



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

### FIFTEENTH 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

#### STAFF

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## Saturday, July 12

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. Dave Dreiband +

## Sunday, July 13

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Patricia Schaefer +  
**Monday, July 14**

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, July 15

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, July 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Gene Keys +

## Thursday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

## Friday, July 18

8:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

## Saturday, July 19

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. Emily Butler +

## Sunday, July 20

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Jim Cole +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** - Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Ps 124:1b-8 / Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tues., July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** - Ex 2:1-15a / Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 / Mt 11:20-24

**Wed., July 16 - Weekday [15] - Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7 / Mt 11:25-27

**Thurs., July 17 - Weekday [15]** - Ex 3:13-20 / Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 / Mt 11:28-30

**Fri., July 18 - Weekday [15] - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest** - Ex 11:10—12:14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 / Mt 12:1-8

**Sat., July 19 - Weekday [15]** - Ex 12:37-42 / Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15 / Mt 12:14-21

**Sun., July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Gn 18:1-10a / Ps 15:2-5 / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 10:38-42

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 13, 2025

This weekend (July 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In our readings, the command to love God and to love neighbor are joined together as one. Our first reading from Deuteronomy reminds us that this command is not something unattainable, but is near to us, in our hearts and minds. The Church, therefore, encourages us to contemplate what it means to truly love others and to be a good neighbor to them.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that true compassion towards our neighbor is not about status or convenience, but about taking action when others are in need. Jesus calls us to go beyond societal norms and expectations, to be the neighbor who extends mercy. Like the Good Samaritan, we are invited to bind wounds, care for the suffering, and love those who are hurting, even when it's difficult or inconvenient.

Today, being a Good Samaritan is more accessible than we may realize. A saint of the not too far past, St. Teresa of Calcutta, exemplifies this: She didn't hesitate to touch and care for the wounded, even when it meant sacrificing her own comfort. Her actions remind us that mercy and love are not remote ideals but practical choices that can transform lives. Or, in her own words: "*Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.*"

Next weekend, we have two wonderful opportunities after our weekend Masses: First, we'll welcome our **Totus Tuus Missionaries**, who will speak briefly and personally invite our youth to join the week-long **Totus Tuus summer program**. Second, members of our **Cookbook Committee** will be in the narthex sharing delicious recipe samples straight from our brand-new parish cookbook: **St. Joe Cooks**. Cookbooks will be available for purchase for just \$15 and will make a great addition to your kitchen or as a gift for others.

## ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

As the summer continues, our **St. Joseph Giving Table** is now in the narthex. This annual table is open for everyone to use. If you have extra fruits or vegetables from your garden that you don't want to go to waste, please feel free to place them on the table to share. Likewise, if you see something on the table you can use, you're welcome to take it home (*or even enjoy it on the way home from Mass!*). In this way, we help ensure that nothing goes to waste.

## CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATES

After our last update, I mentioned that we had received approval from our **Diocesan Finance Committee** to move forward into the bid process for our upcoming renovations. We have been in contact with three Fort Wayne-based construction firms (*Shawnee, Schenkel, & Weigand*) that come recommended from our Diocesan Office of Worship. All three firms intend to bid to lead the construction phase of our project.

As a part of this process, our architectural firm has been preparing detailed construction designs that these three companies will use throughout the bidding process. I will sit down with Bill Heyer and his architectural team next week for a finalized review of the construction set. Once we approve the sets and they are finalized, they will be presented to the construction companies to initiate the bidding process.

This move into the bidding phase of this process will once again return us to our **Diocesan Finance Committee**. We will share the bids as received with this diocesan committee to receive additional guidance as we determine which bid to accept. At this stage, we will hopefully be discussing timeframes with the various companies as a part of the bidding process. I look forward to sharing more as soon as I receive more information. ~Fr. David

**"Great holiness consists in carrying out the little duties of each moment."**



St. Josemaría Escrivá



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.





## TOTUS TUUS CATHOLIC SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Please turn in your child(ren's)  
Registration Form(s) by  
Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information.

### ST. JOE COOKS

Our newest parish  
cookbook will be  
available for sale  
after all Masses  
next weekend in  
the narthex.



Cost per Book: \$15



### ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION PIZZA/SUNDAE BAR





Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
following the 5:00 Mass  
in the Parish Social Hall.

Register for Religious Education  
and meet your children's catechists.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., July 12 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., July 15- Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., July 16 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 17 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri., July 18 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., July 19- Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., July 19 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., July 20 - Totus Tuus - Hs/Ms - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- Mon., July 21 - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m.
- Mon., July 21 - Totus Tuus - Grades 7-12 - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- Tues., July 22 - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m.
- Tues., July 22 - Totus Tuus - Grades 7-12 - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- Wed., July 23 - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m.
- Wed., July 23 - Totus Tuus - Grades 7-12 - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- Wed., July 23 - Totus Tuus Youth Group led Praise & Worship Holy Hour 7:15-8:15 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**
- Thurs., July 24 - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m. / Adoration 1:25-2:25 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**
- Thurs., July 24 - Totus Tuus - Hs/Ms - 6:45-8:30 p.m.

### Weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

	<b>MASSSES</b>	<b>Cantors...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	David Smith
	7:30 a.m.	Donna Geisel
	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Smith
	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>Lectors...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Ginny Fenstermaker
	7:30 a.m.	Ben Wagner
	10:00 a.m.	Bruce Holland
	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion...</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Larisa Sudhoff
	7:30 a.m.	Twilla Herr
	10:00 a.m.	Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer
	<b>Servers...</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
	7:30 a.m.	Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
	10:00 a.m.	Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 6<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$5,471.00  
Loose- \$208.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$1,906.99

Bulletin Ad- \$350.00

Donation/Bequest- \$1,040.00

Total- \$8,975.99

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,859.59 ahead of our  
budget for the month of July  
2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$225.00

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

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

## 2025 PARISH DIRECTORY



Photos taken on:

August 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> from 2-8:30 PM

August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 4 PM

**Only 12 Minutes per Photo Session**

Signs-up available in Narthex

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
KIRK CAMERON

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T - is it true?  
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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