



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-FIRST 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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DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC: TERESA SMITH



Saturday, August 23

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, August 24

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Ed Bushee +

Monday, August 25

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 26

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 27

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Beth Kaiser +

Friday, August 29

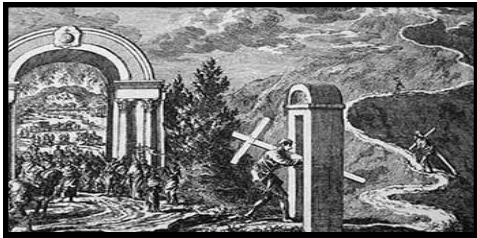
8:30 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith

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



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 25 - Weekday [21] - St. Louis;
St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - 1 Thes 1:1-5,
8b-10 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Mt 23:13-22
Tues., Aug. 26 - Weekday [21] - 1 Thes 2:1-
8 / Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 / Mt 23:23-26
Wed., Aug. 27 - St. Monica - 1 Thes 2:9-13 /
Ps 139:7-12b / Mt 23:27-32
Thurs., Aug. 28 - St. St. Augustine, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church - 1 Thes 3:7-13 / Ps
90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 / Mt 24:42-51
Fri., Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the
Baptist - 1 Thes 4:1-8 / Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-
12 / Mk 6:17-29
Sat., Aug. 30 - Weekday [21] - 1 Thes 4:9-
11 / Ps 98:1, 7-9 / Mt 25:14-30
Sun., Aug. 31 - Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Ps
68:4-7, 10-11 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a / Lk
14:1, 7-14

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 24, 2025

This weekend (August 23rd/24th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Having passed the midpoint of the liturgical year, we continue to walk with our Lord along the path of His final journey as recorded in St. Luke's account of the "travel narrative" (Luke 10-19). This journey of teaching and preaching brings our Lord ever nearer to Jerusalem, from where He will give His greatest sermon upon the Cross on Calvary Hill.

Though our readings do have a somber tone, the knowledge they share is profound and deeply relevant for our lives even today. In our Gospel reading, a bystander asks our Lord: "*Will only a few be saved?*" Jesus does not respond with a number, but, instead, a command: "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*" His point is clear: Salvation is God's free gift in Christ, but it is not something we can presume upon. This gift, once given, must be received with gratitude and faithfully lived out in our daily lives.

Our First Reading reveals God's plan to gather all nations together to Himself, foreshadowing the universal mission of the Church. The Second Reading reminds us that the trials we endure are not signs of abandonment but of God's fatherly love for us, shaping us in holiness. Seen in this light, the Gospel becomes both a sobering warning and a hopeful invitation: We are called to repent, persevere, and follow Christ with undivided hearts. The narrow gate may be difficult to enter, but it is the way that leads to eternal life.

MINISTRY FAIR

A special "**Thank You!**" to all of our parish ministry's who are represented at our Ministry Fair this weekend. The majority of these ministries represent our various ministries of service and community. We also have a number of other ministries in the parish that focus on the spiritual life and continuing our growth in knowledge of the faith.

As a part of our Parish Office Table, there was a fuller listing of our various ministries. As noted on the sheet itself, feel free to list your name and contact information and mark any ministries you would be interested in receiving more information about. If not already returned, simply place the ministry sheet in the Collection Basket and we will pass your information along.

In addition to this, the ministry sheet also included a space to suggest a ministry for our parish. If you feel called to help lead a group or ministry that is not already offered, please list it on the sheet so that I can contact you to learn more about the ministry and how we might be able to start it here.

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

The introduction to our **Discover Catholicism** Series begins on **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 or joining, please personally invite them to join us and consider joining us yourself!

RENOVATION UPDATE

This past Friday, we received the initial bid forms from the construction companies interested in leading our renovation project. Of the three companies we had been in discussions with, two submitted proposals. We will begin reviewing these submissions and forward them to our diocesan Finance Council for guidance. Once we select a bid, we will start working with that company to finalize the project specifics and timetable. More updates to come!

LABOR DAY

For your planning purposes, we will offer a special morning Mass for our upcoming **Labor Day** celebrations on **Monday, Sept. 1st at 9:00 AM**. If you are travelling next weekend for this final 'break' of the season, don't forget to include Mass in your plans, finding local Mass times with **MASSTIMES.ORG**.



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.

2025 PARISH DIRECTORY PICTURE MAKE UP DAY



Didn't have a chance to
get your picture for the
New Parish Directory?
There's still time!

PICTURE MAKE UP DATE

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



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Starting on **Monday, September 14th**, 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**

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., August 23** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Ministry Fair following 5:00 Mass
- **Sat., August 23** - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar - Following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall
- **Sun., August 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., August 24** - Ministry Fair following 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses
- **Tues., August 26** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 27** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 30** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 31** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., September 1 - Labor Day** - Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- **Mon., September 1 - Labor Day** - Parish Office Closed
- **Tues., September 2** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., September 3** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., September 3** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., September 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., September 5** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- **Sat., September 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30TH / 31ST



MASS
5:00 p.m. Teresa Smith
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith



Cantors
5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Carol Butler
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



Lectors
5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Monica Harris, Volunteer



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Volunteer, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of

Aug. 16th & Aug. 17th
Adult Envelopes- \$2,896.00
Loose- \$390.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$270.00
Donation/Bequest- \$450.00
Assumption- \$330.00
Cookbooks- \$20.00

Total- \$4,356.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$6,124.96 ahead of
our budget for the month
of August 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$1,075.0.0

*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



Sign in at **FORMED.ORG** with our Parish Code: **7N68MY**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KIRK CAMERON

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Before you speak....
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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