

Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On September 22nd, 2024 at 4:00pm Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary for couples who are celebrating either their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024.**

Please complete the form in the back of the church and give to the email or mail to the parish office or drop in collection basket. **Forms due to the Parish by July 28th.**

Eucharistic Ministers 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.

Communion for the Homebound

Please notify Fr. Deo or the Parish Office if you know of someone who is unable to join us at Mass and if he/she would appreciate having the Eucharist brought to his/her home.

For more information or answers to questions about the Bishops Growing more Disciples go to www.cdop.org/pastoral-plan

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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 In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

St Joseph \$4077.00

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Mission of the Month of July ~ Haiti

Please be generous

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 21st, 2024

"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with

Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

St. Joseph

Sat. July 20th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
5:00 pm Judy Maher+
Sun. July 21st 10:00am John Maubaugh+
Mon. July 22nd 8:00 am Dave & Barb Smith+
Tues. July 23rd 8:00 am People of St James Parish
Wed. July 24th 8:00 am Richard & Florence Heinz+
5:00—6:45pm Adoration & Confession
Thurs July 25th 8:00 am Owen Arvin+
Fri. July 26th 8:00 am People of St. St Joseph
Sat. July 27th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
5:00 pm Peg Powers+
Sun. July 28th 10:00am Asselborn Family

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

St. James

Sunday Confessions
8:00 — 8:25 am

Sun, July 21st 8:30am

Judy Hennenfent+

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Friends of the family

Sun, July 28th 8:30am

People of the Parish

St Joseph

Sat. July 20th
Sun. July 21st

Lector

Kelch
Shuster

Sat. July 27th
Sun. July 28th

Seaborn
Wilbur



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.

Introduction of Fr. Deogratias Mpewo

I was born on June 3rd 1965 on the way to a local maternity facility. The story was told to me by mother as follows.

My father, an elementary school teacher, had a small scooter, vesper. He was teaching at a nearby school and when my mother started experiencing labor pains, she sent for him. She meanwhile organized a few things in the bag for the birth of a new baby. Unfortunately, my dad took some time to come home. He found her ready but in great pain. She immediately sat on the scooter and they hit the road to the maternity facility. They had hardly traveled a mile when my mother told Dad to stop because she felt I was already coming out. As she stepped off the scooter, I fell down on the ground head long. They both knew I was not going to survive but I was very much alright. People around immediately came to give first aid before continuing to the maternity facility for proper medical attention.

My name Mpewo means 'wind' meaning good luck is like wind, it will catch up with you anywhere. They chose Deogratias for baptism, for the same reason, God is Gracious that I didn't die. My parents have 11 children, 6 boys and 5 girls, I am number 4.

I joined the minor seminary in 1981, 18 young boys but only 2 became priests and 6 are still alive, 12 have died. I was ordained on February 18th 1995 by 1st Bishop of our Diocese, Bishop Joseph Bernard Willigers, Mill Hill Missionary from Netherlands. He was Bishop for 43 years (1967-2010), until the present Bishop.

I come from Africa, Uganda, commonly known as ' Pearl of Africa ' for its beauty. In my Diocese I was a pastor for 26 years in 4 parishes. It's my 1st time to do pastoral ministry in America. I arrived last year 2023 July 19th and I was assigned to Holy Cross parish Champaign and recently assigned to St Joseph, Brimfield.

I am looking forward to your cooperation and support to serve you worthily,

Together we can. God bless you, Fr. Deo



10 Pointers for Prayer

The baby's crying, the dog is whining, and you need to leave for work in five minutes. Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Amid the busyness of family life, how can one respond to God's ongoing invitation to speak with and listen to Him? Here are ten pointers to help you do just that.

1. Pray as you can, not as you can't. God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a cloistered contemplative. Be realistic about what's possible.

2. Take ten — or twenty. If a half hour for prayer isn't possible, how about ten minutes, or twenty? Choose a good time of day and stick with it. Designate a special site for prayer so that spot become holy. Spouses can help by minding children during respective quiet times.

3. Pray as a family. Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord...", encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.

4. Decorate your domestic church. When we enter our parish church, the statues and pictures focus our minds on Jesus, Mary and the saints. We can create an atmosphere for prayer in our home- the domestic church- by displaying a crucifix, icons, the Bible and other holy objects. Take the children to a religious goods store and let them choose a picture or statue for their rooms.

5. Short prayers count, too. When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.

Continued Next Week

How to offer your personal intentions at Mass

The laity exercise their priestly role by offering themselves as a sacrifice to God in union with Jesus Christ. Just as the priest offers the Holy Sacrifice for a particular intention, we, too, can offer it for a personal intention. To do so is to apply the infinite, redeeming Blood of Jesus Christ to a particular person or cause.

The place in the Mass where this happens is the Offertory, which immediately follows the Prayers of the Faithful. The bread and wine are brought to the altar, and the priest begins the preparation and blessing of the gifts. When he uncovers the paten, we can mentally place our intentions on the host.

The priest says: "*Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*" The phrase "and yours" refers to our personal sacrifices and intentions that we unite with the one sacrifice of Christ.

The people reply: "*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.*"

Then the priest prays over the offerings (including ours) after which the people say, "*Amen.*" Jesus then presents our sacrifices and intentions to God the Father, who looks on us with favor because we have united ourselves to His Son.

What a gift each Mass is, for this fact alone!