



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FIFTH 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

#### CONFESIONS:

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

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## Saturday, February 7

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family  
**Sunday, February 8**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Ault Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Joan Byanski +

## Monday, February 9

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, February 10

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

8:00 a.m. Petra (Bayne) Webber +

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

## Wednesday, February 11

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

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

7:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan

## Thursday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Karl & Pat Kaiser  
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

## Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Steve & Sherry Makowski  
(45th Wedding Anniversary)

## Saturday, February 14

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. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, February 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 9 - Weekday [5]** - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps 132:6-10 / Mk 6:53-56

**Tues., Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin** - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 / Mk 7:1-13

**Wed., Feb. 11 - Weekday [5] -Our Lady of Lourdes** - 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 / Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs., Feb. 12 - Weekday [5]** - 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 / Mk 7:24-30

**Fri., Feb. 13 - Weekday [5]** - 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Ps 81:10-11b, 12-15 / Mk 7:31-37

**Sat., Feb. 14 - Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop** - 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 / Mk 8:1-10

**Sun., Feb. 15 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Sir 15:15-20 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### DIOCESAN SYNOD - PARISH LISTENING SESSION

Join us this **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM, in the Gym** for our **Parish Listening Session.**\* This session will serve as our parish's participation in the preparation for the upcoming Diocesan Synod called by Bishop Rhoades for November of 2026. Having spent the past two weeks in prayer, we now invite the Holy Spirit to guide our participations, our hearts, and our voices.

This session is an opportunity for us to prayerfully reflect on one central question: ***How is our local Church called to live the mission of Christ today and in the years to come?*** This evening will allow each of us to share our voices, prayerful reflections, and experiences as a unique and irreplaceable part of our local Church. Our parish session will, in turn, help guide the direction of the larger Diocesan Synod.

At the end of the **Parish Listening Session**, the various insights shared will be compiled and submitted to Bishop Rhoades as a faithful representation of our parish's voice. With our contributions, and those of the other parishes of our diocese, the Bishop will set the broader synodal questions that will be reflected upon at the Diocesan Synod this coming November.

\*Note: Childcare will be provided for the Parish Listening Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### BLESSING OF THROATS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

On Tuesday (*Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>*), the Church celebrated the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Serving as the 4<sup>th</sup> Century bishop in Sebastia (*in modern-day Turkey*), St. Blaise was imprisoned during the persecutions of Licinius. While being led to prison, he saved a young boy choking on a fish bone. In gratitude, the boy's mother brought him candles to light his prison cell at night. Refusing to renounce the Faith under torture, St. Blaise and beheaded.

Given these accounts of his life, St. Blaise is known as the patron saint of those with illnesses of the throat and the blessing of St. Blaise is given with two candles. A blessing is a sacramental which invokes God's power and care upon us. As such, all people of good will are welcome to come forward this weekend for this special blessing after each Mass and, with St. Blaise walking alongside us, ask God to sanctify our lives and protect us from all harm.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Though it may seem that we've only just started **Ordinary Time**, Lent is just around the corner. This penitential season will begin on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the imposition of ashes will be offered on **Ash Wednesday at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM**. May this coming season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving draw us closer to Christ and deepen our life of faith.

### ESTATE AND FUNERAL PLANNING PRESENTATION

Later this month, we will be hosting a presentation on estate and funeral planning. We will welcome an expert in estate planning to provide practical guidance on preparing your affairs and members of the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana to discuss our St. Joseph Endowment Fund and opportunities for planned giving. Afterwards, I will explain the Church's vision for Catholic funeral planning and why the funeral rites matter for our faith and our families.

Given the importance of this topic, we are offering the same presentation twice to make it as available to you as possible. **The presentation will be offered in the Parish Gym on both Monday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursday afternoon, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30 PM.** We will have a variety of material available, including information about St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, our parish Funeral Planning Packets, and further information about our local funeral homes.

~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, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

## COLLECTION OF OLD PALMS

Old blessed palms will be collected through Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Palms can be placed in the basket at the back of Church  
or brought to the Parish Office.



## DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND SYNOD 2026 SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

### PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

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

Location: Parish Gym

Note: Childcare Provided in the Youth Den

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

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>—6:00-9:30 PM

Tickets \$25 (Available in the Parish Office)

Proceeds to benefit:

Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp  
Grace and Mercy Transitional Housing  
Wells County Food Bank



### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Feb. 7 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 8 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 8 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m. / Theology of the Body 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting 8:45 a.m. in the Youth Den.
- Mon., Feb. 9 - *Parish Synod Listening Session* - 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym. / Childcare provided in the Youth Den.
- Tues., Feb. 10 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wed., Feb. 11 - *Adoration* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- Thurs., Feb. 12 - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Thurs., Feb. 12 - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Thurs., Feb. 12 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- Fri., Feb. 13 - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Sat., Feb. 14 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)
- Sat., Feb. 14 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 14 - *GIRL'S NIGHT OUT Mardi Gras Fundraiser* - 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 15 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 15 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 17 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wed., Feb. 18 - *Ash Wednesday* - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Thurs., Feb. 19 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.

### WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Nichole Decker

7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey

10:00 a.m. Adult Choir

#### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker

7:30 a.m. Barb Ault

10:00 a.m. Monica Harris

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper

7:30 a.m. None needed

10:00 a.m. Kevin Seago, Wendy Stout, Kendra Davis

#### Servers

5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Danny Decker

7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Liam Harris

10:00 a.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

#### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

#### The Weekend of Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>/Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$3,112.00

Loose - \$229.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,031.00

Total- \$4,372.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,272.61 behind**  
our budget for the month  
of January 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$5.00

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

To set up Online Giving  
through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:  
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### BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED!



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14623 Bluffton Rd, Yoder, IN 46798

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Gymnasium

To schedule an appointment,  
please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM / NOON / 7:00 PM



### ESTATE & FUNERAL PLANNING SESSION

Mon., Feb. 23<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-7:30 PM

Thurs., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-2:30 PM

WHERE: Parish Gym

More information to come!

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Louis Schroeder, husband of Jane Schroeder, who passed away January 31, 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.

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“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