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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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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

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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Saturday, November 1

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Joy Andrews +

Sunday, November 2

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Ron Smith +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

1:00 p.m. *At St. Joseph Cemetery for All the Faithful Departed*

Monday, November 3

No public Mass

Tuesday, November 4

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

8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Priests of the Diocese

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

Wednesday, November 5

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

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

7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Friday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Diana Frilles Macabunga +

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

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

Saturday, November 8

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. Tom Courtney +

Sunday, November 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Connie Herr +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 3 - Weekday [31] - St. Martin de Porres, Religious - Rom 11:29-36 / Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 / Lk 14:12-14

Tues., Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Rom 12:5-16b / Ps 131:1b-3 / Lk 14:15-24

Wed., Nov. 5 - Weekday [31] - Rom 13:8-10 / Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 / Lk 14:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 6 - Weekday [31] - Rom 14:7-12 / Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 / Lk 15:1-10

Fri., Nov. 7 - Weekday [31] - Rom 15:14-21 / Ps 98:1-4 / Lk 16:1-8

Sat., Nov. 8 - Weekday [31] - Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 / Lk 16:9-15

Sun., Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

This weekend (Nov. 1st/2nd), the Church observes the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**, or All Souls Day. This observation is one that is entirely unique in the liturgical year: Though this day is itself on par with solemnities and feast days, it is neither a solemnity nor a feast day. The very spirit of the day is one tinged with penitence and consolation, yet also with joy as we recall the hope of the resurrection even amidst the pain of death.

Liturgetically, this day offers several unique differences that are not seen on any other Sunday in the year. From the very first days of the Church, Sunday has always had a place of prominence and joy due to its connection with the celebration of the resurrection. Yet, this weekend, that celebration is uniquely mixed with aspects of what would often only be found in either a requiem, or funeral, Mass or during a penitential season, such as Advent or Lent.

Following the celebration of the **Solemnity of All Saints** on Saturday, our liturgical color (*altar cloths, vestments, etc...*) were changed from gold to black for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. At Mass, the Gloria, a hymn of praise, is not sung due to the memorial nature of the commemoration. Similarly, our unbleached candles and wooden candlesticks return to symbolize mourning and the sense of sober reverence for this day.

Overall, this day is meant to remind us of the profound communion that exists within the whole Church, here on earth, in purgation, and in heaven. We do not believe that even death can sever the bonds of charity that are forged in the fire of Christ's love. Instead, we are compelled by this charity to pray and sacrifice for the holy souls in purgation that await their entrance into the joy of heaven. In this moment, the whole Church, united across time and eternity, intercedes in love for Her members awaiting the fullness of redemption.

PARISH RENOVATION—GENERAL UPDATES

As previously mentioned, we were able to get contracts signed with Shawnee Construction returned from the diocese in mid-October. Thankfully, this should mean that we have completed the last of the administrative processes and regulations we have been navigating over the past several months with our various diocesan committees. I will be meeting with the leads from our construction crew and architectural team this coming week as we begin discussing timelines and construction stages.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Next weekend, we will formally begin our thirty-three days of preparation for our parish-wide Consecration to St. Joseph. The books, "**Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**," are already available in the narthex, as well as a version for children and families. The book is broken into three parts: 33 Days of Short Reflections, a section of supplemental stories and "wonders" about St. Joseph, and a collection of Josephite Prayers.

I encourage you to take a book with you and begin the daily consecration preparation next weekend. If you miss a day, just make it up the next. These next thirty-three days are meant to prepare our hearts through reflection and the Litany of St. Joseph to embrace Joseph as a spiritual father. If the Lord Himself chose St. Joseph to be His guardian here on earth, should we also not seek to entrust ourselves to his paternal care?

Through this consecration, we seek to draw nearer to Christ by imitating the virtues of St. Joseph: his humility, silence, obedience, and steadfast faith. May this time of preparation deepen our love for the Holy Family and strengthen our trust in God's divine providence. Let us journey together as a parish family, placing ourselves under the protection of St. Joseph. Entrusting ourselves to his care, may we learn to listen more attentively to God's voice and respond with the same courage and trust that marked St. Joseph's life.

~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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Starting November 3rd from 5:30-6:30 PM
in the Parish Conference Room.
ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN WELCOME!



Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church, and meet in the Social Hall at 7:00 PM.
All men in the Parish are welcome!

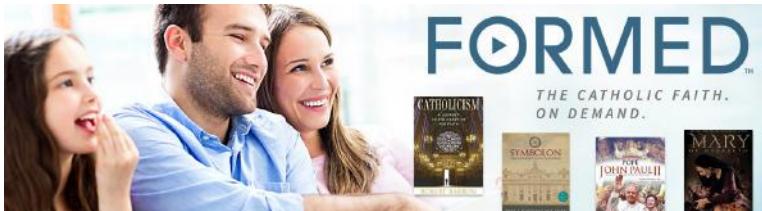
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—November 7, 2025

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.



Sign in at [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) with our Parish Code: 7N68MY

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Nov. 1** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 2** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 3** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Nov. 4** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 4** - Knights of Columbus - Rosary at 6:35 in Church - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Nov. 5** - Adoration - 5-6:00 p.m. / Confession 5-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 5** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 5** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 6** - **Discover Catholicism** - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Nov. 7** - Mass 8:30 a.m. /Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m./ Confessions 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 8** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 9** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 10** - **Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles** - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Nov. 11** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 11** - **GIRL's Night Out Women's Group** - Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8TH & 9TH

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey

7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel

10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Christie Felger

10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel

10:00 a.m. Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris

Servers

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger

10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

for the Weekend of

Oct. 25th / 26th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,334.00

Loose- \$380.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$385.00

Memorial Candles- \$60.00

Votive Candles- \$68.25

All Saints Day- \$6.00

All Souls' Day- 1.00

Total- \$3,234.25

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$5,69.47** behind our budget for the month of October 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$236.00

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

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!



Through water and the word, Olivia Ferrando, the daughter of Jacob Ferrando, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sun., Oct. 26, 2025 by Fr. David Violi.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Richard Pfeifer, brother of Jenny (Ben) Cruz, who passed away on Thursday, October 23, 2025 and was laid to rest on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Steve Coulardot, father of Corey (Stacey) Colardot, who passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025 and was laid to rest on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Joan Byanski, wife of Tom Byanski, who passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025 and was laid to rest on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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at all times and
when necessary
use words.**
St. Francis of Assisi

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Before you speak....
T H I N K !
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