

(re)Discover TREASURES



PARISH MISSION

St. Joseph Church, Benton

February 10 – 14

6:30 P.M. each night

Why Should I Attend?

- Do you have questions about your faith?
- Do you have doubts or are you disillusioned with the Church?
- Are you living the life God wants for you?
- Are you living life with passion, making the most of your brief time on this earth?
- Perhaps you're not Catholic but you have a desire for a spiritual encounter.

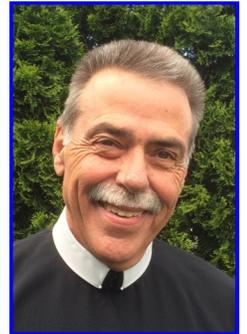
Whatever your response to these questions, this Parish Mission will help you learn and grow and celebrate God's abundant love. At times when our faith grows cold, when we have become too comfortable with sin, when we allow other voices to distract us from hearing God's Word, and when we've let gadgets and devices become our false gods—it's then that we need to put everything else aside and focus on our faith.

What is a Parish Mission?

This Parish Mission is an opportunity to re-discover the many treasures of the Catholic faith. It will be an extraordinary preaching event—something like a revival but much more! This Mission is not just a temporary spiritual boost but rather the beginning of a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. The "mission" part of the Mission is that we are called to bring our friends and acquaintances, especially those who may have drifted from the church. "Go out to the whole world and tell the Good News." Go out to your friends and neighbors, touch their hearts with your grace and invite them!

Who's Preaching?

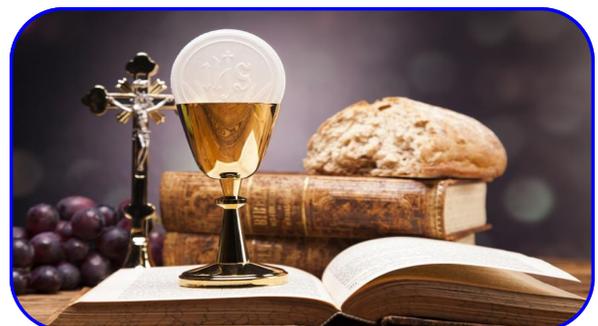
Fr. Peter Schavitz, a Redemptorist priest, will be our Mission preacher. Fr. Pete has been preaching missions throughout North America for the last 25 years. He is a mixture of grace and humor with an incredible gift to proclaim God's Word. He will light a fire in you from the first few minutes of the Mission, and that fire will continue to burn long after he departs. Fr. Pete preaches in a relatable way, using symbols and the sacraments to illustrate God's desire to have a relationship with each of us.

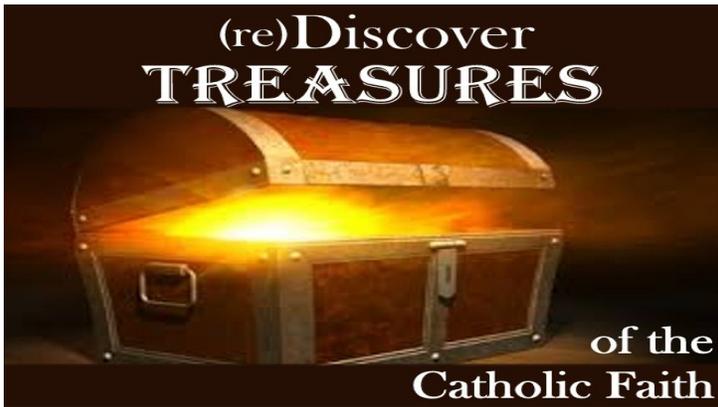


You'll come away with a new appreciation for all the TREASURES of our Catholic faith!

What Are the Topics?

Sun The Bible and Salvation
Mon The Cross and Jesus as Savior
Tues Ashes and God's Mercy
Wed Bread and the Eucharist
Thurs The Altar and Our Mission





The Details

Date: February 10 – 14, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M. each night

Place: St. Joseph Church, Benton, Illinois

⇒ Transportation and childcare available each night by calling the Parish Office, **618-438-9941**. Call early to get on the list.

⇒ Refreshments served during the fellowship portion following each service.

What Should I Expect?

- Extraordinary preaching that is different from the typical Mass homily
- A deeper appreciation for the sacraments which are visible signs of God's immense love for each of us
- A renewed commitment and attachment to the Body of Christ present in our faith community
- Fellowship time to get better acquainted with other parishioners and the opportunity to form new bonds of friendship

Younger parents from 18 to 35 marvel at what they experience and at the profound effect a mission has upon their religious practices, which are vitally important while raising children.

And, everyone will see how their choice of remaining faithful to Christ has not been in vain, that they are on the right course, and that they can touch those who have lost their way.

Come with an open heart . . . together, we will (re)discover the beauty, truth, and richness of our Catholic faith.

Excuse Busters

I don't have time . . .

Mission presentations only last slightly over an hour. Most of us spend more time than that watching TV each night. Make time to come at least once. You'll be glad you did.

I don't go to church so this isn't for me . . .

Actually, this is just the thing for you. This is a chance to reinvigorate your faith . . . Even if you just walk away with one small nugget of inspiration, your time will be worth it.

I can't come every night . . .

That's OK. Just come to whichever nights you can. You don't HAVE to come to every session, but if you come Sunday, you'll want to.

I'm not Catholic . . .

No problem. The Mission event is based on Catholic teaching, but it is open to all faiths. All are welcome!

Getting a babysitter for my kids is difficult . . .

Bring them! We will have special children's activities for kids ages 5–9 during the same time as the Mission event. Please call the parish office, **438-9941**, to reserve your spot. All children ages 10 and older are welcome to attend the Mission with their parents.

I'm so tired when I get home from work, I just don't have the energy to attend . . .

Just come Sunday. Commit yourself to that ONE NIGHT. Do it for yourself, your marriage, your family.

I don't drive at night. . . I don't have transportation . . .

We'll arrange for a friendly parish member to pick you up from home. Call for a ride, **438-9941**. No charge, and door-to-door service awaits!