



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-NINTH 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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PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT



OCT. 29TH

6:30 PM

**TEAMS OF FOUR
PARISH SOCIAL HALL**

DASH 90 WINES

21+ ENTRY

SIGN-UP IN NARTHEX

Saturday, October 18

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. Janis Lindzy +

Sunday, October 19

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Chris Hartman
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, October 20

No public Mass

Tuesday, October 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Janette Whitman +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, October 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Vesta Marshall +

Thursday, October 23

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Friday, October 24

8:30 am David Paul Butler +

Saturday, October 25

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. Lizzy & Vinnie Vuskalns

Sunday, October 26

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., Oct. 20 - Weekday [29] - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (USA) - Rom 4:20-25 / (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 / Lk 12:13-21

Tues., Oct. 21 - Weekday [29] - Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Ps 40:7-10 -38

Wed., Oct. 22 - Weekday [29] - St. John Paul II, Pope - Rom 6:12-18 / Ps 124:1b-8 / Lk 12:39-48

Thurs., Oct. 23 - Weekday [29] - St. John of Capistrano, Priest - Rom 6:19-23 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 12:49-53

Fri., Oct. 24 - Weekday [29] - St. Anthony Mary Clare, Bishop - Rom 7:18-25a / Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 / Lk 12:54-59

Sat., Oct. 25 - Weekday [29] - Rom 8:1-11 / Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 / Lk 13:1-9

Sun., Oct. 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 19, 2025

INFANT AND PREGNANCY LOSS MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

The month of October is nationally observed as the annual month of **Remembrance for Pregnancy and Infant Loss**. As part of this national commemoration for those affected by such terrible tragedies, our parish will hold a prayer service this afternoon. **This Memorial Prayer Service will be this afternoon (October 19th) at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 2 PM.** This service is open to parishioners and all throughout Wells County.

The prayer service includes the opportunity to place memorial “butterfly” ornaments at the cemetery. These memorial “butterfly” ornaments will be available at the prayer service, but are also available throughout the coming week at our two local funeral homes in town. Those who may not be ready to attend a public service are invited to go and privately and prayerfully place their own “butterfly” ornaments at the cemetery.

Memorial Prayer Service - Sunday, October 19th at 2 PM

Address: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - NOV. 1ST

This year, the **Solemnity of All Saints** falls on Saturday, November 1st. Falling on a Saturday, the obligation for this holy day has been abrogated by our bishop. This means that we are not obliged to assist at Mass for this solemnity. Though not a holy day of obligation, may we still see this day as a holy day of opportunity as we celebrate this feast in honor of the Church Triumphant, the Saints in heaven.

To celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**, we will offer two **Masses on Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**. Following the **11:00 AM Mass**, you are invited to join us in the Parish Social Hall for our annual **All Saints Day Party**. Beginning with a luncheon and potluck in the **Social Hall** after the **11:00 AM Mass**, we will move to games for our youth in the Parish Gymnasium. You are invited to come dressed as your favorite Saint!

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - NOV. 2ND

Following our celebration of the Church Triumphant, we turn our prayers to the Church Suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. As the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** falls on Sunday, November 2nd, it will replace the **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The weekend Masses (*Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM*) will use the prayers and readings proper to this commemoration as we pray for our dearly departed loved ones.

In addition to our normal weekend Mass schedule, we will also offer an **additional Sunday Mass on Sunday, November 2nd at 1:00 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**. As the Church encourages us to pray for the souls of the departed, offering Mass at the cemetery is a powerful and public expression of our prayerful remembrance of those who have gone before us.

MISSING PEWS?

As you may have (*hopefully*) noticed, two rows of pews are missing. With contracts finally signed by the diocese, we’ve given the go-ahead to begin work on restoring our pews in anticipation for our greater renovation project. Over the next several months, rows will be removed, repaired, and returned two at a time. For this part of our renovation project, we are working with local Yaste Painting, Inc. to re-stain and repair the pews as needed.

As this is the first major work on our pews in several decades, we’ve found that they’re in great overall condition, given their age, while still also in need of some major repair work. In addition to any re-staining needed, we will be replacing the worn laminate footing at the base of each pew and working to ensure that each pew is securely bolted to the floor. The connection between the floor bolt and the wood of the pew often weakens over the years.

~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.



All are welcome to join together in prayer during our Annual **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Memorial Service** on Sunday, October 19th, at 2 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on East State Rd 124
"You knit me in my mother's womb." Ps. 139:13

**The Parish Office will be closed
 October 20th - October 24th
 and will reopen on October 27th.**



**The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues
 Monday, October 27th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.**

**CHILDREN'S
 CHOIR PRACTICE**
 Begins Monday, Nov. 3rd
 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the
 Parish Conference Room.



*All school-aged children are invited and
 welcome to join the Children's Choir!*

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Oct. 18** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 19** - NO Religious Education Class - Fall Break
- **Sun., Oct. 19** - *Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Prayer Service* - 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.
- **Sun., Oct. 19** - Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Mon., Oct. 20-24** - Parish Office closed.
- **Tues., Oct. 21** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 22** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 23** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 24** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 25** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 26** - Juice & Donuts after 7:30 a.m. / 10 a.m Masses
- **Sun., Oct. 26** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Oct. 27** - Bible Study: *Acts of the Apostles* - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 28** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29** - Adoration - 5-6:00 p.m. / Confession 5-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29** - Trivia Night - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 25TH / 26TH



MASS
 5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey
 7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
 10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



LECTORS
 5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
 7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner
 10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 5:00 p.m. Jill Morrissey
 7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
 10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Monica Harris, Volunteer



Servers
 5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
 7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
 10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Volunteer

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
 for the Weekend of
 Oct. 11th / 12th**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,347.00
 Loose- \$243.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$282.61
 General Bequest- \$120.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
 Religious Ed. Fees- \$40.00
 All Souls'- \$20.00
 All Saints Day- \$100.00
 Votive Candles- \$377.77

Total- \$3,655.38

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,461.02** behind
 our budget for the month
 of October 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$80.00

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

SECOND COLLECTION:
 The Congregation of Catechists of
 St. Ann Mission Co-op Collection-
 \$2,498.00

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



NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please return any Memorial Candles to the Parish Office or the desk in the narthex before October 29th for our November Memorial Candles.
 New candles can be requested in the Parish Office.
\$20 Free Will Donation for candles are appreciated.

39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

If you have not yet turned in your Bishop's Appeal Pledge cards, please do so to the Parish Office before **November 15th**.

Thank you.

Our ABA Goal is \$35,422.85.

Any amount over our parish goal
 will go toward our renovations.



WHEN:
 Wednesday, Oct. 29th
WHERE:
 Parish Social Hall
TIME:
 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
*Teams of Four
 21+ and Over*

Mariachi LOCO
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1595 HARRISON PLZ
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PHONE: 260-827-0616
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Before you speak....
THINK!

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

