



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

#### CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

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

#### ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

#### STAFF

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## Saturday, January 17

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, January 18

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Joan Byanski +

## Monday, January 19

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, January 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, January 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Georgia Johnson +

## Thursday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Patsy Butz +

## Friday, January 23

8:30 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

## Saturday, January 24

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. Steve Coulardot +

## Sunday, January 25

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert

Bates +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 19 - Weekday [2]** - 1 Sm 15:16-23 / Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 / Mk 2:18-22

**Tues., Jan. 20 - Weekday [2]** - St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr - 1 Sm 16:1-13 / Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 / Mk 2:23-28

**Wed., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr** - 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10 / Mk 3:1-6

**Thurs., Jan. 22 - Weekday [2]** - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 / Mk 3:7-12

**Fri., Jan. 23 - Weekday [2]** - St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin - 1 Sm 24:3-21 / Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 / Mk 3:13-19

**Sat., Jan. 24 - St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** - 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 / Mk 3:20-21

**Sun., Jan. 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Is 8:23—9:3 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 / Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 18, 2026

This weekend (January 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As the glory of *Christmastide* has faded all too quickly away, we are left with a simple question: **Was this Christmas a turning point for us?** Though the tree goes out, the lights come down, and the daily routine returns, the revelation of the **Nativity** and manifestation of the **Epiphany** cannot leave our lives unchanged.

Our **Christmas** celebrations cannot simply be a Hallmark moment that quickly fades away. This is the single most earth-shattering event in human history: *The Word became man*. Our duty as Christians doesn't end once the decorations come down. This is when the real work starts. We don't just admire the mystery; we must now carry it into the world. There is no going back to business as usual: Those who have seen Him must make Him known.

This season of **Ordinary Time** is meant to continue the manifestation of God to the world. Scripturally, our readings focus on Jesus teaching, healing, preaching, calling His disciples, confronting sin; ultimately, continuing to reveal who He. Truly, there's nothing "*ordinary*" about this time. It's meant to be intense, formative, and where discipleship is forged. Holiness is being worked out in daily prayer, obedience, discipline, and consistency.

**Ordinary Time** is the Church reminding us that Christianity is not merely a seasonal hobby. Through **Christmas**, we are witnesses of the Incarnation. Through **Easter**, we are witnesses of the Resurrection. And witnesses don't go back to their ordinary lives as if nothing had happened. If we have truly encountered Christ, if this Christmas was not just a moment but a turning point for us, then nothing in our life will be "*ordinary*" ever again.

## THE "SILENT" BELLS OF ST. JOSEPH

If you, like me, are accustomed to hearing the church bells ring everyday from the morning to the evening Angelus, you may notice a temporary silence for the next few weeks. As the equipment for both the St. Gabriel bell and the bell carillon is housed in the sacristy, it was all disconnected earlier this week as a part of our renovation work. Once the work in the sacristy is completed, the equipment will be reconnected and our bells will start ringing once more.

## DIOCESAN SYNOD - OPENING MASS FOR THE PARISH SESSION

On **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**, we will host our **Opening Prayer Session** in preparation for our **Parish Synod Session**. At this Mass, we will invite the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts as we begin this synodal journey together as a parish. Two weeks later, on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM**, we will have the opportunity to gather for our **Parish Synod Session\*** as our participation in the preparation for the upcoming **Diocesan Synod**.

These two sessions are an opportunity for the Faithful of our diocese to prayerfully reflect together on one central question: *How is our local Church called to live the mission of Christ today and in the years to come?* Our **Parish Synod Session** will allow each of us to share our voices, prayerful reflections, and experiences as a unique and irreplaceable part of our local Church. The parish synod will, in turn, help guide the larger **Diocesan Synod**.

At the end of the **Parish Synod Session**, the various insights shared will be compiled and submitted to Bishop Rhoades as a faithful representation of the parish's voice. With our contributions, and those of the other parishes of our diocese, Bishop will set the broader synodal questions for reflection at the **Diocesan Synod** in November. I encourage you to join us for these sessions.

College students who are away from the parish as also invited to prayerfully participate in a special college synodal session and share their perspective on faith and life on campus. Participants are asked to watch a short video message from Bishop Rhoades, pray and reflect on five themes, and submit their reflections online by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. To learn more and participate in the special college session, visit [diocesefwsb.org/college-synod](http://diocesefwsb.org/college-synod).

~In Christ, Fr. David



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





DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

# SYNOD 2026

SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

## OPENING PARISH PRAYER SESSION

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 –7:00 PM

## PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 –8:00 PM

*Note: Childcare Provided for Listening Session*

*Location: Parish Social Hall / Temporary Church*

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

### 5th Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 14th**

**6:00-9:30 PM**

**Tickets \$25**

**On sale after weekend Masses**

*Proceeds to benefit:*

**Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp**

**Grace and Mercy**

**Wells County Food Bank**

## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Roland Pudge Kennedy, Father of Sarah (Dale)  
McCorkle and Grandfather to Brendan (Jasmyn)  
McCorkle and Spencer McCorkle, who passed away January 11,  
2026 and was laid to rest on January 17, 2026.



*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light  
shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*



**The Parish Office will be closed**

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**and will reopen on**

**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 18** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Jan. 19** - Parish Office Closed today.
- **Tues., Jan. 20** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. /  
Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Jan. 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45  
p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 22** - Discover Catholicism - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Jan. 23** - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>



**CANTORS**

### MASS

**5:00 p.m.**

**7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

### Cantors

Sam Smith

Mike Morrissey

Teresa Smith



**LECTORS**

**5:00 p.m.**

**7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

### Lectors

Patti Clark-Johnson

Ben Wagner

Bruce Holland



**Extraordinary Ministers**

**5:00 p.m.**

**7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Larisa Sudhoff

None needed

Jacque Johnson, Monica Harris, Volunteer



**Altar Servers**

**5:00 p.m.**

**7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

### Servers

Alex Mechling, Volunteer, Volunteer

Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner,

Annie Herr

Charlie/Louis Andrews, Volunteer

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$4,471.00

Loose - \$319.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$536.88

Religious Education Fund-

\$125.00

Restricted Donations- \$210.00

Votive Candles- \$123.87

Total- \$5,785.75

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,179.93 ahead of  
our budget for the month  
of January 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund -  
\$505.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you!*

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through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:

[www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton](http://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton)

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Scan the QR Code on the right.



## WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!

Through water and the word, Joseph Daniel Harnish,  
son of Brandon and Heather Harnish, became  
a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever  
through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday,  
January 11, 2026 by Fr. David Violi.





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Before you speak....  
**THINK!**

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