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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS: WEEK OF OCT. 14-17, 2025

NO DAILY MASS TUESDAY - THURSDAY

DUE TO CLERGY FORMATION DAYS

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY: 8 AM

CONFESSIONS:

NO TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

NO ADORATION THIS WEEK

DUE TO CLERGY FORMATION DAYS

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Saturday, October 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Trent Patterson +

Sunday, October 12

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, October 13

No public Mass

Tuesday, October 14

No Morning Adoration, Mass or
Confession

Wednesday, October 15

No Adoration or Mass

Thursday, October 16

No Morning Mass

Friday, October 17

8:30 am Rose Ann Lautzenheiser +

Saturday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Janis Lindzy +

Sunday, October 19

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Chris Hartman
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 13 - Weekday [28] - Rom 1:1-7 /
Ps 98:1b-4 / Lk 11:29-32

Tues., Oct. 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope, Mar-
tyr - Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-5 / Lk 11:37-41

Wed., Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church - Rom 2:1-11 / Ps 62:2-
3, 6-7, 9 / Lk 11:42-46

Thurs., Oct. 16 - Weekday [28] - St. Hed-
wig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Ala-
coque, Virgin - Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1b-6b /
Lk 11:47-54

Fri., Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bish-
op, Martyr - Rom 4:1-8 / Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 /
Lk 12:1-7

Sat., Oct. 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist - 2 Tm
4:10-17b / Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 / Lk 10:1-9

Sun., Oct. 19 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-8 / 2
Tm 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 12, 2025

This weekend (October 11th/12th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings highlight the theme of gratitude for the great gift of salvation. Gratitude is meant to transform the heart. As such, this Gospel invites us to ask ourselves: Are we grateful for the gift of salvation? Are we like the leper who returned to give thanks, or are we like the other nine who accepted the gift but forgot the Giver? In our daily life, do we pause to acknowledge God's blessings or do we get lost in life's busyness?

Throughout the month of October, there are a many feast days celebrated for well-known saints, such as St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Oct. 1st), St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4th), and Pope St. John Paul II (Oct. 22nd). This coming Friday (Oct. 17th), the Church celebrates the feast of **St. Ignatius of Antioch**. As we continue our theme for this liturgical year, "*Living with the Saints*," this is a Saint I would strongly encourage you to learn more about.

St. Ignatius of Antioch is known as an early Church Father, or a Saint who was influential in the life of the early Church. St. Ignatius is considered one of the earliest Church Fathers, known specifically as an Apostolic Father. This means that he was a contemporary of the Apostles. In his case, he was a direct disciple of St. John the Apostle, having the Faith handed on to him by one who received the Faith itself from the very preaching of our Lord Himself.

St. Ignatius served as the third Bishop of Antioch. Tradition holds that St. Peter, knowing St. Ignatius from his time in Antioch, was the one who appointed him to this position. Like the Apostles, St. Ignatius earned the crown of martyrdom, being thrown to wild beasts in the Roman arena. Like St. Paul, he wrote letters to various local churches after he was imprisoned and was being brought from Antioch to Rome for his execution.

Seven of St. Ignatius' letters remain: Six to the local churches he passed through on his way to martyrdom and one to St. Polycarp, a fellow disciple of St. John the Apostle and a close friend. The authenticity of these letters are undisputed even to our modern day. This means that, through the writings of St. Ignatius, we gain insight in how the Faith was both understood and practiced as the Gospel message was first proclaimed to the world.

In reading the writings of St. Ignatius, we find a man of deep faith writing with a father's heart. He urges the early Christians to remain united with their bishop, to guard against false teachers, and to cling to Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist. St. Ignatius was one of the earliest voices to speak so clearly about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, recognizing the "*flesh of Jesus Christ*" as the "*medicine of immortality*" and "*antidote against death*."

St. Ignatius greatly stressed how unity in the Church is not an optional matter, but is rooted in obedience to Jesus Christ through communion with the bishop and the wider Church. His letters reflect both the tenderness of a shepherd and the boldness of a martyr who longed with a readiness to be united with His Lord, writing enroute to his martyrdom: "*I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth*."

A special "**Thank You!**" to Fr. Bill Sullivan for offering our Masses this weekend while I am away on vacation and a personal pilgrimage. By the time you are reading this, I will have already concelebrated Sunday Mass with Pope Leo XIV (*and tens of thousands of my closest friends*) at St. Peter's Basilica. As pastor of our parish, I am offering this Mass with our Holy Father on behalf of our entire parish family.

Tomorrow, I will be returning to Indiana and going directly to Plymouth for our annual diocesan Clergy Formation Days. This year, we will be focusing on the diocesan Synod with an initial "priest session" of the Synod. These three days of sessions are meant to help equip us to be able to better guide the parish-phase of the diocesan Synod. We will be planning to initiate our parish-phase at St. Joseph's in the first few months of the coming new year.

~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

Join our **GIRL'S Night Out** for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
All women of the Parish are Welcome!



All are welcome to join together in prayer during our **Annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Memorial Service** on Sunday, October 19th, at 2 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on East State Rd 124

"You knit me in my mother's womb." Ps. 139:13

PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office will be closed
October 20th - October 24th
We will reopen on **October 27th at 9:00 AM**

There are **NO Religious Education Classes** on Sunday, October 19th for Fall Break.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Begins Monday, October 27th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

All school-aged children are invited and welcome to join the Children's Choir!



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Oct. 11 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 12 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Oct. 12 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Oct. 13 - Bible Study: *Acts of the Apostles* - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Tues., Oct. 14 - No Mass
- Tues., Oct. 14 - GIRL'S NIGHT OUT Women's meeting - 7:00 in the Parish Conference Room.
- Wed., Oct. 15 - No Mass
- Wed., Oct. 15 - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 16 - No Mass
- Thurs., Oct. 16 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Fri., Oct. 17 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 18 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Oct. 18 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 19 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Oct. 19 - NO Religious Education Class - Fall Break
- Sun., Oct. 19 - *Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Prayer Service* - 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.
- Sun., Oct. 19 - Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 20-24 - Parish Office closed.
- Tues., Oct. 21 - *Adoration* 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Oct. 22 - *Adoration* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 23 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 23 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Fri., Oct. 24 - Mass 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 18TH / 19TH



MASS
5:00 p.m. Sam Smith
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
CANTORS 10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp—Choir Mass



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Marita Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel
10:00 a.m. Rick Winger, Larisa Sudhoff, Kevin Seago



Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Oct. 4th / 5th

Adult Envelopes- \$3,923.00
Loose- \$330.50
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,716.89
All Souls- \$5.00
Total- \$5,975.39

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$858.99** ahead of our budget for the month of October 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$45.00

Online Giving for September - \$6,750.00. We ended the month \$14,880.89 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de Paul Fund for September - \$225.00

To set up Online Giving through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:
www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

Utilities - \$118.20

Total Donations for September - \$118.20

Thank you for helping us help others!

Annual Bulletin Announcement From Our Diocese

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a member of the clergy or anyone ministering on behalf of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Jodi Marlin, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1458 or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
- St. John Paul II