



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

THIRTY-THIRD 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

### 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 15

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 +

## Monday, November 17

No public Mass

## Tuesday, November 18

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

8:00 a.m. Ron Smith +

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

## Wednesday, November 19

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

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

7:00 p.m. Lawrence Robinson +

## Thursday, November 20

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

## Friday, November 21

8:30 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

## Saturday, November 22

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, November 23

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious** - 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 / Lk 18:35-43

**Tues., Nov. 18 - Weekday [33] - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin** - 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Ps 3:2-7 / Lk 19:1-10

**Wed., Nov. 19 - Weekday [33]** - 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 / Lk 19:11-28

**Thurs., Nov. 20 - Weekday [33]** - 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 / Lk 19:41-44

**Fri., Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10b-12 / Lk 19:45-48

**Sat., Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr** - 1 Mc 6:1-13 / Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 / Lk 20:27-40

**Sun., Nov. 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** - 2 Sm 5:1-3 / Ps 122:1-5 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 16, 2025

This weekend (November 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This marks the penultimate weekend before the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, and the ending of our liturgical year. Though, with the snow this past week, I'm sure that many minds and hearts are already focused on the Christmas season. Let us not forget, however, that this coming season of joy is not yet here.

In our culture, we often struggle with periods of preparation. When everything is already at our fingertips, we want to begin everything right now. Yet, in the liturgical life, we are not meant to go at our own pace, but to follow after that pace which was set by the Master Himself as we follow after His life. Before we can celebrate the true joy of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, we, like the Christ-child in the womb, must enter a time of silent growth.

The practice of trying to live our life around the liturgical year serves as a beautiful reminder: ***Our life is not our own***. When we allow the rhythm of the liturgical year to shape our daily life, we begin to see more clearly how the Lord is at work in our life. Even when nothing seems to be happening, God's grace is silently working on our hearts. May we welcome this invitation to stillness to help fill us with a renewed longing for the coming of Jesus Christ.

This does not mean that we cannot enjoy the simple trappings of the coming holiday seasons in anticipation of what is to come. We have little control over many things, including stores being decorated, music being played, and the many gatherings that begin to fill our calendars. As disciples, however, we are invited to balance this anticipation with preparation. Do not allow our outer busyness to upset the inner stillness of our heart that we are being invited into.

Instead, let us strive to cultivate that inner stillness which keeps us rooted in Christ. If we can preserve even a small space of silence each day in prayer, reading Scripture, or a nightly examen, we will allow the Lord to shape in us a heart that is ready to welcome Him into the world. And, when the Christmas season finally arrives, we will celebrate it with a joy that flows from having walked faithfully with the Church toward the coming of our King.

## PARISH RENOVATION - GENERAL UPDATE

On Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to sit down with team members from both **Shawnee Construction** and **William Heyer Architecture**. I left that meeting extremely excited about our upcoming renovations. Both teams are working together flawlessly as things quickly fall into place. There are just a few "moving pieces" left to be nailed down before we make the upcoming renovation timeline public.

What I can share at this time is that our Christmas celebrations will be the our last large liturgical celebrations in the Church. When renovations do begin, we will plan to celebrate our weekend Masses (**Saturday 5 PM Vigil, Sunday 7:30 & 10 AM**) in the Parish Social Hall and our weekday Masses / times of Adoration in the Parish Conference Room. We have already begun planning how to make these transitions as smooth as possible. More to come soon!

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

When we conclude our **Consecration to St. Joseph** on December 10<sup>th</sup>, our parish will **first** enter into our third annual **Forty Hours Devotion**. As with previous years, our devotion will begin with Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and conclude with Mass on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will also welcome a guest speaker on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Throughout all the hours in between, our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration.

This time of prayer spent before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will help draw our hearts into deeper silence and gratitude in preparation for our consecration to St. Joseph. Over these many hours, we invite every parishioner (*individuals, families, and ministries*) to come and rest in the presence of Jesus. May this dedicated time of adoration rekindle within us a renewed love for the Eucharist and open our hearts to the graces of God.

~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.

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING

November 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM

Parish Social Hall

*Make an Advent Wreath for your Home*

Sign up in the Narthex



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

This annual Memorial Mass honors and recognizes the deceased members of Fr. Aloysius Phillips Council #7555.

## PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

between the 7:30 & 10:00 Masses  
A Free Will Offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the St. Joseph Youth Group and the Wells County Food Bank.



## HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> after all Weekend Masses

Alfred and Grace Salsa, Natives of Bethlehem, will be offering a beautiful collection of handmade religious artifacts made by the Christians in Bethlehem. Please stop by their display in the narthex and shop for beautiful religious items for yourself or for someone else as a gift that will be treasured forever.

Your support helps our brothers & sisters in the Holy Land.

## PARISH CALENDAR

- 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.
- Wed., Nov. 19 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 20 - Discover Catholicism - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Thurs., Nov. 20 - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 21 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 22 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 22 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 23 - Knights of Columbus Pancake/Sausage Breakfast after 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sun., Nov. 23 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 24 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Mon., Nov. 24 - Bible Study: *Acts of the Apostles* - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Tues., Nov. 25 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

## WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>

### MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser

7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey

10:00 a.m. Sam Smith

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer

7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner

10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Volunteer

7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey

10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Monica Harris, Rick Singer

### Servers

5:00 p.m. Volunteers needed please!

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 Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$2,497.00

Loose - \$269.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$425.99

Memorial Candles - \$100.00

Donations/Bequest - \$160.00

Religious Ed. Fund - \$125.00

Total - \$3,576.99

All Saints Day Envelopes - \$40.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$6,226.76 ahead of our budget for the month of November, 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$15.00

*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) or Scan the QR Code on the right.



Our Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 PM** downstairs in the Parish Social Hall.



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**  
**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**



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

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at all times and  
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St. Francis of Assisi

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**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