

The Assumption of Mary on Thursday, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are
 Wednesday at 6:30pm at St Joseph
 Thursday at 8:00AM, St Joseph,
 5:30PM St. James,
 7:00 PM St. Joseph.

If you attend Mass at another area church, you can drop your Sunday Collection envelope or check into their collection basket and it will be send to St Joseph/St. James Parish.

Did you nominate someone for the transition team for St Joseph? You can put a letter in the collection or visit www.smowCatholic.com to submit a name electronically. Along with the person's name, your nomination should include a short paragraph about why you think this person would make a great member of the council.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Wanted

We often hear people say they do not feel qualified to be of help at church. If you attend Mass regularly, you are qualified! If you have ever thought about being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Usher. Training will be provided. Talk to Father Deo or Deacon Ray for additional information. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these rewarding ministries.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bill Keyt and for strength and comfort for his entire family during this difficult time.



Princeville Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **PEORIA CHIEFS GAME** again this year! **Saturday, AUGUST 10th @ 7:05PM**
 Cost per ticket is \$14. Altar Servers are FREE this year!
 There is an order form in the back of the church.
 Lets have a fun night with all parishes together!

Please consider registering for online giving via the parish website . Your support is vital to sustaining the mission of the Church and helps not only fund essential programs, but keeps our lights on (and AC running cool!). Scan the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.



Financial Stewardship The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading , have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

St Joseph July 28th \$ 1,495.00
 St James July 28th \$ 334.00
 Mission of the Month of Aug ~ Diocese of Jinja
 Please be generous
 Haiti Donation July \$115.00

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Aug. 4th, 2024

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

St. Joseph

Sat. Aug 3rd 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Holy Souls in purgatory
 *Fatima Devotions & Confessions following
 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
 5:00 pm John & Holly Megan
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Sun. Aug 4th 10:00am Celine Estes+& Family
 Mon. Aug 5th 8:00 am Anton & Anna Hollkenbrink+
 Tues. Aug 6th 8:00 am Willard & Gertrude Gilles+
 Wed. Aug 7th 8:00 am Jim Maubaugh+
 5:00—6:45pm Adoration & Confession
 Thurs Aug 8th 8:00 am Paul Gilles+
 Fri. Aug 9th 8:00 am People of St Joseph
 Sat. Aug 10th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Suzy Jacobs+
 Sun. Aug 11th 10:00am Judy Maher+

Stop in the church for a few minutes of Adoration or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord.

St. James

Sunday Confessions
8:00 — 8:25 am

Sun, Aug 4th 8:30am
 People of the Parish

Sun, Aug 11th 8:30am
 People of the Parish



St Joseph

Sat. Aug 3rd
Sun. Aug 4th

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Sun. Aug 11th

Lector

Zimmerman
Harmon

Burns
Chastain

It is time for the annual Friends of the Pantry school supply drive. Please drop off your school supplies at St. Joseph's through August 4th. We are in need of the usual supplies: notebooks, loose-leaf paper, crayons, markers, glue, glue sticks, scissors, kleenex, clorax wipes. We also greatly appreciate the monetary donations. Each year there are some specific items that we have to order online, so the money is helpful.

Checks should be made to **Brimfield Area Food Pantry.**

Thank you for your continued support
for those in need in our community!

Questions contact Sheila Harmon 309-645-0081



5 Ways to be Successful in Adoration

Have you ever gone to adoration? Have you wondered what to do at adoration? Have you tried, but felt defeated, and occasionally still do? Here's a list of 5 ways to be successful in adoration:

1. Be Patient
2. Bring Scripture
3. Pray the Rosary
4. Listen to Praise and Worship Music
5. Be Okay with Silence



You really don't have to "do" anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with *Him*. This is *your* personal time with Christ.

NEW: We have added a new mission to the mission of the month rotation. This mission is for the Jinja Diocese in Uganda. This collection will be starting the weekend Aug 17/18th, the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Explanation of the Mission Collection

Uganda experienced religious persecution between 1885-1886 and 22 newly baptized Catholics were tortured in the most cruel way before being burned to death as a group in mass fire on June 3rd, 1886 at the command of the king then. Two of these Gonzaga and Matthias were for my diocese of Jinja.

In 2026, Uganda will be celebrating 140th anniversary of their martyrdom. The diocese of Jinja decided to construct a hospital in memory of these 2 gallant soldiers of the church. It will have a special maternity wing for mothers with complications, special wing for cancer patients and a special wing for children born with physical challenges. We expect this will take 2 years and cost \$650,000 (US funds) before it is ready to use.

Thank you for your donations to this noble cause.

Dear people of God, most welcome to this Eucharistic celebration on this 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, may God bless the work of our hands, give us health of mind and body and bless our families and our country at large.

1st Reading;

GRATITUDE IS THE BEST ATTITUDE

In the reading we hear people murmuring, complaining about lack of food and hard conditions, forgetting how they had prayed to God in the past to remember them and save them from slavery. God is in the process of saving them but they are not grateful at all because they are lacking the material bread that perishes within no time. They forget the freedom that was to be theirs forever. Let us pray that we are always grateful for what we have and remember our past where God has brought us from.

2nd Reading;

THE WAY WE DRESS MANY TIMES DETERMINES HOW WE ARE ADDRESSED.

St Paul is exalting us to put away the old self and put on a new self, renew ourselves from the sinful past and be worthy to be addressed as God's children created in His image. Ask oneself the old past that you are still clinging unto and pray to the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to let go.

Gospel;

WHY DO I SEEK GOD?

Human experience teaches us that some people will be close to us, text us, visit us, say hi etc only when they need something from us, after getting what they want, we never see them again. People in the Gospel are looking for Christ not because of the message He preaches but because they need material bread from Him.

Do I have a conversation(prayer) with God because of my health, business, family problems or what?

Let us pray that we may have a deeper interior relationship with God than seeking material things that come to pass. Have a blessed Sunday.

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Anointing of the Sick ~ What is it and why

The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? *No.*

The *Catechism* says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness, old age or going to have surgery or anesthesia, is the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived"