



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

CONTACT US

ADDRESS: 1300 NORTH MAIN STREET
BLUFFTON, IN 46714

PHONE: (260) 824-1380

EMAIL: STJOSEPHCHURCH@ADAMSWELLS.COM

WEBSITE: STJOSEPHCHURCHBLUFFTON.ORG

OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

EMERGENCY PHONE: (260) 296-0511

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

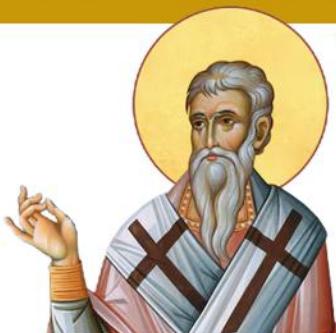
STAFF

PASTOR: FR. DAVID VIOLI

EMAIL: FRDAVIDVIOLI@GMAIL.COM

ADMIN. ASST. / DRE: MICHELLE PAXTON

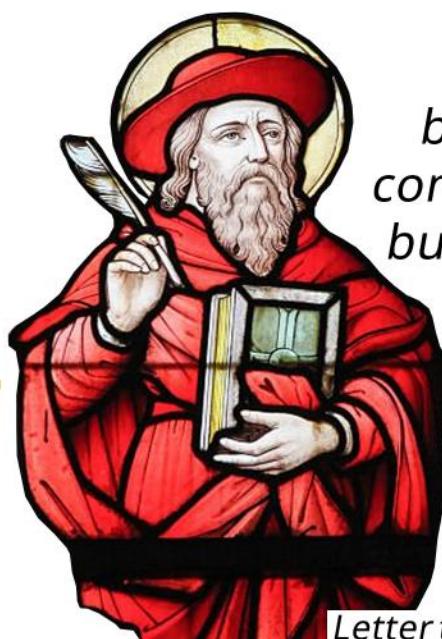
DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC: TERESA SMITH



"To the Church of Rome which presides in love, in the name of Jesus, the Son of the Father."
St. Ignatius of Antioch
Letter to the Romans (107 AD)



"For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with the Church of Rome, on account of its preeminent authority."
St. Irenaeus of Lyons
Against Heresies (180 AD)



"I follow no leader but Christ and join in communion with none but your Blessedness, that is, with the Chair of Peter. For I know that on that rock the Church is built."
St. Jerome
Letter to Pope Damasus I (376 AD)

Saturday, November 8

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

Monday, November 10

No public Mass

Tuesday, November 11

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

8:00 a.m. Ron Smith +

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

Wednesday, November 12

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

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

7:00 p.m. Lawrence Robinson +

Thursday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Roque Volpe +

Friday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Joan Byanski +

Saturday, November 15

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. June Gazdik +

Sunday, November 16

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Kathleen Smith +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 10 - Weekday [32] - St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church - Wis 1:1-7 / Ps 139:1b-10 / Lk 17:1-6

Tues., Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Wis 2:23—3:9 / Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 / Lk 17:7-10

Wed., Nov. 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr - Wis 6:1-11 / Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 / Lk 17:11-19

Thurs., Nov. 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (USA) - Wis 7:22b—8:1 / Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 / Lk 17:20-25

Fri., Nov. 14 - Weekday [32] - Wis 13:1-9 / Ps 19:2-5b / Lk 17:26-37

Sat., Nov. 15 - Weekday [32] - St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 / Lk 18:1-8

Sun., Nov. 16 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mal 3:19-20a / Ps 98:5-9 / 2 Thes 3:7-12 / Lk 21:5-19

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - NOVEMBER 9, 2025

This weekend (November 8th/9th), the Church celebrates the **Feast of St. John Lateran**. This feast is one that is fairly unique in our liturgical year because it is a day that celebrates neither a saint or an event in salvation history; Instead, it celebrates a building. The Basilica of St. John Lateran, dedicated to both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, is the cathedral of Rome, which is the primary church of the Bishop of Rome.

Most people think of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City State as the cathedral of Rome, but it is not. St. John Lateran, located on the Lateran Hill (*hence its name*), holds the *cathedra*, or "chair," of the bishop of Rome. The *cathedra* signifies a bishop's role as a successor to the Apostles and his authority to teach and govern within the church. The church with the *cathedra* is considered the primary church and cathedral of that diocese.

The readings for this great feast help us to move from gratitude for treasured physical buildings, like the Lateran Basilica, to reflection on the true nature of the Church. Although we call places of worship "*churches*," in actual fact, the true sanctuary or place of worship is the Body of Christ, which is the Church and His Mystical Body. In this way, every Christian is united to the Lord by faith and in the Sacraments.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

We are officially "kicking off" our parish-wide preparation this weekend for the upcoming Consecration to St. Joseph. Starting on the **Feast of St. John Lateran** and ending on the **Memorial of Our Lady of Loretto**, both of these days are liturgical celebrations with connections to buildings. St. John Lateran, as previously mentioned, is the cathedral church of Rome and the Holy House of Loretta is where the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised.

With these two feast days, we are reminded that God sanctifies not only physical structures but also the living stones of His Church, which is each one of us. In the same way, as we undertake this Consecration to conclude our parish's 150th Anniversary, we are reminded that this anniversary is not simply about buildings or history. Instead, it is about the true strength of our parish: *Our faith in Jesus Christ, who unites us as one family in His Church.*

May this time of preparation renew our commitment to live out our Faith more deeply. Our parish is not made up of only stone and concrete, but holiness, charity, and trust in God's providence. As we journey together toward our Consecration Day, may we open our hearts to the example and protection of St. Joseph, just as our Lord Himself was entrusted to his care. May St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, lead us ever closer to Jesus Christ.

Rooted in gratitude for our 150 years of faith, we now look to St. Joseph as a model of holiness and trust in God's providence as we strengthen our foundation in Jesus Christ.

ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE - THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You!" to all those who supported the **St. Joseph Giving Table** throughout this past summer and fall. It's always a great joy to be able to share an abundance of the fruits of our labours with our parish family. As the peak season of harvest time has come to a close, we've wrapped up the **St. Joseph Giving Table** for the year.

KARING FOR KIDS CHRISTMAS BLESSING TREE

Starting this weekend, the **Blessing Tree** is present in the narthex. This yearly charitable opportunity, sponsored by the local **Karing for Kids Charity**, offers an opportunity to help local families right here in our community. You are invited to take a tag (*or multiple tags*) from the tree that highlights specific needs from families in our community and to shop for the listed item. Items can either be left in the narthex after our weekend Masses or returned to the Parish Office throughout the week. Please return all items unwrapped and with the original tag attached no later than Sunday, December 7th.

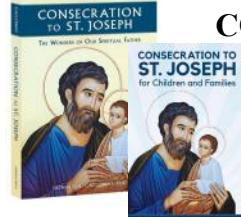
~In Christ, Fr. David



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.



THANK YOU, VETERANS



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH Begins November 8th through December 10th

Books are available in the Narthex.



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

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

Join our GIRL'S Night Out for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

All women of the Parish are Welcome!



ADVENT WREATH MAKING November 19 - 5:00 PM

Parish Social Hall

Make an Advent Wreath for your Home

PARISH CALENDAR

- 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 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Mon., Nov. 10 - Bible Study: *Acts of the Apostles* - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- 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
- Wed., Nov. 12 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 13 - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30- 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Thurs., Nov. 13 - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 14 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 15 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 15 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 16 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 17 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Tues., Nov. 18 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 19 - Advent Wreath Making Event - 5-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser

7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel

10:00 a.m. Adult Choir

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Patti Clark-Johnson

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. Beth Geisel

10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff, Kevin Seago

Servers

5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer

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

10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Nov. 1st / 2nd

Adult Envelopes - \$4,235.00

Loose - \$299.92

Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,400.99

Memorial Candles - \$540.00

Paper Gator - \$15.70

Donations/Bequest - \$6,112.53

NDFCU elevate check - \$148.43

Religious Ed. Fund - \$130.00

Total- \$12,882.57

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$7,766.17 ahead of our budget for the month of November, 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$1,655.00

Online Giving for October - \$6,710.00. We ended the month \$940.53 ahead of our budget.

All Saints Day Envelopes - \$563.00

All Souls' Day Envelopes - \$648.00

Online Giving for St. Vincent de Paul Fund for October - \$200.00

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

or

Scan the QR Code on the right.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

Utilities - \$300.00

Housing- \$500.00

Charitable Donations- \$2,500.00

Total Donations for October - \$3,300.00

Thank you for helping us help others!



39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

If you have not yet turned in your pledge cards, please do so before November 15th.

Thank you.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Kent "Lucky" Thompson, brother of Kris (Kathy) Thompson, who passed away on Friday,

October 31, 2025 and was laid to rest on Thursday, November 6, 2025.



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.

Mariachi LOCO
MEXICAN GRILL
1595 HARRISON PLZ
BLUFFTON, IN 46714
PHONE: 260-827-0616
FAX: 260-827-0625
[facebook](#)

Francisco Sanchez and Family, Parishioners

Contact the
the Parish
Office at
(260) 824-1380

STRONGER TOGETHER
HELPING HANDS
PREGNANCY • FAMILY • COMMUNITY
116 E. Dustman Rd., Bluffton-260.824.4263
Open Monday through
Thursday 9am-5pm
Serving All Surrounding Areas



DUNWIDDIE
Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Inc.
702 W. Washington St. CROSSROADS Bluffton, IN
(260) 824-1999
• HEATING & COOLING (Service All Brands)
• PLUMBING • RADIANT FLOOR HEAT
Free Estimates • Insured • License No. - CP 89100065
ARMSTRONG AIR The Professional's Choice

RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA
Fall Banquet
October 14th, 2025
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
[ichooselife.org/banquet](#)

Keep your smile bright!



Dr. Bartholomew L. Hott
706 N. Main St, Bluffton, IN 46714

P: 260-824-2442 F: 260-824-8101
[hottfamilydentistry.com](#)

Dan Gordon, Tony Crowell, Michelle Adler,
Matt Hayes & Brigitte Washburn
TEL 260.824-9377
[gordonlegal.net](#)
Dan Gordon, Parishioner
Matt Hayes, Parishioner, St. Vincent de Paul

GORDON | ADLER | HAYES | WASHBURN

GOODWIN - CALE & HARNISH MEMORIAL CHAPEL

3320 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN 46714

260-824-3852

Douglas L. Cale / Mitch Harnish

El Camino Real
Authentic Mexican Food
2185 Commerce Dr.
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 565-3300

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

Sam Haiflich & Lisa Haiflich: The Haiflich Team
Brokers/Agents
Sam's Cell 260-740-7299
Lisa's Cell 260-438-2437
[sam@bkmrealestate.com](#) [lisa@bkmrealestate.com](#)
105 N Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777
Office 260-622-1000

Thursday's: 3pm-8pm
Friday's: 3pm-8pm
Saturday's: Noon-8pm
See us on Facebook &
Instagram!

The Herr Family
Parishioners

NOTRE DAME
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Thomas Obergfell
Fort Wayne Market President
(260) 715-1747
[TObergfell@NotreDameFCU.com](#)
800/522/6611 * NotreDameFCU.com

FAIRWAY FLOOR COVERING
Residential and Commercial
1503 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton

Charles Thompson
260-824-3049
Open- Monday - Friday, 8a-5p

Kris Thompson, Parishioner- 260-820-2333
Kent Thompson- 260-307-6584
Bekkee Thompson- 260-273-6354

Thoma/Rich, Lemler
Funeral Home

Proud to be Family Owned & Operated
Building Upon the Thoma Tradition for Over 170 Years!
260-824-3850 • [www.thomarich.com](#)

Contact the
the Parish
Office at
(260) 824-1380

Knights of Columbus
Father Aloysius Phillips, Council 7555

**BECOME
A
KNIGHT**
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

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