary spirit that is outward looking to society. These components are represented in our SJCC vision statement: "*Embracing Christ's Life & Reflecting His Love.*" How are you being formed? How can SJCC accompany you in the Year of Formation?



CI: Christian Initiation Interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe its time to profess your faith! Meetings are held every Thursday 6:30- 8:00 pm Tonry Center

SaintJoseph.cc/CI-Program



We Need Your Help

We need small group leaders for Faith Formation this coming fall and spring. One of the greatest joys we have is passing along our Faith to children. Please prayerfully consider joining our team of small group leaders for the six Fall sessions and seven Spring sessions on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings.

Information is available at SaintJoseph.cc/faithformationsmallgroup

Café Catholica

adventure of life following high school. Second and Fourth Fridays

Learn More: SaintJoseph.cc/CafeCatholica

Saturday Men's Group

First and Third Saturday 8:00 - 9:30 am Tonry Room | inside Parish Offices Begins September 7th

Men of all ages are welcome **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Breakfast)

SaintJoseph.cc/Saturday-Mens-Group

Pizza and Prayer First Fridays 6:00 pm

Sign Up Online SaintJoseph.cc/Pizza-and-Praye

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Bearing the Beams of Love

September 9, 2024

Letters from the Heart of a Loving Father

Utilizing your Faith to help work through the complicated issues facing us in today's world.

SaintJoseph.cc/Beams

You are Invited!

We are seeking women ages 18-45 to join our vibrant group!

Explore Catholic womanhood with Women at the Well

a multi-parish women's group in Eldersburg

Twice Monthly Meetings (two options): Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings

Learn More at SaintJoseph.cc/Women-At-The-Well



Brotherhood of Saint Joseph Small Group for Men ages 18+ Bi-Weekly Evening Meetings Learn More: Saint Joseph.cc/Brotherhood-of-Saint-Joseph

Rosary Congress 2024 "Ushering in the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary"

Saturday October 5th at 6:00 pm through Saturday October 12th at 5:00 pm

Seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer!

The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National Eucharistic Revival, to renew our worship of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace.

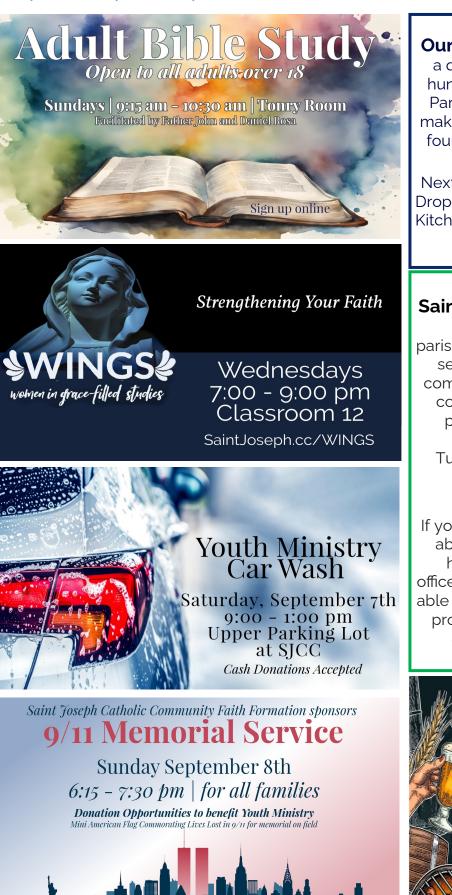
For Complete Information visit SaintJoseph.cc/RosaryCongress2024



EVERYONE is Invited to the 4th Annual Saint Joseph Catholic Community Block Party It Keeps Getting Bigger & Better! Saturday September 28th 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm 915 Liberty Road | Eldersburg **Save The Date**

SaintJoseph.cc/BlockParty

August 25, 2024



Our Daily Bread serves more than a quarter of a million meals to the hungry of Baltimore City each year. Parishioners assist in that effort my making casseroles, the recipe can be found online at saintjoseph.cc/ourdaily-bread

Next Delivery Day is September 12th. Drop off casseroles in the Lower Level Kitchen refrigerators any time Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach

at SJCC is a small team of parishioners that follow Christ through service to those in need to show compassion, hope and charity in our commitment through person-toperson contact. We schedule appointments weekly on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, just a two hour commitment of time.

If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. It is because of you that we are able to give hope, inspire change, and provide an opportunity in our fight against poverty. Thank you!



Weekly Giving

August 17 & 18, 2024				
	Actual FY25	Budget FY25		
Envelopes (191)	\$ 10,522	\$ 10,486		
EFT- Faith Direct (291) ; Other (0)	\$ 9,735	\$ 9,475		
Loose	\$ 2,009	\$ 2,315		
Total for the week	\$ 22,266	\$ 22,276		
Actual FY25 vs. Budget FY25 Week Over (Under)	(\$10)			
Percentage Over (Under)	0%			
YTD Offertory through Week 7	\$ 172,921	\$ 174,371		
Actual FY25 vs. Budget FY25—YTD Over (Under)	(\$ 1,450)			
Percentage Over (Under) - Year to Date	-1%			
Poor Box (this week)	\$ 957			
Poor Box - Faith Direct	\$ 828			
Poor Box - Holy Day	\$ 203			
Repairs & Maintenance (this week)	\$ 417			
Repairs & Maintenance - Faith Direct	\$ 300			
Roof Replacement (this week)	\$ 8,198			
Roof Replacement - Faith Direct	\$ 1,854			
Assumption of Mary - collected	\$ 2,132			
Assumption of Mary - Faith Direct	\$ 887			
Mass Attendance:	1,189			

Stewardship

A Total-Stewardship Parish is ALIVE. It is a prayerful, welcoming, Eucharist-centered community with a common vision: God is the source of all. In gratitude for the gifts God gave each of us, we joyfully give back with Time, Talent & Treasure.

-US Bishops, 1992 Pastoral Letter

While summer travels may take you places, your contributions to our parish can still make it into the offertory basket thanks to the convenience of giving online. Simply set up an account today, using our online giving link or scanning the QR Code to the left then don't worry about mailing in your weekly or monthly contributions before packing your suitcase.

Not signed up for Faith Direct? SaintJoseph.cc/Online-Giving

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Protect Women: Vote No

A message from the Catholic Bishops of Maryland | 2024

This November voters across the country will cast their ballots in national and local elections. Maryland is one of several states that will ask voters to enshrine abortion into their state constitution.

This is an important time for us to reiterate our commitment to the protection of all human life. We oppose the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" as it contradicts the fundamental principles of respect for human dignity and the inherent right to life.

Our opposition to this initiative is rooted in our unwavering concern for the well-being of women and children. Abortion not only ends the life of an innocent child but also poses significant risks to the physical, emotional and spiritual health of women.

PERPETUATES THROWAWAY CULTURE

Enshrining abortion into Maryland's constitution would further perpetuate a "throwaway" culture that devalues human life and fails to provide adequate support and alternatives for women facing difficult decisions regarding their pregnancies.

Pope Francis consistently reminds us that "...people are never to be thrown out. The

disadvantaged cannot be thrown away. Every

person is a sacred and unique gift, no matter what their age or condition is. Let us always respect and promote life! Let us not throw life away."

DIVERTS RESOURCES FROM WOMEN'S WELL-BEING

Enshrining abortion in the constitution would divert attention and resources away from broader efforts to promote women's well-being and address the root causes of abortion. Instead of a sole focus on access to abortion, it is necessary to advocate for comprehensive solutions that provide women with access to healthcare, resources for families, and education and job opportunities.

We must foster a culture of life where every person is valued and supported, and where women facing difficult decisions regarding pregnancy and parenthood feel respected and empowered.

RISKS HEALTHCARE WORKER RIGHTS

By enshrining abortion in the constitution, we risk undermining existing protections for religious freedom, conscience rights, and the rights of healthcare providers to practice according to their beliefs.

LIMITS ABILITY TO RESPOND TO NEEDS

A constitutional amendment severely limits legislative flexibility and prevents elected officials from enacting laws that respond to changing circumstances or new evidence related to abortion policy and the protection of women.

The unfortunate reality is that nothing regarding abortion in Maryland would change if this amendment

were defeated. Sadly, Maryland has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the country, allowing for abortion at any stage of pregnancy, including right up to the moment of birth.

REJECT BALLOT INITIATIVE

We stand in solidarity with women and children, and we reject the notion that abortion is a solution to the challenges faced by women in crisis situations. It is essential that we pursue solutions that include compassionate

support, resources, and alternatives to abortion for women facing difficult circumstances.

We urge voters to reject this ballot initiative and stand with us in upholding the sanctity of all human life, safeguarding conscience rights, and standing in solidarity with women and children in need. Together, let us work towards building a culture of life in which every person is valued, cherished and protected.

Most Reverend William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore

Wilton Cardinal Gregory Archbishop of Washington

Most Reverend William Koenig Bishop of Wilmington



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Our opposition to this initiative is rooted in our unwavering concern for the well-being of women and children.___

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Corporators

The Corporators are responsible for ensuring parish operations are conducted in an effective and prudent manner, in compliance with all Archdiocesan and legal regulations.

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Gwen Lilly Terry Morse

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a consultative body that serves the Pastor. The PPC conducts research and investigates matters that are of importance to the Pastor. It reviews and updates the Parish Pastoral Plan as needed. Meetings are held bi-monthly, and minutes are available on the website.

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Father John Worgul | Pastor Rachel Wandishin | Chairman Stephen Paskvich | Vice Chair Jane Miller | Secretary Minta Davis | At Large Member Tim Brantley | At Large Member Mark Steinbrunner | At Large Member

Mission Council

The Mission Council are members assigned to implement the Parish Plan and act as a liaison between the ministry staff and the SJCC ministries.

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Tony Gioio | Chairman Steve Cox | Liturgy Director Lucy Lyles | Liturgy Chair Lauren Glass | Mission Support Co- Director Thomas Schwartz | Mission Support Co-Director Elena Hodgkiss | Mission Support Chair Cathy Nusbaum | Secretary

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission is responsible for forecasting, keeping track of, and reporting the parish's financial status. The Finance Commission helps the pastor in all major expenditure decisions.

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Nick Nutting | Chairman Rachael Rau | Vice Chair Dave Dolinsky | Secretary Matt Anthony

Marriage

Please call the church office at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding. We recommend that you do not schedule your reception until you have secured a date & time for the wedding ceremony. For more information <u>SaintJoseph.cc/marriage</u>

Baptism

Three options are available for Baptism including during Mass, at 1:00 pm on a Sunday, and privately. All parents need to attend two baptism sessions that can be scheduled online at <u>SaintJoseph.cc/baptism</u>



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