

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## What is the Jubilee?

### Meaning of "Jubilee":

- Originates from the Hebrew word "yobel" (ram's horn), used to proclaim the Jubilee on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).
- Happens every 25 years, marking a special year of restoration and reconciliation (Lev. 25:8-13).

### Key Traditions of the Holy Year:

- Pilgrimage to Roman Basilicas (e.g., St. Peter and St. Paul).
- Passing through Holy Doors for spiritual renewal
- Participating in Acts of Mercy
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Reciting the Profession of Faith

### The First Holy Year (1300):

- Pope Boniface VIII established the first Jubilee as a "Holy Year" for spiritual renewal.

"I declare this year, 1300, as the Holy Year."

POPE BONIFACE VIII

- A door made sacred by the Pope. Once opened by the Pope, it officially marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year.
- Represents salvation, echoing Jesus' words, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (Jn. 10:9)

### Biblical Basis and Jesus' Mission:

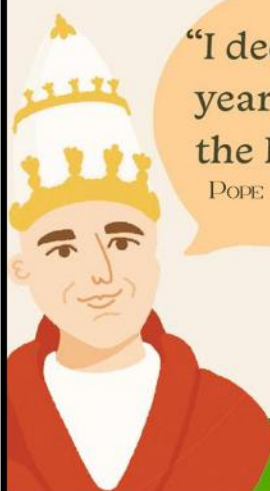
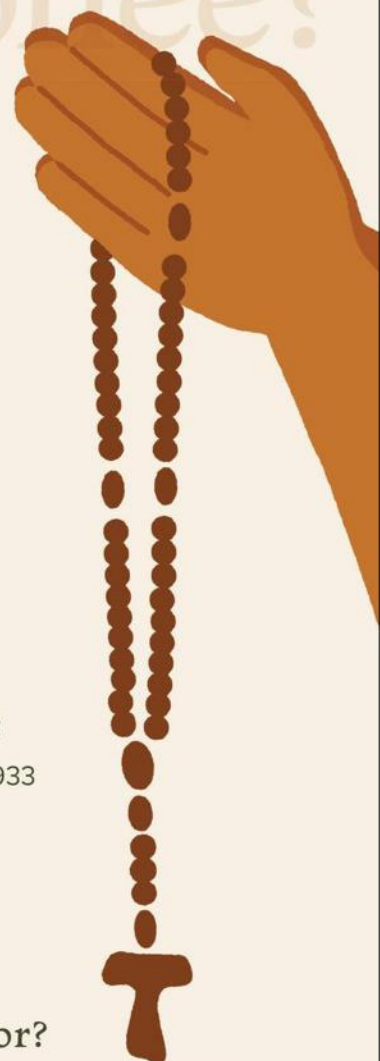
- Cited in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' mission reflects the spirit of Jubilee: "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord," (Lk. 4:18-19; Is. 61:1-2).
- Jesus' life embodies the liberation and renewal of relationships that Jubilee symbolizes.

### Extraordinary Holy Years:

- Declared for unique reasons, e.g., 1933 by Pope Pius XI to honor the 1900th anniversary of Redemption.
- Pope Francis declared the Year of Mercy in 2015 as an extraordinary jubilee.

### What exactly is a Holy Door?

- Passing through grants the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences.
- **Holy Doors declared in our diocese:**  
**Sts. Peter & Paul (Huntington)**  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Fort Wayne)**  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Saturday, January 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. Karen Roberts +

## Sunday, January 19

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

## Monday, January 20

No public Mass

## Tuesday, January 21

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

## Wednesday, January 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Georgia Johnson +

## Thursday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

## Friday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Jerry Dillon +

## Saturday, January 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. Darlene Coulardot +

## Sunday, January 26

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 20 - Second Week in Ordinary Time - St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr -** Heb 5:1-10 / Ps 110:1-4 / Mk 2:18-22

**Tues., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr -** Heb 6:10-20 / Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c / Mk 2:23-28

**Wed., Jan. 22 -** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Ps 110:1-4 / Mk 3:1-6

**Thurs., Jan. 23 - St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin -** Heb 7:25—8:6 / Ps 40:7-10, 17 / Mk 3:7-12

**Fri., Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church -** Heb 8:6-13 / Ps 85:8, 10-14 / Mk 3:13-19

**Sat., Jan. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle -** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Ps 117:1b-2 / Mk 16:15-18

**Sun., Jan. 26 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 14-21

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 19, 2025

This weekend (January 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Immediately following the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, we entered into this new season of **Ordinary Time** last Monday and will remain in it until the beginning of **Lent** on **Ash Wednesday** (March 5<sup>th</sup>). We will, however, continue to experience brief glimpses of *Christmastide joy* over the next few weeks.

One such glimpse is found in this weekend's Gospel reading: *The Wedding Feast of Cana*. This reading serves as the last of the three epiphany events, each of which reveal Jesus' divinity, from our celebration of the **Epiphany** two weekends ago. These glimpses will continue through till the fortieth day of Christmas, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we celebrate the **Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**.

These brief moments of *Christmastide joy* are meant to extend the joy of the Incarnation in our lives. Jesus has become man for **our** sake and **our** salvation. The manifestations of His glory continue in this day through His Mystical Body, which is the Church. Each of us, through our baptism, participate in His Mystical Body. As we hear in our second reading today, "*to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit*" (1 Corinthians 12:7).

This means that God is still at work in the world today. He is at work in it through His Church, through us! We are called to be His hands and feet that are reaching out to those in need. The different spiritual gifts which have been entrusted to us for service to the Church are meant to aid us in building up the Body of Christ. Let us open our hearts to these different spiritual gifts and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal them in our lives so that might put them to use.

### GENERAL CAMPUS UPKEEP

You may have noticed that the tree between the rectory and the Church was recently taken down. Over the past several years, a number of large branches dropped during storms have fallen dangerously close to both the Church and rectory. In one instance, a falling branch struck the rectory, but, thankfully, caused minimal damage. Given this potential danger and at the suggestion of our grounds crew, it was decided that the tree needed to be removed.

After the tree was felled, it was bucked and stacked out back alongside the road behind the Church. If anyone is in need of firewood, you are welcome to come and take as much as you need from this pile of stacked logs until the wood is gone.

### ADULT CONFIRMATIONS - JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

Later this summer, Bishop Rhoades will be hosting a special Mass for adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Mass is open to all Catholics (18+) who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, but have not yet been able to do so. If you would like to receive this wonderful Sacrament at this special Mass with Bishop Rhoades, please let me know by either email or contacting the Parish Office.

### THE JUBILEE YEAR—A YEAR OF HOPE

Just as we are celebrating our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, so the whole Church throughout the world is celebrating the **Jubilee Year of Hope**. A jubilee year is traditionally celebrated every 25 years, though can occur more frequently (*such as the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2016*). These special celebrations are meant to invoke a year of grace and celebration, often given a specific spiritual focus for that year.

As we near the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Crucifixion, this jubilee year has been given the theme of Hope. This invites us to focus on the hope that the Gospel brings to the world, particularly in times of crisis and uncertainty. The Jubilee Year is marked with the opening of the "Holy Doors," which are a symbol of Christ's open invitation to all. The Holy Doors are those designated by each Bishop in their respective dioceses. Bishop Rhoades has marked nine sets of doors as Holy Doors in our diocese. See the bulletin cover for more.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, and Richard Payne.





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will be hosting Coffee and Donuts after the 7:30 and 10:00 AM Masses next Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> in the narthex.

Our Winter Book Study continues on **Mon., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Conference Room. We will be discussing “*Revelation*” by Flannery O’Connor. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



To donate a basket or item for the Silent Auction, please contact the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380 or by email at [stjosephchurch@adamswells.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@adamswells.com)

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 19** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 22** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 22** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 23** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Jan. 24** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Jan. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Jan 27** - *Great Catholic Thinkers Book Study* - 6:30 p.m. in the parish conference room.
- **Tues., Jan. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 29** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 29** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 30** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Jan. 31** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Knights of Columbus - recite Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

### Weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>



**5:00** Teresa Smith  
**7:30** David Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Dan Geimer  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**5:00** Laurisa Roper  
**7:30** Twilla Herr  
**10:00** Rick Singer, Jacque Johnson, Kevin Seago



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30** Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Gabby, Olivia or Jacob Hoffacker

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$1,965.00  
Loose- \$137.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$635.83  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00  
Christmas Offering- \$500.00  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$15.00  
Gym/Hall Rent- \$100.00  
Donation- \$250.00  
**Total- \$3,727.83**

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

We are \$2,329.71 ahead of our budget for the month of January 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$35.00

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

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

## Parish Anniversary Edition

According to the earliest history of Catholicism in Wells County, starting in the 1860s, Rev. John Wemhoff from Decatur and Rev. Edward P. Walters from Crawfordsville would travel by horseback to Bluffton to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and offer the Sacraments. By 1872, Rev. H. Theodore Wilden would travel regularly from Arcola to Bluffton to offer Mass for the local community in the house of Mr. Timothy Enright.

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 "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

Before you speak....  
**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?