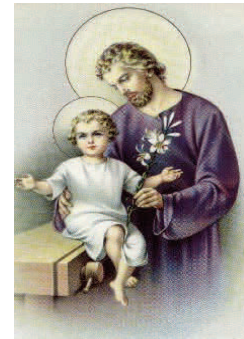


St. Joseph Catholic Community

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017**



As a Catholic I am a member of Thy Kingdom, and Thou art my King.
To Thee I owe loyalty, obedience, and love. Help me to carry out these
most sacred duties toward Thee. I wish to be "of the truth" that is
"a child of God" and gladly to hear Thy voice and follow Thee in all things.
I accept Thee as my King and submit to Thy authority.

Reign supremely in my heart and in my life. Thy reign is
heavenly peace; Thy law is love. Help me to pray and work
that Thy Kingdom may come into every soul,
every family, every nation.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N. Main, Bluffton 46714
260-824-1380

email: stjosephchurch@adamswells.com
website: stjosephchurchbluffton.org

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

Msgr. Pius' direct email: stjosephchurch1875@gmail.com

Director of Liturgical Music: Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA

Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton

Director of Youth Ministry: Steve Higgins

Steve's email: sehiggins78@yahoo.com

Finance Committee Members:

Doug Lehman- 824-0367 / Rick Singer- 824-8009
Becky Biberstein- 565-4143 / Jim Yonker- 824-0651

Parish Council Members:

Barb Ault- 638-4725 / John Horn- 433-5544
Monica Harris- 450-9818 / Dave Huss- 622-7531
Mike Lautzenheiser- 820-0316 / Sue Singer- 824-8009

Social Committee Members:

Jessica Seago, Chairperson- 273-3475
Ann Reifsteck- 824-1044 / Carrie Onweller- 273-9734
Jenny Esmond- 824-4312 / Missy Huss- 820-0411
Tori Emrah- 622-1241 / Mary Ann Flowers- 824-1132
Rebecca Anderson- 273-3353

Building Board Committee Members:

Oscar Heyne- 273-1415 / Doral Smith- 824-1484
Joe Baur- 824-1760 / Dan Sudhoff- (317)-654-2075

**Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any
guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.**

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

----- (cut here) -----

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dale Pearson by Ray & Chris Hartman
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Donnanjean Wahman + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

Sunday, November 26

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert + by Soul Core Ladies

Monday, November 27

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Mike Watson + by Carmie Anderson
AND Fr. Maurice O'Connell + by Steve & Michele Butler

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, November 28

Eucharistic Adoration- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Bill & Joyce Seck Family by Bill & Joyce Seck
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:25 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Deceased Knights of Columbus Mass / 27th Wedding Anniversary of Bruce & Twilla Herr by Family

Thursday, November 30

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Dave Gruss Family by Dave Gruss
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates and Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, December 1

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Ray Ehrlich + by St. Joseph Choir
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, December 2

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey & Carolyn Flaughter by Mike & Jill Morrissey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Maria Edwards + by Gloria & Gerry Riveros

Sunday, December 3

- First Sunday of Advent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Diane Humphrey by Friends

Pray for- Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 26th, 2017 YR. A.

SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD JESUS: CHRIST THE KING

From the Pastor's Desk:

WE ARE INVITED TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE LORD JESUS AS "THE KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS": OUR REDEEMER AND OUR SAVIOR"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. Today is the last Sunday in the Church's Liturgical Year. The first reading and the Gospel used the imagery of sheep and shepherd to show us God's care and love to those who obey him. There is a German saying: "He who wants to understand the poet must go to the poet's country." We need to, mentally, go to the land of Jesus, the country of the Bible, where shepherd and sheep were part of the people's daily life. Here in US we can use the pets. The difference is that each of us do not have pets in hundreds as Jewish families have sheep. The episode signifies the last day in our lives, the Day of Judgment, the "Parousia", the second coming of the Lord Jesus. We need to work hard in doing God's will to qualify to enter, into his kingdom through his mercy and love.

Thus, in the 1st Reading; Ez 34:11-12, 15-17: God through the prophet Ezekiel assured us of his Fatherly protection. He said "I myself will look after and tend my sheep ... I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered ... I myself will pasture my sheep; ... The lost I will seek out, the stray I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal ..." This is the promise the Lord has made to us. He is always true to his promise. However, He will judge us rightly with right and just judgment. So, we must strive to be just in all we do, in order to be saved. As I told men last Sunday that they need to behave in a way that will help their wives to love them. We need to strive to and allow God to be merciful to us.

In the Gospel Mt 25:31-46: The Lord Jesus made it clearly to us that He would come in his glory. When He comes he would separate the good people from the bad. He would sit on his throne of judgment and would judge the entire world. But before this general and last judgment, the "Parousia", the second coming of the Lord Jesus in his glory, there would be a private visit and judgment for each one of us. This private visit and judgment takes place at death of each us. Thus, before the general judgment the body will rise and join to the soul and the judgment will then take place. The good people will be rewarded with the glory of God's kingdom and the bad people will be punished with the pains of hell. Right now, heaven and hell are open to us. We choose where to go. It is always a free choice of the individual. Your choice will be colored by the kind of life you live, now you are on earth. So, now is the time for the choice, where you want to be, in heaven or in hell. I am sure that each of us will like to go to heaven. So, strive now to win heaven for yourself.

We are called to remember our brothers and sisters who are suffering all over the world and especially in the Middle East. Havoc has been done to them. They lost everything they have. Many have died. Let us sincerely pray for them and contribute to help them. Jesus told his disciples this would happen: "Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." (Jn 15:20) In the same vein St. Augustine said, "the Church progresses on her pilgrimage amidst this world's persecutions and God's consolations" (CCC, 769) All of us, however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." (CCC, 1816; LG)

We pray that Christ the King will be present in a special way to our persecuted brothers and sisters: As the Good Shepherd rescuing those scattered by war and persecution. He, binds up those injured by persecution, torture and abuse. He provides spiritual strength for them in the sight of their foes. Let us express our love for them. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. We are bound to promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. Today's solemnity reminds us that when we pray "Thy kingdom come," we are praying for a kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, peace (Preface), a kingdom for which many of our sisters and brothers are suffering persecution. The *Prayer over the Gifts* is also a prayer for those suffering persecution: that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity, love, justice and peace. Continued to next page! →

Continued...

NB: 1. We plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". So, consider seriously of joining us to the home land of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You will never regret going. It will help you to understand more vividly the Scripture passages. It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. Thanks to Janet Lehman and Stacey Coulardot for coordinating this. The Brochure is now available. Pick up one at the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

2. The month of November is coming to the end. It is a special time we pray for our beloved who have passed away, those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. They need our prayers, our love and our help. One of the best ways, in fact the best way to show love and help them is by booking Masses for them. Do not forget your loved ones who have passed away so that you will be remembered and prayed for, when your own time comes.

3. This weekend, November 26, 2017, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the USCCB, gave instruction that we shall pray in especial way for our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering and being persecuted because of their faith. Let us sincerely pray for them and help them

4. Advent Penance Service is fast approaching on Monday December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. here in this Church. Please tell others, come you yourself and encourage others to come. So, get ready for it.

God bless you. Rev. Fr. Pius N. Iechukwu

"Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

LOST/FOUND!

There is a pretty little bracelet in my office that was found in Church that I am sure someone misses. Please call or stop by to describe and claim!



KARING FOR KIDS ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Please do not forget to pick up an angel off the Karing for Kids tree in the narthex and return all the gifts, unwrapped, by December 5th.


For a complete Calendar of Events from St. Joseph's please visit the website at www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Fri., Dec. 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- A Holy Day of Obligation- Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11- St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 23 & 24- 4th Sunday of Advent Masses- 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 24 & Sun., Dec. 31- No Religious Ed. Classes/ Christmas break
- Sun./Mon., Dec. 24 & 25- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)- Family Mass Dec. 24- 5:00 p.m. / Christmas Night Mass- 10:00 p.m. / Mon., Dec. 25- Christmas Day Mass- 9:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 30 & 31- Usual Mass Times
- Mon., Jan. 1, 2018- Mass at 9:00 a.m. - (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year).

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2/3, 2017


CANTORS:

-  5:00 Nichole Decker
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Larry Leitz (Choir Mass)


LECTORS:

-  5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Knights of Columbus


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  5:00 Michelle Paxton, Kathy Marshall, Janette Minch
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Dave Gruss
10:00 Knights of Columbus (6)

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family
10:00 Knights of Columbus

SERVERS:

-  5:00 Any Huss Sibling, McKenna McNabb, Emma Roembke
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Knights of Columbus

*Collection for Weekend of
November 18/19, 2017*

Adult Envelopes- \$2,890.00
Child Envelopes- \$41.75
Loose- \$245.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$699.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$316.00
All Saints Day- \$2.00
Total- \$4,193.75

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

**The amount needed each week
to make budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$922.65 behind budget
from last week.

**Other Collections within
our Parish-**

St. Vincent de Paul- \$71.00
30th ABA Over Goal/
Payment #8- \$194.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Campaign for Human
Development- \$523.00



Lord,

Thanks be to You

May we know You more clearly

Love You more dearly

Follow You more nearly day by day.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 27 - Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - Dn 1:1-6,8-20/ Lk 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 28 - Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 29 - Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/ Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle - Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Fri., Dec. 1 - Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Dec. 2 - Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36

Sun., Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent - Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

**ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON**



Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/
Benediction- 6:45 p.m. / Mass- 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This helps us plan the day making sure Jesus is not left alone while exposed on the altar. Thank you!

**St. Joseph Council
Of Catholic Women**



NCCW Affiliate

**DUNWIDDIE, HEATING,
PLUMBING & A/C
824-1999**

Over 25 yrs. Experience
Commercial & Residential
Armstrong Furnaces & A/C
Geo- Open & Close Loops
Boilers & Floor Heat Systems
Duct Work & Sheet Metal
Well & Sump Pumps
Doug Dunwiddie, Parishioner

Sam Haiflich
Auctioneer/Broker

BKM
Real Estate

Sam@bkmauction.com
Cell: 260-740-7299
260-824-3982
260-622-1000
1085 N. Main St.
Bluffton, IN 46714



Sam Haiflich, Parishioner
St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, IN

FAIRWAY FLOOR COVERING
Residential and Commercial
1503 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton



Charles Thompson
Kris & Kent
260-824-3049
Open by Appointment
Home: 260-824-0003
Kris Thompson Cell # 820-2333
Kent Thompson Cell # 307-6584
Kris Thompson, Parishioner



It's a child, not a
choice...
Abortion does not make
you "un-pregnant", it
makes you the mother
of a dead child.

**GORDON & ASSOCIATES,
P.C.**
Attorneys

Dan Gordon, Tony Crowell
Michelle Adler, David Anthony,
And Matt Hayes

260-824-9377
Dan Gordon, Parishioner



Awesome Hair
122 N. Johnson St.
Bluffton, IN
**Carmie Anderson,
parishioner**

The Grover Company

Property Management
Fully Licensed and Insured

260-820-0638
Bret Grover



218 S. Main St., Bluffton, IN
260-824-8112
Chuck & Sue Kristek

Auto & Upholstery Insured / Certified
Pet Odor Control Free Estimates

CARPET PLUS
CARPET CLEANING
260-824-0821

Residential & Commercial

Gary Mann
Owner/Operator



2155 N Main St (260) 824-9643
Interurban Park
Bluffton, IN 46714

Daniel's
JEWELERS

Dan Geimer, Gemologist(GIA)

www.daniels-jewelers.net
Dan & Jane Geimer Parishioners



Goodwin - Cale & Harnish
Memorial Chapel
3320 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN 46714

Carl P. Goodwin - (1922-2008)
David L. Goodwin
Douglas L. Cale
Mitch Harnish

El Camino Real

Authentic Mexican Food
2185 Commerce Dr.,
Bluffton - 565-3300

Juan & Rosa Ortiz,
Parishioners

(260) 273-1768
Creativethreads@hotmail.com



Creative Threads
EMBROIDERY & MORE

KERRY & TRACY COYNE
Parishioners

3155 S. State Rd.
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

CARTER
HEARING CLINICS

Orchard Crossing
4716 Illinois Rd., Suite 102
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

- Hearing Evaluations
- Hearing Aids
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Hearing Protection Devices
- Specialty Hearing Systems

Phone: 260-436-6400 • Toll-free number: 877-436-6401
www.carterhearingclinics.com

LEARN from yesterday
LIVE for today
HOPE for tomorrow

Helping Hands
Pregnancy Resource Center

116 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton
260-824-4263 or
admin@helpinghandscpc.org
www.helpinghandscpc.org
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9-5

109 E. Huntington St., Montpelier
765-209-4614
Wednesday & Friday from 10-4

LARRY E. MOCK

Attorney at Law
Wells County Public Defender
Criminal Law/Family Law
Se Habla Espanol

201 West Market Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 820-2671
zitros@msn.com
Larry E. Mock, Parishioner

Knights of Columbus
Father Aloysius Phillips Council 7555



HOTT
FAMILY DENTISTRY

Hott Family Dentistry LLC
Bartholomew L. Hott DDS

706 N Main St
Bluffton, IN 46714

P: 260-824-2442
F: 260-824-8101

Bluffton
Family Eye Care

New Patients Welcome
105 West Harvest Road, Bluffton IN
South Main across from Kroger
260-824-3424

Dr. Julayne Miller, Parishioner

Don't cry because
it's over
smile
because it happened.

Thoma/Rich, Lemler
Funeral Home



*Serving families in
Wells County for 162 years!*
308 W. Washington Street • 260-824-3850

TYEGER'S
PIZZA PARLOUR

827-0700



931 N. MAIN ST.
BLUFFTON, IN
(NEXT TO SUBWAY)

WWW.TYEGERSPIZZA.COM

To our men and women
in uniform...
past, present and future,



Thank you and
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

THINK!

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



Guiding You Back On Course

Email: Horn.John.Sr@gmail.com
Phone: 260-433-5544
Website: HornMediation.com

John Horn MS, MBA- Parishioner

- * Listed on Indiana Registry of Approved Court Mediators
- * Member of the Indiana Association of Mediators
- * No fee for initial consultation

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you
without leaving
happier.

-Mother Teresa