

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021**

BUILDING OUR LEGACY

St. Joseph Church "Building Our Legacy" fundraising continues. Our Church community has generously supported our efforts through donations that allowed us to build a new Rectory, a new Religious Education Building and Church office. Thank you for all your contributions. Our last goal is to rebuild our Parish Hall. Below are the latest fundraising efforts underway:

Donations—Parish Hall needs include: general construction supplies and kitchen appliances.

Brick Campaign—St. Joseph's Legacy Garden (in front of Religious Education Bldg.) is complete and has all the bricks installed from our last Brick campaign. We have started another Brick campaign July 15—Jan. 15, 2022. Flyers are available in the church foyer.

As of Aug 18, 2021		
Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$114,500.00	\$80,856.00
Rectory	\$9,450.00	\$9,450.00
Parish hall	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$14,130.00	\$14,130.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Lump Sum, Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$36,188.16	\$33,388.16
	\$189,113.16	\$152,669.16
Pledged Goal*	% of Goal Pledged	
\$300,000.00	63%	

* Father George reduced Goal based on current need.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

Mass Intentions

Sat.	9	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	10	9:00 am	† Keegan Andrew Bovee and Family of Joe Bream By: Knights of Columbus † Maria Chantel Pham By: Joe & Nancy Pham
		11:00 am	† Ritchie W. Marty By: Janie & Wayne Marty † Will Webster Miller By: MaryAnn Robalino
Mon.	11	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	12	NO MASS	
Wed.	13	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	14	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	15	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	16	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	17	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By: Bertha & Victor Rodriguez † Frances Guzman By: Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick: Jim Koenig, Balu Thomas, Bob Wallace, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, George Snell, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased: Bill Behrens, Keegan Andrew Bovee
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

The second collection this week-end is for the **Building Fund**.

Pope Francis says: Today, (October 5) on this World Teachers' Day, we wish to express our gratitude to every teacher and our concern for education.



Hope House

In honor of "Respect Life Month", The Ladies of St. Joseph are collecting baby items and monetary donations for the Hope House of Corpus Christi. This organization offers shelter and assistance to families and their children, babies born and unborn, when abused and abandoned, addicted, homeless and especially with a Crisis Pregnancy.

Items needed this month: FORMULA (sensitive newborn), Diapers Newborn and size 5

Monetary Donations may be dropped in the basket and checks may be made out to St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Memo line: "Ladies of St. Joseph". Thank you again for your generous support of the ministry!

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 10/9	5 pm	Daniel Merchant/Laura Merchant
Sun 10/10	9 am	Donata Morris/John Morris
	11 am	Heather Collins/Barbara Smith
Sat 10/16	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Charlie Hutchins
Sun 10/17	9 am	Marvin Murray/Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Carly Carlough/Heather Collins

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes started September 29. Classes are held every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. Please contact Carly Carlough, our Religious Education Director, (361)332-9273 for more information.

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, please contact the Church Office. We have many openings.

Please join us for our Ladies of St. Joseph monthly meeting: Thursday, October 14, 5 p.m. We will meet in the new education building; enter via the door on Lantana Street.

Collection for October 3, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2169.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 975.00
Respect Life	\$ 908.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00
Online Giving	\$ 1895.00
Total	\$6,072.00

Men of St. Joseph

The men of St. Joseph Parish are invited to a "Dutch treat" lunch social at Kody's on Monday, October 11, at 12:30. This is an opportunity for both the men of the parish and visitors to get together to enjoy fellowship over lunch. Please mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?'
He answered, 'Call for backup.'

Pastor's Note: Choosing what gives life...

Wisdom is what enables us to choose wisely what is best for us. True wisdom is a gift from God. This enables us to discern the pros and cons of everything that happens in our lives and deal with it in a proper way. The first reading talks about wisdom as a gift from God, preferred over wealth. The one who chooses wisdom, will receive all other blessings. Jesus stresses the need to focus on detaching ourselves from everything that leads us astray and focus on doing what is right. The Second reading tells us that the word of God is alive and active in our lives, and we much allow the word of God to guide our thoughts and actions. This is of utmost importance, because we will have to give an account of our lives to the one who is able to discern our thoughts and actions and judge us accordingly. The Responsorial Psalm gives us the clear indication that the Word of God is actually the love that has been poured into our hearts, and once we have this love poured into our hearts, we will be filled with joy. It is the primacy of love that Jesus is stressing in the Gospel passage. The man who comes to Jesus asking him what he should do to inherit eternal life has not gotten his priorities right. When he answers Jesus that he was faithfully following the commandments, Jesus realizes that the way he was living his life was not rooted in love. His following of the commandments were not done in true freedom, as he was unduly attached to his wealth. When one is focused excessively on one's wealth, then, that person's thoughts and actions will always be guided by his desire to acquire more wealth. This will adversely affect his relationship with others and thus would be on the wrong path. Jesus asks him to sell all his property, not because wealth is bad, but because he is unduly attached to it, and this attachment affects his decision making process and leads him on a path of doom. When one is guided by wisdom and love, one will be able to choose what is best, not just for oneself and for a short while, but what benefits oneself and others in the long run as well. When one is guided by such love and wisdom, that person becomes more other-centered. It should not be money that guides us, but the love in our hearts.