

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

1

### HE IS A PERSON

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.

2

### HE IS FULLY GOD

All three persons of the Trinity are fully God and "equal in glory".

3

### HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED

God eternally exists as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

4

### YOU RECEIVE HIM AT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

We receive Him first in Baptism, and then is strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.

5

### CHRISTIANS ARE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have the Holy Spirit indwelling in us. We must live accordingly.

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 19, 2024

### Saturday, May 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. Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser  
50th Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, May 19

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

### Monday, May 20

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, May 21

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. Carol Leitner +
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, May 22

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

### Thursday, May 23

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

### Friday, May 24

- 8:30 a.m. Fran and Don Gruss

### Saturday, May 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. Parish Family

### Sunday, May 26

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Bender +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., May 20 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God** - Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7 / Jn 19:25-34
- Tues., May 21 - St. Christopher Magalanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** - Jas 4:1-10 / Ps 55:7-11, 23 / Mk 9:30-37
- Wed., May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious** - Jas 4:13-17 / Ps 49:2-3, 6-11 / Mk 9:38-40
- Thurs., May 23 - Jas 5:1-6 / Ps 49:14-20 / Mk 9:41-50**
- Fri., May 24 - Jas 5:9-12 / Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 / Mk 10:1-12**
- Sat., May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin** - Jas 5:13-20 / Ps 141:1-3, 8 / Mk 10:13-16
- Sun., May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity** - Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20

*"Welcome Home!" to all of our college students home for the summer break!*

This weekend (May 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates **Pentecost Sunday**. Marking fifty days since **Easter Sunday**, this celebration brings an end to **Eastertide**. For this reason, our Paschal Candle is processed out after our last Sunday Mass and placed next to the baptismal font, emphasizing our transition from **Eastertide** to **Ordinary Time**. It is also a sign that we, like the Apostles today, must carry the good news of the Risen Christ out into the world.

This solemnity is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church" for this very reason. As the Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, leave the locked room, the mission of the Church begins. Truly, the Holy Spirit "*enlivens*" and gives life to the Church; Or, in the words of St. Augustine of Hippo: "*What our soul is to our own members, this the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, to the Body of Christ, which is the Church.*"

St. Augustine continues, emphasizing how "*the Lord commends to the Apostles the unity of the Church*" at Pentecost. "*He commended the Church to them again. The Bridegroom entrusted His Bride to the care of His friends: not that she should love one among them, but that She might love Him as Her Spouse, and them as friends of the Bridegroom.*" This emphasizes another term often given to the Church: The Bride of Christ (cf. *Ephesians 5:22-33*).

As detailed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Para. 796): "*The unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride, a theme prepared for by the prophets, announced by John the Baptist, and referenced by the Lord Himself.*"

*St. Paul speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride 'betrothed' to Christ the Lord so as to become but one spirit with him. The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb. 'Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her.' He has joined her with himself in an everlasting covenant and never stops caring for her as for his own body.*"

### PENTECOST SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

On Saturday, our diocese celebrated the ordination of Andrew Barnes to the Order of the Diaconate. Dcn. Andy will be joined by his classmate, Nicholas Monin, in ordination this coming October. On June 1st, we will also rejoice in the ordination of two men (Dcn. Oscar Duarte and Dcn. Caleb Kruse) to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. In these ordinations, we see the mission of the Church, begun on Pentecost, continuing even to this day.

These young men have spent the past several years prayerfully discerning and preparing for their ordination day. Their spiritual, intellectual, and human formation is entrusted during this time to the seminaries that they attend. This formation is made possible and affordable for these young men thanks to our annual Pentecost Seminarian Collection. Thank you for your generosity to this annual collection, aiding the formation of our future priests.

### UNIVERSAL JUBILEE YEAR AND PARISH SESQUICENTENNIAL

Earlier this month, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced that this coming year will be marked as a *Jubilee Year*, or a *Holy Year*, in the Church. This celebration, commonly occurring every twenty-five years for the last seven centuries, has been given the theme "*Pilgrims of Hope*." This year will have a special emphasis on increasing and repairing our relationship with God and with one another.

In addition to this universal celebration, our parish will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Formally erected as a parish in 1875 by Bishop Dwenger, St. Joseph has been serving our community for 150 years. It is my hope that we greet this celebration with great joy and, as we look back and cherish the past 150 years, we also look ahead to the next 150 years. The mission of the Church, begun on Pentecost, continues even today right here at St. Joseph's.



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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH – SUNDAY, JULY 21ST**



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress**

We have 3 tickets available to anyone who would like to attend this years National Eucharistic Congress at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. One ticket is for the entire congress; Wednesday through Sunday and two are for Thursday, July 18th only. Please call the Parish Office, (260) 824-1380 if interested.

There will be training for New Lectors on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM in Church. Please call the Parish Office for more Information, 260-824-1380.



**ASK FATHER**

*Ask Father* Thursday, May 23th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room.



Our Knights of Columbus and several spouses packed food bags for Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today (through the 4-H Association) – weekend food packs of hungry kids.

First Aid Kits and vests were donated to the Council on Aging for their *WOW* buses from our GIRL's Night Out Women's Group from their Mardi Gras fundraiser.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., May 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 22** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 22** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 24** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 27** - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- **Tues., May 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 29** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 31** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., June 2** - Corpus Christi Procession/Ice Cream Social - following 10:00 Mass.

**Weekend of May 25 & 26**



**5:00** Teresa Smith  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Josie Andrews



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** Bruce Holland



**5:00** Michelle Paxton– Holy Communion to Choir Loft.  
**7:30** Jill Morrissey– Holy Communion to Choir Loft.  
**10:00** Rick Singer, Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Phillip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 11 & 12**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,250.00  
Loose- \$213.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$438.96  
Ascension- \$236.00  
Bulletin Ads- \$1,225.00

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$212.40 ahead of our budget for the month of May.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$35.00

**Total- \$4,362.96**

**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>

Our First Holy Communicants with Fr. David, Fr. Bill and our Knights of Columbus, left to right, Barrett Wisenbaker, Lincoln Fosnaugh, Evan Howell, Landen Lautzenheiser, Fritz Miller and Danny Decker. A special *Thank You* to Kevin and Jessica Seago, Second Grade Catechists.



**ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

The St. Francis Summer Reading Program will begin the week-end of June 1st and 2nd and continue throughout the summer. A variety of books from different reading levels will be available for check-out. Our parish youth will have the chance to claim prizes as they work their way through these faith-filled books.



**From Death To New Life**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Carly Ann Scott, daughter of Duane and Kathy Scott, who passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024.

May 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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 - 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?