



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH 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

#### CONFESSIONS:

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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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

## Saturday, January 31

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Lucila Santanilla +

## Sunday, February 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lawrence Robinson +

## Monday, February 2

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, February 3

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

8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +

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

## Wednesday, February 4

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

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

7:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan

## Thursday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

## Friday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Thera & Dallas Raugh +

## Saturday, February 7

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 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 +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord** - Mal 3:1-4 / Ps 24:7-10 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tues., Feb. 3 - Weekday [4] - St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop** - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 / Ps 86:1-6 / Mk 5:21-43

**Wed., Feb. 4 - Weekday [4] - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 6:1-6**

**Thurs., Feb. 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr** - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

**Fri., Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs** - Sir 47:2-11 / Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 / Mk 6:14-29

**Sat., Feb. 7 - Weekday [4] - 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Ps 119:9-14 / Mk 6:30-34**

**Sun., Feb. 8 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Is 58:7-10 / Ps 112:4-9 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

This weekend (January 31<sup>st</sup>/February 1<sup>st</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Traditionally, this Sunday was known as **Septuagesima Sunday**, the beginning of a brief *pre-Lenten period* called **Gesimatide**. Spanning three Sundays and marking roughly seventy days before **Easter**, this season served as a time of preparation for **Lent** and concluded on **Shrove Tuesday**, more commonly known as **Mardi Gras**.

This *pre-Lenten period* was signaled by three liturgical practices that now begin at the start of **Lent** itself: the omission of the *Alleluia* and the *Gloria* and the use of violet vestments. While the *Alleluia* would not be heard again until the joy of **Easter Sunday**, solemnities and certain feast days during **Gesimatide** would briefly return the *Gloria* and make use of different vestment colors, things that **Lent** itself does not typically permit.

Despite these penitential feelings, the full weight of the **Lenten** liturgy and life was not yet in force. Liturgically, the readings remained focused on the **post-Epiphany** preaching of Christian discipleship and the daily prayers did not yet make use of the strong penitential language we associate with **Lent**. **Lenten** fasting and abstinence had not yet begun. This period offered a gentle reminder: *Conversion starts with a changed heart before a changed routine.*

## DIOCESAN SYNOD - PARISH LISTENING SESSION

Thank you to all those who were able to join us this past Monday for the Opening Mass in preparation for our Parish Listening Session. In just over a week, on **Monday, February 9th, at 6 PM**, we will have the opportunity to gather in the **Parish 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 in November of 2026.

This session is an opportunity for the Faithful of our diocese to prayerfully reflect together on one central question: *How is our local Church called to live the mission of Christ today and in the years to come?* Our Parish Listening Session 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, Bishop will set the broader synodal questions for reflection at the Diocesan Synod in November.

College students who are away from the parish for school are also invited to prayerfully participate in a special college synodal session and share their perspective on faith and life on campus. Participants are asked to watch a short video message from Bishop Rhoades, pray and reflect on five themes, and submit their reflections online by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. To learn more and participate in the special college session, visit [diocesefwsb.org/college-synod](http://diocesefwsb.org/college-synod)

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

## PARISH RENOVATIONS - PRECAUTIONARY PLANNING

Renovation work in the Church is moving along nicely. As of Friday, a large portion of the terrazzo in the Church has been poured and is curing. As is notable in the conceptual drawings on display in the Schaefer Parish Center, the floor work will flow from the Church into the narthex. This will help to visualize the connection between the narthex and our baptismal font with that of the nave as we enter into the Church (*both physically and spiritually*).

Though we are working with **Dancer Flooring** to minimize inconvenience, there is the possibility that we may need to keep the narthex closed for an upcoming weekend. If this becomes necessary, we will announce it ahead of time and have volunteers available to redirect traffic towards the Parish Office.

~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 from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> through Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
*Palms can be placed in the basket at the back of Church or brought to the Office.*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SESSION

Training for *new* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on:

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*Note: Please plan to attend **both** training sessions.*

**Please call the Parish Office for more information.**



**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (Church). The meeting will take place in the gym at 7:00 PM  
**All men in the Parish are welcome!***

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

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Join the **G.I.R.L.'s NIGHT OUT** for their Feb. Meeting at 7:00 PM in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.  
**All women of the Parish are welcome!***

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—Feb. 6, 2026

*Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass*

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)**

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Juice & Donuts after 7:30 am / 10:00 am Masses
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 3** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Tues., Feb. 3** - *Knights of Columbus* meeting - Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Parish Social Hall and meeting in the Gym at 7:00.
- **Tues., Feb. 3** - *G.I.R.L.'s Night Out* meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- **Wed., Feb. 4** - *Adoration* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Feb. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- **Thurs., Feb. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Feb. 5** - Choir 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Feb. 5** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Feb. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel / Confession 3:00 -3:45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Classroom opposite the Chapel
- **Sat., Feb. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- **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.

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>



**Mass Cantors**  
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser  
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey  
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. Laurisa Roper  
7:30 a.m. None needed  
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Tracey/Sarah Bedwell



**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

**The Weekend of Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes - \$1,655.00

Loose - \$142.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$25.00

**Total- \$1,822.00**

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

We are **\$2,528.21 behind**  
our budget for the month  
of January 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$85.00

*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](http://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton)

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## BLESSING OF THROATS

**in honor of St. Blaise**  
after Mass on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and all  
weekend Masses on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>



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**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**

**Proceeds to benefit:**

**Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp**

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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