



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN 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 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 +

## Monday, September 29

No public Mass

## Tuesday, September 30

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Ralph & Connie Nichter Family  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, October 1

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

## Thursday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith

## Friday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Joseph Lautzenheiser +

## Saturday, October 4

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, October 5

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata Doria +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab / Ps 138:1-5 / Jn 1:47-51  
**Tues., Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church** - Zec 8:20-23 / Ps 87:1b-7 / Lk 9:51-56  
**Wed., Oct. 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church** - Neh 2:1-8 / Ps 137:1-6 / Lk 9:57-62  
**Thurs., Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels** - Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Fri., Oct. 3 - Weekday [26]** - Bar 1:15-22 / Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 / Lk 10:13-16  
**Sat., Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi** - Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Ps 69:33-37 / Lk 10:17-24  
**Sun., Oct. 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 / Lk 17:5-10

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

This weekend (September 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings today continue to task us with many thoughtful questions regarding the challenges of being a disciple, including: *Does it matter how we treat others? What does my neighbor's suffering have to do with me? Can I continue living in comfort while bypassing those around me who are in misery?*

These are but a few of the questions that our readings for this Sunday raise, and they may provide some uncomfortable answers. As we hear these Scripture passages proclaimed, may we invite the Holy Spirit to move us outside our comfort zones and truly reflect upon the answers in our hearts. Though the answers may be uncomfortable, looking at how we might better "love our neighbor" is but one of the ways we can grow in discipleship.

### FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

On Monday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. While Scripture reveals seven archangels (*Tobit 12:15*), only three are named: Michael (*Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7-9*), Gabriel (*Daniel 8:15-16, 9:21-22; Luke 1:19, 26-38*), and Raphael (*Tobit 12:15*). Each originally had their own feast day, but they were combined into one following the 1969 reform of the liturgical calendar.

September 29<sup>th</sup> originally marked the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, also known as "*Michaelmas*" (short for "*Michael's Mass*"). This feast day has been celebrated since at least the early fifth century. In preparation for the feast day, St. Francis of Assisi popularized the practice of keeping "*St. Michael's Lent*," or forty days of fasting and prayer from the *Solemnity of the Annunciation* (August 15<sup>th</sup>) to *Michaelmas*, in the thirteenth century.

As *Michaelmas* falls near the end of the harvest season, the practice of keeping *St. Michael's Lent* served as a spiritual discipline to beseech God's blessing upon the coming harvest. The feast day itself served as a festive opportunity to give thanks to God for a good harvest. The victory of Saint Michael over the dragon served as a main symbol of *Michaelmas*, symbolizing the triumph of trust in God over the fear of the coming winter.

The image of St. Michael on our bulletin cover, in honor of the coming feast day, bears his shield with the inscription: "*Quis ut Deus?*" This phrase translates to "*Who is like God?*" This is both a translation of St. Michael's name (Hebrew: *Mi-ka-El*) and a rhetorical battle cry against the defiance of Satan, who himself desires to be *like God*. This phrase serves as St. Michael's declaration of God's ultimate power over and justice against evil.

### DAYS OF CARING

Our **Knights of Columbus** are once again organizing the annual **Days of Caring** for this October. Split over several days, this annual community service opportunity allows us to partner with other local ecclesial communities and volunteer together at several local charities and organizations in need within our community.

This year, we'll be partnering with volunteers from *First Presbyterian Church* and *First United Methodist Church* to help with needs at *Forgotten Children Worldwide*, *Grace & Mercy Women's Transitional Housing*, and the *Bluffton Parks Department*. To learn more about participating in these service opportunities, please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

### ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

All are welcome to join us next Sunday after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> for our annual Parish Picnic! In honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the picnic will be outdoors (weather permitting) near the playground / Rosary Path with food catered and a number of events for children and adults!

~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.





## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Our walk-through of the Acts of the Apostles continues, **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00 - 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room** over Acts 2:1-4:31.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—October 3, 2025

*Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass*

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.*

**Sign up sheet in the narthex.**



The **Days of Caring** will be on:  
*October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>*

*We will be helping at the following sites:*

- *Forgotten Children*
- *Grace & Mercy*
- *Bluffton Parks Dept.*

To volunteer, please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or sign up online via the QR code to the right.



### PARISH CALENDAR

- **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** - *Praise & Worship Holy Hour* - 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.
- **Fri., Oct. 3** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / *First Friday Adoration* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / *Confession* offered 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 4** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., & Sun., Oct. 4 & 5** - "Stuff the Truck" - *St. Vincent de Paul Truck here after all Masses.*
- **Sun., Oct. 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 5** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 5** - Parish Picnic following 10:00 Mass.
- **Tues., Oct. 7** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 7** - *Knights of Columbus* - Rosary at 6:35 in Church - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Oct. 8** - *Adoration* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

### WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup>



#### Mass Cantors

**5:00 p.m.** TBD  
**7:30 a.m.** TBD  
**10:00 a.m.** TBD



#### LECTORS

**5:00 p.m.** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30 a.m.** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00 a.m.** John Vanderkolk



**5:00 p.m.** Laurisa Roper  
**7:30 a.m.** Dale McCorkle  
**10:00 a.m.** Larisa Sudhoff, Rick Singer, Tammi Helm



#### Servers

**5:00 p.m.** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30 a.m.** Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr  
**10:00 a.m.** Charlie/Louis Andrews, Sam Smith

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$3,067.00  
Loose- \$129.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$495.00

Religious Ed. Fees- \$100.00  
Donations/Bequests- \$5,488.16  
**Total- \$9,279.16**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are **\$10,837.90** ahead of  
our budget for the month  
of September 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$999.00

**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](http://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds)**

### WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!

Through water and the word, Scarlett Noelle, daughter of Nathaniel and Veronica Yagodinski, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 21, 2025 by Fr. David Violi.



### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Smith, husband of Sally Smith, who passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025.



May our loving God welcome him home,  
fill him with peace, and bless those who will miss him.

*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.*



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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