



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-SECOND 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

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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ST. JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF WORKERS



Saturday, August 30

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. Josephine & Richard Jackson +

Sunday, August 31

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Joseph & Alma Beckman Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

9:00 a.m. John O'Keefe +

Tuesday, September 2

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, September 3

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

Friday, September 5

8:30 a.m. Charlene & Ralph Coultas
9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. First Friday Adoration

Saturday, September 6

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. Kathleen Smith +

Sunday, September 7

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Al Gillig +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 1 - Labor Day - Weekday [22] -
1 Thes 4:13-18 / Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 / Lk 4:16-30

Tues., Sept. 2 - Weekday [22] - 1 Thes 5:1-6,
9-11 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Lk 4:31-37

**Wed., Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope,
Doctor of the Church** - Col 1:1-8 / Ps 52:10-11 / Lk 4:38-44

Thurs., Sept. 4 - Weekday [22] - Col 1:9-14 /
Ps 98:2-6 / Lk 5:1-11

Fri., Sept. 5 - Weekday [22] - Col 1:15-20 /
Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 5:33-39

Sat., Sept. 6 - Weekday [22] - Col 1:21-23 /
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 / Lk 6:1-5

**Sun., Sept. 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time** - Wis 9:13-18b / Ps 90:3-6,
12-17 / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 31, 2025

Join us for a special Mass this **Labor Day** on Monday, September 1st, at 9 AM with Fr. Bill Sullivan serving as a primary celebrant.

This weekend (August 30th/31st), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our first reading comes from the Book of Sirach, which we have not heard from in nearly four months. This book is one of the seven Old Testament books that were "removed" from the Scriptures as a part of the Protestant Reformation, but has always been preserved as a part of the Catholic canon of the Scriptures since it was set in the 4th Century.

Considered the last of Wisdom literature in the Old Testament, the Book of Sirach offers a mediation upon the overall moral message contained within the Old Testament. For this reason, Sirach was used heavily in the early Church as a catechetical tool and was even known as "Ecclesiasticus," or the "little book of the Church." The title "Sirach" was eventually settled on for use to prevent confusing this book with either the Book of Wisdom or Ecclesiastes.

Despite the rejection of the Book of Sirach by Protestant communities, its historical prevalence is beyond dispute: Sirach was highly respected among both the rabbis of antiquity and the early Church Fathers, with various citations found in rabbinical literature and the writings of the Fathers, where it is quoted as a part of Scripture. The author, writing around 200 BC, combined long poems with organized collections of proverbs under common themes.

Oftentimes, our lectionary cycle emphasizes how Sirach's ethical teachings are formulated in a way very similar to our Lord's. For example, both readings this weekend highly prize humility and stresses this virtue as one key to enter into God's favor. In this way, the lectionary cycle serves as a reminder that Jesus' moral teaching was not a new innovation (cf. Matthew 5:17), but a continuation of that which had been handed down to Israel.

That which sets Jesus apart in His day was not His moral teaching, but who He is: The Son of God. Jesus, the Word made Flesh, is Himself the very culmination of a profound tradition of moral reflection from God's revelation given to Israel. This is further articulated in our second reading, recognizing the New Covenant entered into through Jesus Christ. This New Covenant invites and draws us into an ever deepening relationship with the Lord.

This closeness with the Lord culminates in the Most Holy Eucharist. Each time we gather at the altar, we participate in a foretaste of that eternal wedding banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem. In the Eucharist, the wisdom of Sirach and the fulfillment of the Gospel are brought together: God humbles Himself, giving us His very Body and Blood. Having received such a great gift, we are sent forth to invite others to this same table and share in the Bread of Life.

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM—THURSDAY, SEPT. 4TH AT 6:30 PM

The introduction to our **Discover Catholicism** Series begins this **Thursday, Sept. 4th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. This series is open to all: Catholics who want to learn more about our Faith, non-Catholics interested in joining the Church, and all those interested in simply learning more about Catholicism. If you know of anyone interested in attending, please personally invite them to join us and consider walking this journey with them!

If you know of someone interested in joining us, but the scheduled time for our series will not work for them, please have them contact me directly in the Parish Office (260-824-1380) or by email (frdavidvioli@gmail.com). We will do what we can to find a time that works best for them.

39TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We will be kicking off the **39th Annual Bishop's Appeal** later this month. You can expect to receive a mailing from Bishop Rhoades highlighting the many ministries supported throughout our diocese by the annual appeal. Thank you for prayerful discerning how you can best support this good cause!

~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.

LABOR DAY - SEPT. 1ST
MASS AT 9:00 AM

Please Note
In observance of Labor Day,
the Parish Office will be closed.

**DISCOVER
CATHOLICISM**



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—September 5, 2025

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Sign up sheet in the narthex.



**2025 PARISH DIRECTORY
PICTURE MAKE UP DAY**

Tuesday, September 9th from 2:00-8:36 p.m.

**To schedule your appointment,
please go to www.ucdir.com**

Church Code: in2022 and Password: photos

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Aug. 30** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 31** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 1 - Labor Day** - Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 1 - Labor Day** - Parish Office Closed
- **Tues., Sept. 2** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 3** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 3** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Sept. 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 5** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / *First Friday Adoration* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- **Sat., Sept. 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 6** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 7** - Religious Education Class Resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 9** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 10** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 10** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 13** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6TH / 7TH



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Mike Dunn
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of
Aug. 23rd & Aug. 24th
 Adult Envelopes- \$2,418.00
 Loose- \$215.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$50.00
 Donation/Bequest- \$50.00
 Assumption- \$265.00

Total- \$2,998.00

Diocesan Gaza Collection- \$831.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,006.56 ahead of
our budget for the month
of August 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$60.00

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



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Starting on Monday, September 15th, join us for an
eight week walk-through of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

"They received the word with all willingness and
examined the scriptures daily." **ACTS 17:11**

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul
of Connie Herr, mother of Bruce (Twillia) Herr and their
families. Connie passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025
and was laid to rest on Saturday, August 30, 2025

May our loving God welcome her home,
fill her with peace, and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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KIRK CAMERON

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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