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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SAVE THE DATE
PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH
AFTER 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

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

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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Saturday, September 20

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. Parish Family

Sunday, September 21

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert
Bates +

Monday, September 22

No public Mass

Tuesday, September 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Billy Dunn

Thursday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata Doria +

Friday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Saturday, September 27

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. Parish Family

Sunday, September 28

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Connie Herr +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 22 - Weekday [25] - Ezr 1:1-6 /
Ps 126:1b-6 / Lk 8:16-18

Tues., Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest - Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Ps 122:1-5 /
Lk 8:19-21

Wed., Sept. 24 - Weekday [25] - Ezr 9:5-9 /
(Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 / Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., Sept. 25 - Weekday [25] - Hg 1:1-8 /
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Lk 9:7-9

Fri., Sept. 26 - Weekday [25] - Sts. Cosmas
and Damian, Martyrs - Hg 2:1-9 / Ps 43:1-4 /
Lk 9:18-22

Sat., Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest -
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 / Lk
9:43b-45

Sun., Sept. 28 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Am 6:1a, 4-7 / Ps 146:7-
10 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

This weekend (September 20th/21st), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel reading continues to follow after the Lord's "*death march*" towards Jerusalem (Luke 9-19). As Jesus draws ever closer to Jerusalem, He challenges His disciples (*us included!*) this Sunday to choose, in a clear and conscious way, our goal in life: God or money.

Turning to Amos for our first reading, we are reminded of how wealth has been a seductive trap for the people of God throughout salvation history. Believed to be the earliest of the literary prophets, Amos, a Judean, prophesies to northern Israel around 760 BC. The fourth of five visions, this reading foresees great calamity falling upon Israel for their neglect of the poor and worship of false gods all for the pursuit of earthly profits.

Our Psalm, in comparison, reminds Israel of the utter poverty from which they came. Known as one of the six "Egyptian Praise" psalms, this psalm, chanted during the Passover *seder*, praises God for the exodus from Egypt. It serves as a constant reminder to Israel that they were once slaves in a foreign land and were only brought out from that destitute poverty by the will of God: All that they have truly comes from their utter dependence on God.

Brought full circle in our Gospel, our Lord reminds us of what is important: Not earthly riches, but eternal salvation. The Christian life does not seek out a Gospel based in worldly prosperity; Instead, it calls us to sacrifice material wealth for the gain of spiritual goods. Jesus is not the means to an end; He is the end Himself. This life requires a constant spirit of conversion, where we are always remembering whom we are serving and why we are doing so.

PARISH PICNIC—SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH AFTER THE 10 AM MASS

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, October 5th, following the 10 AM Sunday Mass**. In celebration of our 150th Parish Anniversary, we are catering a BBQ meal through local vendors and planning for an outdoor picnic as we enjoy our beautiful campus in the early Fall weather. We'll have face painting, balloon animals, and a bounce house for our kids and a cornhole tournament for adults. Make sure to save the date as we celebrate our parish!

STUFF-THE-TRUCK - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The weekend of our Parish Picnic (October 4th/5th), we will be partnering with the **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Decatur** for a "*Stuff-the-Truck*" event. This event helps to support the **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Ministry** of our neighboring parish, St. Mary of the Assumption, in nearby Decatur in providing those in need with clothing and furniture. There will be a bulletin insert next weekend with more information regarding donations.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE DISPLAY SETUP

Next Saturday, our Knights of Columbus will set up our parish's annual Forty Days for Life display. Set up will be next Saturday (*September 27th*) at 9:00 AM in front of the Church. All volunteers are welcome to come and assist in preparing the display. (*Please bring a mallet if you have one.*) This annual display serves as a visual reminder of our continued need to support and pray for the unborn and all those affected by abortion in Wells County.

39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have already returned their pledge card for the **39th Annual Bishop's Appeal**. Our **Parish Goal** this year is **\$35,422.85**. All donations above our parish goal will be returned directly to our parish and will be put towards our Church renovations. To learn more about the appeal or to make a donation online, visit **www.diocesefwsb.org/aba**

Thank you for your well wishes this past week! After being under the weather, a few days of rest and recovery have me feeling much better!

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

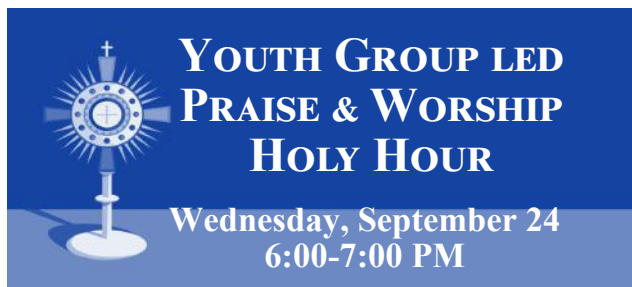


Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 1875-2025 - Rooted in Christ

'Thank You' to everyone who walked in the opening night parade of this year's Bluffton Street Fair.



Youth Group Bon Fire & Fellowship following Mass!



The Knights of Columbus will host Juice and Donuts Sunday, September 28 after 7:30 and 10:00 Masses.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 20** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 21** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 23** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 24** - Youth Group led Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 24** - Youth Group Event following 7:00 Mass
- **Wed., Sept. 24** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 25** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Sept. 26** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 27** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 28** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 29** - **Bible Study; Acts of the Apostles** - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Sept. 30** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 1** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 1** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 1** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Oct. 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 2** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27TH / 28TH



Mass
5:00 p.m. Sam Smith
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



Lectors
5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner
10:00 a.m. Bruce Holland



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Monica Harris, Volunteer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Sept. 13th & Sept. 14th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,532.00
Loose- \$350.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$425.00
Religious Ed. Fees- \$80.00
Donations/Bequests- \$5,300.00
Total- \$10,687.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$6,675.14 ahead of our budget for the month of September 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$400.00

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

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL STUFF THE TRUCK

Bring your DONATIONS after
ALL MASSES on
October 4th and 5th



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

St. Joseph's Annual Parish Picnic
Following 10:00 Mass
The picnic will be catered this year!
Bring your family and enjoy the day in fellowship and fun!

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Our ABA Goal is \$35,422.85.
Any amount over our goal will go toward our renovations.



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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