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TWENTY-THIRD 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

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

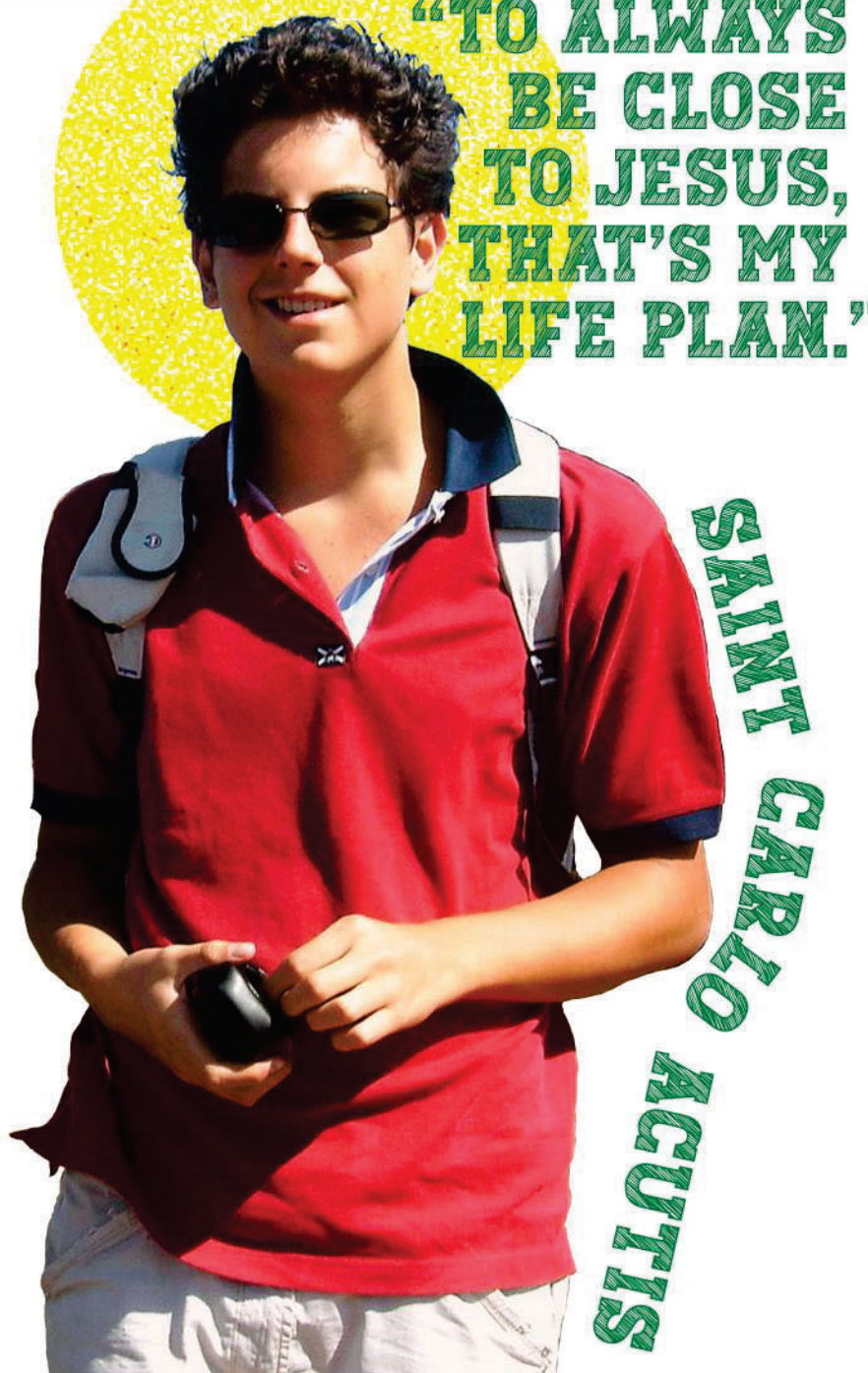
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Saturday, September 6

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Kathleen Smith +

Sunday, September 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Al Gillig +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 8

No public Mass

Tuesday, September 9

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

8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh

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

Wednesday, September 10

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

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

7:00 p.m. Joan Scheidler +

Thursday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Wimmer +

Friday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Saturday, September 13

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. Robert Bates +

Sunday, September 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Ps 13:6abc / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tues., Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest - Col 2:6-15 / Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept. 10 - Weekday [23] - Col 3:1-11 / Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b / Lk 6:20-26

Thurs., Sept. 11 - Weekday [23] - Col 3:12-17 / Ps 150:1b-6 / Lk 6:27-38

Fri., Sept. 12 - Weekday [23] - The Most Holy Name of Mary - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 / Lk 6:39-42

Sat., Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - 1 Tm 1:15-17 / Ps 113:1b-7 / Lk 6:43-49

Sun., Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

This weekend (September 6th/7th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings, again focusing on the moral life, offer us a reminder of the cost of discipleship. To follow after Jesus Christ is no mere easy task; It is meant to cost us everything, truly everything. The cross, a sign of a cursed death, was taken up by the Lord and He, in turn, has now called us to take up our crosses and follow after Him.

The path of salvation, requiring a renunciation of material wealth and a death to self, is surely not one we would have chosen ourselves. Yet, it is the path given to us from the wisdom of God which transcends our very understanding. It is the path, the only path, that leads to heaven. To see the true wisdom and beauty of such a life of renunciation requires a gift of insight from God, a reception of the Holy Spirit.

Such a life is not meant to be easy, but it is often telling that those who do embrace such a life as disciples live out their lives with great joy. We find such examples in the lives of our two newest canonized Saints: **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis**. Recognized as Saints at a special Mass in Rome this morning offered by Pope Leo XIV, these two young men lived lives that were both filled with great suffering and great joy.

The insert in this weekend's bulletin provides a glimpse into the lives of these two newly recognized Saints. Though they lived nearly one hundred years apart, there were many similarities in their lives. As both lived to imitate Jesus Christ in their own lives, it only makes sense that their lives have such similarities together. May St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis pray for us! May their lives serve as testimony to lives lived in Christ.

39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

In the next week, every registered parish household will receive a letter from Bishop Rhoades to "kick-off" the **39th Annual Bishop's Appeal**. One of the great parts of our Catholic Faith is its universality. Our charitable outreach extends beyond our own parish and aids those both near and far. In addition to our support of missions throughout the world, this annual appeal helps to fund various ministries and outreaches throughout our local diocese.

The diocesan-wide goal of the appeal is divided among the 80 parishes that make up our diocese. **Our 39th Annual Bishop's Appeal 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 this year's upcoming Church renovations. To learn more about the appeal or to make a donation online, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/aba.

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2026

As the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Holy Cross** next weekend, Bishop Rhoades will announce the plans for an upcoming **Diocesan Synod** in 2026. This announcement will be made at a special Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Matthew in South Bend and through a video message to be shown at all Masses throughout the diocese. *(This video message will take the place of this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal Video.)*

We look forward to sharing more about the upcoming Synod following Bishop's video next weekend. We are hoping to schedule the parish-phase for January / February of this coming year. More information to come!

DISCOVERING CATHOLICISM

We had a wonderful start to our **Discovering Catholicism** Series. With twenty in attendance for our first session, we moved our gathering from the Parish Conference Room to the Parish Social Hall. To better accommodate for larger crowds, we will be moving the series to the Parish Social Hall for the remainder of the year. For those who were not able to join us for the first session, you're welcome to join us whenever your schedule allows. ~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.

2025 PARISH DIRECTORY PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

Tuesday, September 9th from 2:00-8:36 p.m.

To schedule your appointment,
please go to www.ucdir.com

Church Code: in2022 and Password: photos

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

Join our **GIRL'S Night Out** for a new year of fun and community in the Parish Social Hall on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

All women of the parish are invited to attend.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

St. Joseph's Adult Choir practice begins Wednesday, September 10th following the 7:00 evening Mass.

Please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380 if you are interested in joining the choir!

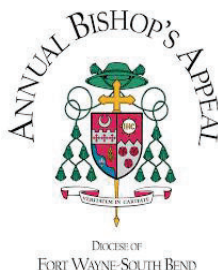


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Our ABA Goal is \$35,422.85.

Any amount over our goal will go toward our renovations.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 6** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 7** - Religious Education Class Resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 9** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 10** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 10** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 11** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Sept. 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 13** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., & Sun., Sept. 13 & 14** - **39th ABA Kick-off Weekend**
- **Sun., Sept. 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 15** - Bible Study; *Acts of the Apostles* - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Sept. 16** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 17** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 18** - No Discover Catholicism Mass due to Street Fair.
- **Thurs., Sept. 18** - Young Adults Theology on Tap - Fulton & Main Kitchen & Bar, 118 W. Main St., Berne - 6:30-7:30 PM

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13TH / 14TH



Mass
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



Lectors
5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus- Bruce Holland
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Patti Clark-Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Kevin Seago, Jacque Johnson



Servers
5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of

Aug. 30th & Aug. 31st

Adult Envelopes- \$2,987.00

Loose- \$301.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$174.99

Religious Ed. Fees- \$130.00

GIRL's Night Out- \$50.00

Total- \$3,642.99

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$2,533.15** ahead of our budget for the month of August 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$20.00

Diocesan Gaza Collection- \$544.00

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



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Starting on **Monday, September 15th**, join us for an eight week walk-through of the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** from **6:00 - 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room**.

"They received the word with all willingness and examined the scriptures daily." **ACTS 17:11**



WHEN: Thursday, September 18th

WHERE: Fulton & Main Kitchen & Bar
118 W. Main Street Berne, Indiana

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Fr. David Violi



FASCINATING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN PIER GIORGIO AND CARLO ACUTIS

*These two young saints are set to be canonized together,
but that's not all that they have in common with one another.*

Devotion to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis is only growing as their canonization is quickly approaching on **September 7, 2025**. These two young men are particularly appealing to the young faithful, having led exemplary lives and acting as wonderful role models. And, when you look closer at their lives, you'll see that they have a lot in common. We thought we'd look at some of the similarities between these two Italian saints-in-waiting before they are raised to the heights of the altar:

1. DEEP FAITH AND DEVOTION

Pier Giorgio Frassati: Known for his deep love for the Eucharist and devotion to prayer, Pier Giorgio's faith was the cornerstone of his life. He regularly attended Mass, spent hours in adoration, and had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo also had a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist, often referring to it as his "Highway to Heaven." His deep faith was evident in his regular participation in Mass, frequent confession, and his efforts to promote Eucharistic miracles through his website.

2. CHARITY AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

Pier Giorgio Frassati: He was known for his extensive charitable work, often helping the poor and sick in his community. His life was marked by a genuine love for others, seeing Christ in the faces of those he served. He wouldn't hesitate to give the shoes he was wearing to someone in need.

Carlo Acutis: Similarly, Carlo was dedicated to helping others, particularly through teaching his peers about the faith and volunteering at a soup kitchen. He had a heart for the marginalized and used his technical skills to evangelize and educate. He would save up money to buy tents for the homeless, rather than buy things for himself.

3. JOY AND HOLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Pier Giorgio Frassati: Despite his wealthy background, Pier Giorgio lived a life of simplicity and joy. His infectious joy and humor made him beloved by many. In fact he was known for his pranks that were always funny and never mean-spirited. He found holiness in everyday activities, including his love for mountain climbing.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo was known for his joyful spirit and love for life, which he balanced with his deep faith. He enjoyed playing soccer, video games, and programming, demonstrating that holiness is attainable in ordinary activities.

4. FAMILY LIVES

Pier Giorgio Frassati: He was born into a well-off family with strong Catholic values. Despite his parents' initial misunderstanding of his deep faith, they supported his

education and charitable activities. His deep love for his family meant that he always put them first, to the extent that he hid the gravity of his illness.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo's family, especially his mother, played its own crucial role in nurturing his faith. While she hadn't been going to Mass before his birth, Acutis' devotion encouraged her return to the Church. Both his parents supported his interests and devotion, which was instrumental in his spiritual development.

5. EARLY DEVOTION

Pier Giorgio Frassati: As a youth, Pier Giorgio showed a strong inclination towards the Faith, joining the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer as a teenager.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo exhibited an early devotion, making daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Rosary from a young age. He also developed a keen interest in catechesis and Church history.

6. ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

Pier Giorgio Frassati: Although he found studying difficult, he was a diligent student, studying engineering at university. When he finished studying, he planned on using his education to serve those working in the coal mines. His interests extended to mountain climbing and numerous other sports; He was a keen linguist and could recite Dante.

Carlo Acutis: Unlike Frassati, Carlo was a brilliant student with a passion for computer science. However, he too used his talents for the good of others and created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles, combining his faith with his technical skills.

7. LINGUISTICALLY GIFTED

Pier Giorgio Frassati: One thing Pier Giorgio could do is communicate, and in several languages. As well as his Italian mother-tongue, he could speak German, French, and also Latin. In a letter to his friend Carlo Bellingeri, he also shared that he was trying to learn another classic, stating: "I'll review my Greek about which I know nothing."

Carlo Acutis: While the young tech-whizz might not have had as many languages in his repertoire, he was bilingual in English and Italian. However, ever humble Acutis would pretend in class that he didn't know the answer to questions to give others a chance.

8. SHOES!

Pier Giorgio Frassati: The one thing Pier Giorgio loved was to help the less fortunate. He would more than happily take the shoes off his feet to give to those in need -- much to his parents' annoyance!

Carlo Acutis: The young saint appeals to today's youth partly because of his shoes. Seeing a saint in repose wearing a pair of Nikes makes him more relatable than the saints from decades and centuries before.

9. DIED YOUNG

Pier Giorgio Frassati: One of the saddest similarities between the two men is that they both died at an early age. Frassati died at the age of 24, on July 4, 99 years ago, from polio. His family was so focused on the declining health and eventual death of his grandmother -- just three days before his own passing -- that they hadn't realized just how sick he was. There was a huge crowd at his funeral, including those he'd spent his life helping. It was only then that people understood the extent of his service to others.

Carlo Acutis: The young saint died of leukemia at the tender age of 15. Like Frassati he didn't make a fuss and offered up his suffering for the Pope and the Church. His funeral, too, was full of people coming to pay their respects whose lives he'd impacted.

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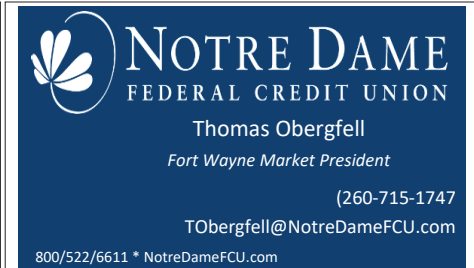


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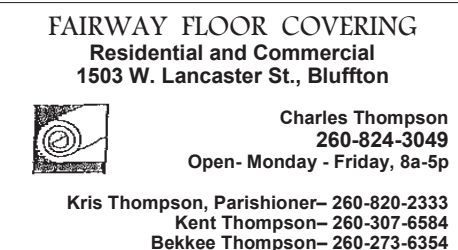
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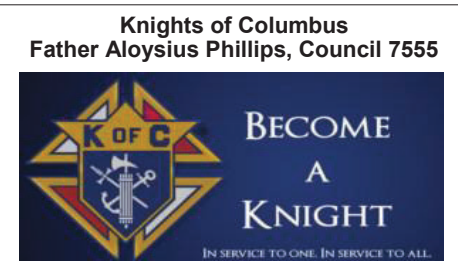
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n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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- St. John Paul II

