

June 25th, 2017 TWENTIFIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SECURING OUR FUTURE – St. Joseph Capital Campaign

Total pledged \$247,645.00
Received as of 6/22/17 \$206,261.50



Saint Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We extend a warm welcome to
all who attend our church!*

Parish Information

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Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ...(*special intention*).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.
Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

		<i>Mass Intentions</i>		There will be no confessions before the Masses on the weekend of June 24 & 25
		Sat	Sun	
5:30pm	Thelma Gervais +	7:30am	Linda Hirner +	
10:30am	The Parishioners +			

There will be no daily Masses this week, Fr. Alex will be moving out and Fr. Basil will be moving in.

Parish Support Envelopes \$4890, Loose money \$130.25, St. Xavier's \$45, Children \$.25.

Dear Parishioners,

As I leave you for my new parish, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for everything you did to make my life here a pleasant and memorable one. In God's perfect plan, every experience moves those who believe towards eternal life. "All things work for the good for those who love God." (Romans 8:28)

I also want to wish you, that you may continue to grow individually and as a parish community.

Prayerfully united in Christ,
Fr. Alex Ekka

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Do you come to church with your Catholic spouse/friend and feel a desire to belong too? Are you an adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, perhaps the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is for you or the person you have in mind. For more information, call the RCIA coordinator Jim Lowe at 573-231-3094 or Lisa Leake at 573-248-7649. The "Come & See" RCIA Sessions will begin this fall!



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 9TH - PARISH PICNIC AND WELCOME FOR FR. BASIL ERUO FROM 11:30 AM TO ??

Join us for the annual Parish Picnic and to welcome Father Basil on Sunday, July 9th from 11:30 to ?. (Don't forget to stay for BINGO!)

We'll have burgers, hot dogs and drinks and we are asking each family to please bring a covered dish or dessert. Come for food, fellowship and fun and to welcome Father Basil to our St. Joseph Family!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS For the Food Pantry during the month of June, we'll be collecting bar soap and deodorant! Thank you for your generosity and support!
~ Youth Groups and the Social Committee



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, YOUTH ACTIVITIES and OPPORTUNITIES

Here are a few save the dates:



❖ **July 10th-July 13th Discovery Vacation (Vocation) Bible School** for grades PreK - 6th
Grade 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner Provided. **Please pick up registration forms in the vestibule of church or parents received an email with the registration form from the Youth Office. Please fill out the registration papers and return ASAP**

❖ **July 14th-July 16th-9th through 12th Grade to Stuebenville** Springfield, Mo.

❖ **CCD Classes** will resume in September 2017.

If you have any questions at any time, please contact Deacon Bob at St Joseph or Cathy Fohey 573-231-6362



Jean Harrison, Greg Harrison, Dwayne & Ellen Goodwin, Arlene & Jim Veit, Hannah Wacker, Rita Thompson, Jack & Jean Lewis, Karen & Tom Meade, Bonnie Slates, DeeAnn Gottman, Jeff Merkel, Robert Schwartz, Eva Leake, Janet Schwartz, Debbie Malone, Mary Kempf, Robert Bedell, Florence Fohey, Tammy Reiff, Judy Kirby, Rick & Cecelia Obert, Shirley Rorison, Roger Masten, Rochelle Ahern, Lucy Liesen, John Lillard, Pat Murphy, Joyce Wellman, Mary Lawson, Jack Cooper, Janet Miller, Bob Wimer, Greg Hastings, Evan Mencer and Noah Mencer, Hayden Pegus, Johnathan Bedrosian, Jean Moore, Lula Little, Richelle Ahern, and Gabe Leonhard.

The Holy Father's Prayer intention for June 2017

† **National Leaders:** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

† **Urgent Intention - Priestly Vocations:** Led by the Spirit for Mission - May he give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

~ Jean Harrison · · · · · June 26 ~	~ Susan Lantz · · · · · June 30 ~
~ Clayton White · · · · · June 26 ~	~ Gilbert Hudson Sr · · · · July 1 ~
~ Asher Wigle · · · · · June 27 ~	~ Kevin DeHaan · · · · · July 1 ~
~ Ben Hudson · · · · · June 28 ~	~ Tammy Schroeder · · · · July 1 ~
~ Kasey Hess · · · · · June 28 ~	

Deadline for announcements in the bulletin is Wednesday at 3pm

From: bpjashpur@rediffmail.com <bpjashpur@rediffmail.com> on behalf of emmanuel kerketta
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Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:21 PM
To: alexekka@hotmail.com
Cc: ekka435@gmail.com

Subject: Profound thanks

Dear and beloved faithful of Palmyra,

I hear Father Alex is going to leave you soon. Let me hasten to thank each one of you for the love you have shown toward him for the last 6 years. You have helped him every way possible to run the parish of Palmyra smoothly. Your support to him was felt and experienced by me during my visits to Palmrya. The diocese of Jashpur has received much from all of you. Once again I would like to place on record your generous contribution to complete the village chapel (St. Xavier's Church) of Birhipani village. I am in receipt of \$4000.00 and this will be a great help to complete the construction work. Though Father Alex will be miles away, I do believe our communion will continue as before. My best wishes to Fr. Alex in his new place.



Imparting upon you all my Episcopal blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Bishop Emmanuel Kerketta

Though cleaning up and final touches are still required, with your help St. Xavier's Church got a new roof before the monsoon (See photos). Below is a thank you note from the villagers:

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Church Palmyra,

Thanks a lot for helping us to complete our St. Xavier's church in our village Bishipani, we are ever grateful for your prayers and financial support. We will be more than happy to see you all at the time of the blessing of the new church.

Prayerfully yours
Members of St. Xavier's church
Bishipani.

