

November 15, 2026, | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacramental Needs

Baptism: Preparation is required for parents who desire their child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms are available in the office.

Reconciliation: Offered on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m., Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Spanish) or upon request.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Notify the office for homebound or hospitalized to request a visit from Father Julius for either communion or anointing of the sick. In the event of death, Mass can be offered immediately or on a date convenient for the family.

Holy Matrimony: Couples should contact the pastor a minimum of six months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires couples to attend an *Engaged Encounter* of *Picture of Love* Weekend.

Stay connected and discover more about our parish life at www.sjtwrcc.org. Find Mass times, events, ministries, bulletins, and more!

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.,10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. – Tuesday- Friday

Adoration

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. (after Mass)

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (in the Grotto)

A Prayer for Peace of Mind
~St Francis Xavier Cabrini

Fortify me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will.

~ Amen.

St Francis Xavier Cabrini, Prayer for us.



STEWARDSHIP

Week 19: November 7 – November 8, 2026

Attendance.....517

Weekly Need for New Year.....**$6,451**

Proceeds

Offertory.....$5,295
Online Offerings.....$2,340

Week +/-..... + $1,184
YTD +/-.....+ $10,009

Capital Expenses.....$125
Capital Building Fund.....$355
Good Shepherd.....$225
Feed My Sheep.....$413

Family Life Center

Collections.....$2,585
YTD.....$3,845,073
Outstanding Pledges.....$556,795

Fr. Julius, on behalf of the Parish, is grateful for your faithful stewardship and for your continued fulfillment of your pledges. May God Bless you in all ways for your generosity.

Online Giving: Tired of writing checks? Visit our web site to set up one-time and/or recurring donations. Click "Donate Now" for a dropdown selection of giving opportunities. Call the office if you want to designate a donation for a specific project. All donations are to be made payable to "St. Joseph the Worker, Madisonville, TN.

Are you interested in investing in the future of our parish? A bequest in your **Will** could provide greater ministries for God's work in our parish. Please call the office for information.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors with joyful hearts. If you are not registered and wish to join our faith community, please see an usher after Mass or contact the office.

About Us

First Gathering: Sept. 16, 1992;
Blessing of the Building: May 25, 2001;
Consecration of Altar & Church: Jan. 12, 2003.
Canonically Erected Parish: May 1, 2006,
(on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)

Mass Requests: We have openings for daily & weekend Mass requests. Have a Mass said for someone living or deceased. The Holy Mass is the best form of prayer.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate in our parish collectively prays every day for Fr. Julius, our pastor. Our current seven sisters are: Irina, Ann, Denise, Sofia, Patty, Grace, Dolores and Mary. If interested in joining this apostolate, please contact Denise Michaud at dmichaud916@yahoo.com or423-552-4250. You may also check out the website SevenSistersApostolate.org to learn more about how you can support our parish with prayers.



Faith Formation & Enrichment

OCIA: Wednesday's, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Bible Study: SALVATION HISTORY
Discover God's Plan from Genesis to the Birth of the Church. Monday evenings, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall Hosted by Deacon Walter Stone.

Friday Adoration: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Please prayerfully consider spending time with the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

Pray the Rosary: Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us on Wednesdays ay 9:30am after daily Mass in the Church and on Thursdays at the grotto at 7pm (or in the church if weather requires).

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Flowers



This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Joseph Laird by the Parish**, while the flowers are in memory of **1LT Terry Plunk by Dale Weaver**. Call the office to donate for the Sanctuary Lamp or for Altar Flowers, in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



Could your family use a little extra help with Thanksgiving dinner? St. Joseph the Worker will be collecting food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets, if your family needs a basket, please call the office or speak with Father Julius. If you'd like to help fill a basket, grab a tag or 2 from the basket in the Narthex. Drop off food beginning next weekend November 14 & 15. Julius.

WOMEN'S GROUP



Our BAKE SALE is just a week away! All parishioners, Women's Group members or not, are welcome to contribute home baked goodies. Please wrap securely in plastic wrap or zip lock bags, then drop-off at the church on Saturday, Nov 21 between 3-4pm. Questions? Call Rita 734-454-0929. Items will be sold after the weekend Masses on Nov 21 & 22.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Share Christmas joy at the Knights of Columbus' 9th annual Christmas Concert featuring the Rarity Bay Rare Notes, Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at the Church. Enjoy festive favorites, singing, and refreshments! Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses: $10 adults; children under 16 free with an adult. Consider extra tickets for Father to share with those unable to afford admission.

Thoughts for the Week

"It is better to Cry than be angry, because Anger hurts others while tears flow silently through the Soul and Cleanses the Heart"
~Pope St John Paul II

"Jesus called you Salt, not sugar. You are here to preserve what is true, not make it sweeter for the world to accept."
~Anonymous

Upcoming Events

Changes to Daily Mass next week.
*** No Masses Monday through Thursday**
*** Communion Services Tuesday through Thursday**
Friday 11/20: Mass 9am followed by Adoration from 9:30 to 12:00pm

The Groundbreaking ceremony was a huge success; we had over 100 people come to celebrate this monumental moment with us. Thank you and God Bless you all!

What to Expect in the months to come!

The Groundbreaking Ceremony marks the start of the Family Life Center's physical phase.

CONSTRUCTION. Over the next few weeks, our campus will change:

Week of Nov 16: the General Contractor begins moving into the construction zone.

Week of Nov 23: equipment, supplies, and personnel occupy the fenced construction area.

Initial activities:

- Fencing goes up around the construction zone; only authorized personnel with hard hats may enter.
- A construction trailer will be moved on site.
- A temporary ramp will replace the old ramp beside the Church's front steps.
- New handicap parking will be marked on the right side of the church.
- New parking will be placed on the grass in front of the Church.
- A walkway to the Marian Center / Religious Education will be marked.

Work hours are 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, with the morning break timed around the 9:00 Mass to minimize distraction.

For the office and daily Mass, please use the right-side entrance (as you face the church) to avoid construction traffic. We will keep you updated on how construction affects us. Thank you for your patience.

Funeral Mass

If you are able, we invite you to join us for the funeral Mass of Karen Burris, beloved wife of Richard Burris, on Monday, November 23 at 12:00 pm. Please hold Karen, Richard, and the entire Burris family in your prayers



Prayer Intentions

For God's Healing: Will Adams, Madeline Albach, Ralph Arata, Erin Bayne, Karen Burris, Howard Clarke, Mary Cornejo, Ron Cross, Russell Flynn, Barbara Hill, Jackie Hull, Charles Jones, Bruce Mackenzie, Phil & Donna Misko, Karen Ruggiero, Roger Schneider, Shirley Sisic, Patty Swatzell, Jim & Donna Williams, Dennis Wilson, Rose Urban, Stacey Froeder, Mike McGrath, Mae Moore, Rocco Rescigno.

For Our Military: Nicholas Dickson, Matthew Fioravanti, Jacob Hill, Quinn Mackenzie, Sara Ruggiero, Chris St. Pierre, Seth Turpeinen, Conor McCracken, James Fusaro.

For Vocations: Lord, we pray for an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, including those called to serve as religious sisters and brothers. May all who are called respond with generous hearts to build up Your Church.

Call the office to add someone to our prayer intentions.

November 16 – 22

Happy Birthday: Camila Gonzalez, Karen Lukow, Yasmin Mora-Frutos, Ivy Schielke, Alexander Abarca, Ricardo Almanza, Joyce LaMantia, Devon Pym, Gabriela, James Stevens, Gustavo Pina, Gesenia Vargas, Edward Mora, Carlos Bedolla, Julian Mejia, Eric Chase, Aislynn Day, Fabrian Mejia-Gonzalez, Yoni Mora-Frutos, Jesus Frutos, Rigoberto Leyva.

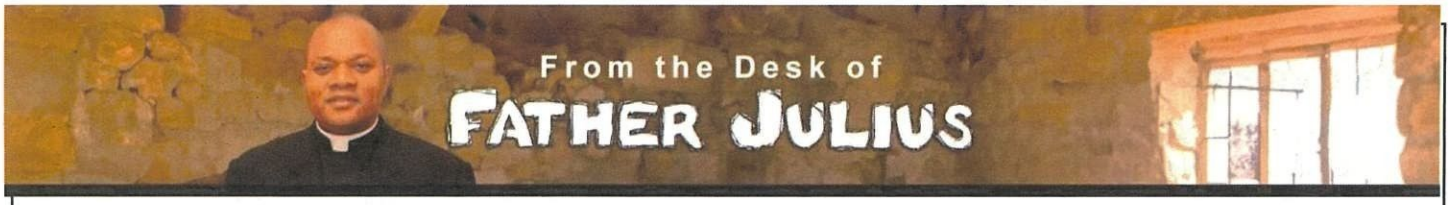
Happy Anniversary: George & Dolores King, Don & Claudia Brazeau, Michael & Patricia McCracken, John & Carole Sumner, Hernan & Irina Maranon.

Sanctuary Candles: Donations are at least $25 per candle, which burns for one week. The continuous flame symbolizes Christ's unending love and His constant presence and reminds the faithful their call to loving adoration in return.



Gratitude & Appreciation

On November 6 and 7, a merry band of parishioners prepared our yard for the Family Life Center. Friday, Gerry Schlueter, Dale Weaver, Vince Campbell, and Bob Froeder cleared shrubs with tractors. Saturday, a wonderful crowd of volunteers cleared the rocks in just 2.5 hours.
Many hands made light work!
Heartfelt thanks to our tractor and truck owners and drivers: Gerry Schlueter, Dale Weaver, Scott and Lindsay, Bill Schlueter, and Devon Pym.
Thank you also to Grace Costa and all who provided lasagna, pizza, donuts, and treats for our hungry crew. Your generosity saved thousands of dollars in site preparation. God bless you all!



Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace and Peace!

A beautiful collection of themes runs through our liturgy this final Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as we bring another liturgical year to a close. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the many gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, we are reminded to recognize and give thanks for the blessings we enjoy as individuals, families, and as a nation.

In our First Reading, the worthy wife is presented as a model of responsibility, wisdom, and readiness. She reminds us of a beautiful blend of Martha's diligence and Mary's attentiveness to the Lord. In the Second Reading, St. Paul continues this message by encouraging the young Christian community in Thessalonica to "stay awake and be sober" as they await the Day of the Lord. We do not need to know when Christ will return. What matters is that we live each day in faith, love, and readiness for His coming. Our respect for others, our generosity, and our willingness to place our gifts at the service of God and our neighbors are all ways of preparing for that day.

In the Gospel, Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus presents us with the familiar parable of the talents. A wealthy man prepares to go on a journey and entrusts his possessions to three servants, giving to each "according to his ability." Upon his return, he asks them to account for what they have done with what was entrusted to them.

This parable invites us to examine how we use the gifts God has given us. Our talents are not meant to be hidden, buried, or kept exclusively for ourselves. They are meant to be developed and shared for the good of others and the glory of God. The first two servants understood this responsibility and were rewarded for their faithfulness. The third servant, however, allowed fear to prevent him from doing anything with what he had received. There is an important lesson here: God does not expect us to have the same gifts or accomplish the same things. He asks only that we faithfully use what He has entrusted to us. Indeed, whatever we freely offer to God, He can bless, consecrate, and multiply. The two faithful servants discovered that their reward was not simply greater responsibility but an invitation to share in their master's joy.

Another important lesson from this Gospel is that one day, although we do not know when, each of us will be called to give an account of our stewardship. We will be asked what we did with the time, opportunities, abilities, faith, and blessings entrusted to us. The question, therefore, is not simply how much we have received, but how faithfully we have used it. **Are we ready?**

May we never allow fear, complacency, or selfishness to bury the gifts God has entrusted to us. Instead, may we one day hear those beautiful words of our Lord: **"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."**

A Joyous Sunday!

This Week's Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon., Nov 16: *Rv 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5, Lk 18: 35-43*

9:00 am - No Mass

Tue., Nov 17: *Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22, Lk 19: 1-10*

9:00 am - Communion Service

Wed., Nov 18: *Rv 4: 1-11, Lk 19:11-28*

9:00 am - Communion Service

Thu. Nov 19: *Rv 5: 1-10, Lk 19: 41-44*

9:00 am - Communion Service

Fri., Nov 20: *Rv 10: 8-11, Lk 19: 45-48*

9:00 am Mass – None Offered

Sat., Nov 21: *Rv 11: 4-12, Lk 20: 27-40*

4:00 pm Mass – † Bishop Richard Stika by the Parish **(ALSO)** Frank & Rose Urban (Intentions (Frank) and Healing) by Vicki Urban

Sun., Nov 22: *Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28, Mt 25: 31-46*

8:00 am Mass – † Dave Ester by Dennis Wison

10:00 am Mass – Joseph Hatch (Birthday) by The Fusaro's Family

12:30 pm Mass – People of the Parish

What to expect at St Joseph the Worker Church in the coming months!

The Groundbreaking Ceremony signals the start of the physical phase of the Family Life Center – CONSTRUCTION. Over the next few weeks, you will notice changes to the look of our campus:

- Week of Nov 16, the General Contractor will begin to move into our construction zone
- Week of Nov 23, equipment, supplies, and personnel will begin to occupy the fenced in construction area
- Type of activities that will happen initially:
    - Fencing around the construction zone will go up. This is a safety area, only authorized personnel with hard hats will be allowed inside the perimeter
    - A construction trailer will be moved on site
    - A temporary ramp will be built beside the front steps of the Church to replace the old ramp that is inside the fenced Construction area
    - New handicap parking spaces will be marked and placed on the right-hand side of the church
    - New parking area will be placed in the grassy area in front of the Church
    - A walkway to the Marian Center / Religious Education will be marked
- The construction work day will be 7:00 am – 3:30 pm with a half hour lunch and 15-minute coffee break in the morning which will be timed around 9:00 Mass time to minimize distraction during Mass

During the months of construction when visiting the office and attending daily Mass, please use the right- side entrance (as you face the church) to avoid any construction traffic going to the work zone.

As the construction crew settles into the job, we will continue to update you on what is happening and how it may impact us. Please be patient with us as we live with construction over the coming year.

THANK YOU SHRUB and ROCK MOVERS







Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7, a band of merry parishioners pulled together to prepare our yard for the start of construction of our Family Life Center. This 2-day plan was to achieve our objective of removing shrubs and rocks for preparation of the Construction Phase. A group of 4 men, Gerry Schlueter, Dale Weaver, Vince Campbell, and Bob Froeder operated 2 tractors to remove the shrubs on Friday. Gerry took the debris to his burn pile on his campground.

Saturday there was a massive throng of volunteers armed with gloves, shovels, wheel barrels, and 5 gal buckets ready to clear the rocks from the front and left side of the Church. Waiting to accept the rocks were 4 tractors and a dump truck. The group worked with military precision as the tractors danced among the volunteers to the dump truck to empty their buckets and then scurried back to get more rocks. The huge undertaking took about 2.5 hours, less than anticipated. Proof that many hands make light work.

Special Thank you, to Gerry Schlueter driver, tractor and dump truck owner, Dale Weaver, tractor director and driver, Scott & Lindsay tractor owners & drivers, Bill Schlueter, driver, Devon Pym, tractor owner.

And, Thank You to Grace Costa for providing the lasagna, cake, cookies, and fruit along with those that donated pizza and dozens of donuts to feed the hungry troops.

Thanks to this merry band of Volunteers, we were able to save thousands of dollars in site preparation.







