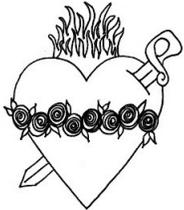


JULY 31, 2022, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1728 Saint Joseph Street, Trenton MO 64683
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 606 Broadway Street, Princeton, MO 64673
 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1208 S 25th Street, Bethany, MO 64424



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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph's, Trenton: **8:30 AM** Sunday
 6:30 PM Tuesday
 9:00 AM Tuesday through Saturday

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton: **10:30 AM** Sunday

Blessed Sacrament, Bethany: **5:00 PM** Saturday

Sun	July 31	8:30 AM	SJ	+ Brad Schwenneker		Fri	Aug 5	9:00 AM	SJ	
Sun	July 31	10:30 AM	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM		Sat	Aug 6	9:00 AM	SJ	
Mon	Aug 1		SJ	NO MASS		Sat	Aug 6	5:00 PM	BSP	The People of Blessed Sacrament
Tue	Aug 2	6:30 PM	SJ			Sun	Aug 7	8:30 AM	SJ	The Hehr family
Wed	Aug 3	9:00 AM	SJ			Sun	Aug 7	10:30 AM	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Thurs	Aug 4	9:00 AM	SJ							

OFFERING **July 24**
St. Joseph's \$ 988
IHM \$ 333
Blessed Sacrament \$ 529.15

ADORATION at 6:00 PM
 Followed by Mass
 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday's at St. Joseph's

ROSARY
8:00 AM SUNDAY'S
ST. JOSEPH'S

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Will Zang
 Judie Smith; Denise Babinski,
 Jerry Wagner; Mary Muse,
 Richard Easton; Kaylie Schmitt
 Kerry Sampson; Jeff Wagner*

Announcements

QUIET TIME: Many people are so filled with the Spirit after Sunday Mass that they need to find others to share with. Many people, on the other hand, are so filled with the Spirit that they need to pray in contemplation and thanksgiving after Sunday Mass. While both are important, they can be difficult to do in the same space.

For those of us who feel the need to socialize with our sisters and brothers after Mass, please do so in the Narthex or outside so that those of us who feel the need to pray quietly after Mass have an opportunity to do so. Thanks!

AIRPORT HELP. Fr. Bill Fox is planning his vacation from August 22 to September 2. (There will be Sunday Mass on the weekend of August 27-28 with visiting priests.) Fr. Bill would like some help getting to Kansas City International Airport from St. Joseph about 12:15 on Sunday, August 21. He would also like help getting back from the airport on Friday, September 2 at about 5:45 pm. Please email fr.bill.fox@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks!

The Blessed Sacrament Ladies Group is continuing to sponsor a food drive for our local food pantry. The suggested donation for **August** is spices/salt & pepper. **September** is olive oil/vegetable oil. **October** is soup & crackers

Understanding the Sign of Peace at Mass

Some questions have come up recently regarding the “whys” and “hows” of the Sign of Peace, officially called the “Rite of Peace,” we share at Mass after the Lord’s Prayer and before the *Agnus Dei* (the “Lamb of God”). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) explains:

“The Rite of Peace follows (the Lord’s Prayer), by which the Church asks for peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament.” (GIRM N^o 82)

Questions about the Sign of Peace are not new: over the past two decades, this question has come up and has drawn the attention of theologians, bishops, and popes. Here are some things to think and pray about:

Back in 2004, the Congregation (now called a Dicastery) of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS, the office at the Vatican that handles questions of liturgy), addressed this question in a document addressing larger questions about how best to celebrate Mass. The Congregation instructed that:

“The practice of the Roman Rite is to be maintained according to which the peace is extended shortly before Holy Communion. For according to the tradition of the Roman Rite, this practice ... signifies peace, communion and charity before the reception of the Most Holy Eucharist.” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, N^o 71)
Pope Benedict XVI, following a general synod of bishops, taught on the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass and in that context taught about how important the Sign of Peace is, writing that:

“By its nature the Eucharist is the sacrament of peace. At Mass this dimension of the eucharistic mystery finds specific expression in the sign of peace. Certainly this sign has great value (see John 14:27). In our times, fraught with fear and conflict, this gesture has become particularly eloquent, as the Church has become increasingly conscious of her responsibility to pray insistently for the gift of peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family.” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, N^o 49)

More recently, in 2014, the CDWDS studied questions around the Sign of Peace in greater detail. At that time, the Congregation observed that:

“It should be made clear once and for all that the rite of peace already has its own profound meaning of prayer and offering of peace in the context of the Eucharist. An exchange of peace appropriately carried out among the participants at Mass enriches the meaning of the rite itself and gives fuller expression to it.” (*Pacem Relinquo Vobis*, N^o 6a)

So, the Sign of Peace is an important way that we, as the Mystical Body of Christ, share communion with one another before we share Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. One might point out, correctly, that the Roman Missal says that the priest (or a deacon) invites the people to share the Sign of Peace “if appropriate.” But based on what we see here, it’s easy to see that the Sign of Peace should usually be considered as appropriate.

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph has opened a “Serve and Lift” distribution center in Cameron, MO and will be providing a mobile outreach to our parishes, St. Joseph’s and Blessed Sacrament. **They will come to Trenton on the 4th Tuesday of each month and to Bethany on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.** The van will have shelf stable food, fresh produce and hygiene items available for pre-order or on-site shopping. The best way to place an order is to go to www.ServeAndLiftCenter.org. For clients that might not have easy access to the internet, an order form is available (see church bulletin board) that they can fill out to help us know their preferences. They can checkmark the items they would like, we will do our best to accommodate, and adjust quantity per their family size. You will want to scan and email these orders to pantry@ccharites.com. The cut-off for orders is noon the day before the scheduled distribution drop. Anything received after the cut-off, we will do our best to accommodate, but the time gives us a target to help process and prepare for successful distribution.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.