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CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

STAFF

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DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC: TERESA SMITH



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 +

Monday, October 6

No public Mass

Tuesday, October 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Peter Gundy +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, October 8

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Joe Leitner +

Thursday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Ted Ramsey +

Friday, October 10

8:30 am Logan Riley Lautzenheiser +

Saturday, October 11

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. Trent Patterson +

Sunday, October 12

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin (USA) - Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 / (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8 / Lk 10:25-37

Tues., Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 130:1-4, 7-8 / Lk 10:38-42

Wed., Oct. 8 - Weekday [27] - Jon 4:1-11 / Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 / Luk 11:1-4

Thurs., Oct. 9 - St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest - Mal 3:13-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 11:5-13

Fri., Oct. 10 - Weekday [27] - J 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 / Lk 11:15-26

Sat., Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope - J 4:12-21 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Lk 11:27-28

Sun., Oct. 12 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kgs 5:14-17 / Ps 98:1-4 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19



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.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 5, 2025

This weekend (*October 4th/5th*), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings take up the theme of faith, both Israel's faith under the Old Covenant and the faith to which we are called in the New Covenant. Jesus urges us not to despair even if we feel that our faith is small or weak: *God can work wonders using even the smallest of things*.

As October begins, we are reminded that the entire month of October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. On Tuesday (Oct. 7th), the Church celebrates the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**. This celebration dates back to the 16th Century and celebrates the Holy League's decisive naval victory over the invading Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto in AD 1571.

This victory by the Holy League, a coalition of Christian nations called together by Pope St. Pius V, halted the Ottoman expansion into European territories. Eventually, it led to a peace treaty that would bring an end to the *Fourth Ottoman-Venetian War*. The battle has long since been memorialized in art & poetry, including such modern works as Chesterton's poem *Lepanto*.

Why, though, is this victory associated with the Holy Rosary? As the battle drew near, Pope St. Pius V ordered the churches of Rome open for prayer day and night. He encouraged the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary for the victory of the Holy League. When he received word of the victory, he added a new feast day to the liturgical calendar: The **Feast of Our Lady of Victory**, later renamed by Pope Gregory XIII to the **Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**.

This feast day would be akin to our own *Fourth of July* celebrations today. Yet, it's true purpose is much simpler: Recognizing the power of prayer. In this month of the Holy Rosary, may we make this prayer our own. Let us take to heart a challenge issued recently by our Holy Father, Pope Leo for October: *"I invite everyone to pray the Rosary every day during the coming month—for peace—personally, with your families and in your communities."*

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Earlier this week, I met with the regional representative for **Universal Photo Directories**. Following our initial photos and make-up photos, we are now in the process of designing our upcoming pictorial directory. If you did not have your photo taken but would like to submit a photo of yourself to be included in the directory, please submit your photos to the Parish Office no later than Monday, October 20th.

As a reminder, those who have had their picture taken or submitted a photo will receive a free copy of the directory. If you did not have a photo included in the directory, we will have a small number of directories available in the Parish Office for purchase once they are completed. We will also be setting aside a number of copies to be given as a part of our Welcome Packet to new parish families in the future.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

As previously mentioned, we've received approval from the diocese to contract with Shawnee Construction, based in Fort Wayne, for our upcoming renovations. We are currently nailing down the last details for the construction contract and will hopefully have it sent to Bishop Rhoades for his signature by the time this column is printed. Once Bishop has signed off, we will then sit down with both the contractors and architects to set a timeline for the work.

A special **"Thank You!"** to Fr. Bill Sullivan for serving as the celebrant of our Masses next weekend. I will be taking some time away for vacation, travelling with my classmate, Fr. Bob Garrow, to Rome for several days. While there, we will have the chance to visit with our diocesan seminarians studying in Rome and with some of our other seminary classmates, one of whom now works in a dicastery at the Vatican.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join our Knights for their monthly meeting this **Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall.**

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:35 PM in the Church.



The **Days of Caring** will be on: **October 10th, 11th, and 18th.**

We will help 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.



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Our Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues **Monday, October 13th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Conference Room.**
We will be going over Acts 4:32-7:60

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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.
- **Thurs., Oct. 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 9** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 10** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 11** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 12** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Oct. 13** - **Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles** - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 14** - No Mass
- **Wed., Oct. 15** - No Mass
- **Wed., Oct. 15** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 16** - No Mass
- **Thurs., Oct. 16** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 17** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 19** - *Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Prayer Service* - 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 11TH / 12TH



MASS

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

Cantors

Dan Lautzenheiser
Teresa Smith
Jay Crisp



LECTORS

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

Lectors

Knights of Columbus
Christie Felger
Patti Clark-Johnson



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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Knights of Columbus
Barb Ault, Beth Geisel, Dale McCorkle
Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson



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

Servers

Knights of Columbus
Charlene, Anna Lyn, and Jackson Felger
Gabby, Olivia, and Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Sept. 27th / 28th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,570.00
Child Envelope- \$20.00
Loose- \$333.50
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$90.99
Religious Ed. Fees- \$90.00
Total- \$3,104.49

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

We are **\$8,130.89** ahead of our budget for the month of September 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$91.00

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



Sign in at **FORMED.ORG** with our Parish Code: **7N68MY**

39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL



Our ABA Goal is \$35,422.85.

Any amount over our goal will go toward our renovations.



Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for arranging our annual Forty Days for Life Display

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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