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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

THIRTY-SECOND 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

Confessions:

Tuesday: 8:30-9 AM

Wednesday: 6-6:45 PM

Saturday: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

Adoration:

Tuesday: 7-8 AM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM

First Friday: 9 AM-4 PM

STAFF

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What Keeps the Flame of Faith Alive?



PRAYER

Speak to God each day—and listen.

THE SACRAMENTS

Receive Christ in the Eucharist and his mercy in Confession.

CHARITY

Put love into practice through forgiveness, generosity, and service.

PERSEVERANCE

Remain faithful, even when prayer is difficult.

Saturday, November 7

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Bob & Barbara Whitacre

Sunday, November 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Coyne & Cotterman Families

Monday, November 9

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 10

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

8:00 a.m. Larry Rios

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

Wednesday, November 11

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

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Knight of Columbus, Fr. Aloysius Phillips Council 7555

Thursday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Brian Contreras

10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Retirement Community

Friday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Virginia Sympson

Saturday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Janis Lindzy +

Sunday, November 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27-29 / Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1-7 / Ps 23:1b-6 / Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Phlm 7-20 / Ps 146:7-10 / Lk 17:20-26

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4-9 / Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 / Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Weekday, 32nd *Week in Ordinary Time*
3 Jn 5-8 / Ps 112:1-6 / Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Ps 128:1-5 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8th, 2026

This weekend (November 7th/8th), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel reading reminds us of how near we are to the end of the liturgical year. This is why the bridegroom's words in the parable sound so harsh to the five foolish virgins. As the parable reminds us, all ten were invited, but it was only the indifference of the five that kept them from entering.

The closed door does not reveal a defect in the bridegroom's generosity. It reveals the seriousness of being prepared for a gift we cannot demand and an hour we cannot choose. Jesus ends this preaching with the command to **stay awake** because we do not know the day or the hour. That vigilance is more than avoiding sin or keeping ourselves busy. It means learning to desire the One who is coming.

If Jesus returned tomorrow, would his coming fulfill the deepest longing of our lives, or would some part of us first think of everything we had hoped to do before then? There is nothing wrong with loving the life God has given us or making plans for the future. But those loves should ultimately deepen our desire for him.

Sanctuary Stencilwork and Weekday Prayer

On Monday, we will welcome decorative artist Rick Fischer of **Deco Illusions** as he begins to prep the sanctuary for stencilwork. An alumni of Bishop Dwenger High School, Rick has 30+ years experience as a decorative artist and an extensive list of references from churches throughout our diocese. Some of his recent work includes St. Joseph in Garrett, Sts. Peter and Paul in Huntington, and the chapels at both Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers.

Rick will place scaffolding along the back wall of the sanctuary as he paints over the next three weeks. He hopes to complete the stencilwork by Thanksgiving. This will be the start of painting work, but the majority of the remaining work will wait till the needed repairs to the woodworking is completed. At this moment, we are still in discussions with ***Shawnee Construction*** to schedule an appropriate time for this extensive work.

Throughout the week, Rick will work around our weekday Mass and adoration schedule so that we can continue to use our sanctuary for our main liturgies. To allow for private prayer while he is painting in the sanctuary, however, we will once again turn our cry room into a makeshift "chapel" to reserve the Blessed Sacrament throughout the week. This balance will ensure that we always have space for private prayer as our renovation work continues.

All Saints Day and the Diocesan Synod

Thank you for the warm welcome that you showed Fr. Jordan DeGuire, OP, last weekend. And a special "Thank You!" to all of our volunteers who helped make our annual All Saints Day Party and Potluck possible! I wish that I was able to be with you, but I heard many wonderful comments about the fun afternoon together.

My time at the opening sessions of the diocesan synod were very interesting. We spent two days in nearly constant listening and discussion sessions as we reviewed the five topics of the synod: Catechesis, Evangelization, Vocations, Liturgy, and Outreach. These sessions were very similar to the synod sessions we held here at the parish last year.

In three weeks, we will gather again to conclude the diocesan synod. We will have one final working session on an additional topic added by Bishop Rhoades: Priest personnel. This is tied to the topic of vocations and is meant to look at the reality of how many priests are serving in our diocese and the number of parishes to which we minister.

Following this last session, we will then enter the "voting" portion of the synod. This portion will last a day and half and focus on a number of proposals put together by Bishop following all of the discussions and feedback that he has received, both from the individual parish sessions and this past synod session in Fort Wayne. Following the voting session, Bishop will then prepare his final document on the diocese synod. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

Our Love & Prayers Go Out to...

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Mike Holland, Matt Norris and Michael Abercrombie.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

November 14th 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lector- Ginny Fenstermaker
Cantor- Nichole Decker
EMHC- Dan Geimer
Servers- Sam/Andrew Smith, Danny Decker

November 15th 7:30 a.m. Mass
Lector- Abe Herr
Cantor- Teresa Smith
EMHC- Twilla Herr
Servers- Annie Herr, Ainsley Wagner, Liam Harris

November 15th 10:00 a.m. Mass
Lector- Jacque Johnson
Cantor- Colin Andrews
EMHC- Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm, Volunteer
Servers- Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

G.I.R.L.'S NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm - Parish Conference Room

We are thrilled to invite you to our monthly meeting, where we will dive deeper into the planning of our Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser scheduled for February 6, 2027. This meeting is a great opportunity to bring your creative ideas and collaborate with fellow members to ensure our event is as successful as possible. Whether you have been part of our planning team before or are new to the group, your input is invaluable.

All women of the parish are invited & welcome!

40TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

If you have not turned in your pledge cards, please do so before November 15th. Thank you!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Nov. 7 -** *Confession* 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m
- **Sun., Nov. 8** - Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 9 -** *No Public Mass*
- **Mon., Nov. 9** - *Children's Choir Practice*
- **Tues., Nov. 10** - *Adoration* 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / *Confession* 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 10 -** *G.I.R.L.'s Night Out* meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Nov. 11** - *Adoration* 6:00-7:00 p.m. / *Confession* 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 12** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at River Terrace Retirement Community
- **Thurs., Nov. 12** - *Discover Catholicism* 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Nov. 12** - *Adult Choir Practice* - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., Nov. 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / *Confession* 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 14** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 15** - Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 16** - *No Public Mass*
- **Mon., Nov. 16** - *Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st

Adult Envelopes - $3,389.00
Loose - $186.00
Repair / Rainy Day - $743.00
All Saints Day- $322.00
All Souls Day- $105.00
Votive Candles- $35.00
Paper Gator- $17.47
GNO books donation- $80.00

Weekend Total - $4,877.47

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - $311.00

Our weekly budget is $5,101.40

We ended **$223.93 behind** our budget for the week.

October Online Giving - $6,960.00. We ended **$3,257.20 ahead** of our budget for October 2026.

Oct. Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul- $150.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - OCT. 2026

Utilities - $321.67 / **Housing -** $600.00
Charitable Donations - $1,195.00
Total Donations for October 2026 - $2,116.67



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Tuesday, November 17th - 6:30 PM
Parish Social Hall
All are welcome
Supplies will be provided!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, November 22nd
after both 7:30 & 10:00 Masses
in the Parish Social Hall.
A Free Will Offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the Backpack Program.



DAILY ROSARY MEDITATIONS PODCAST



Come join us in offering a rosary for all souls. We will use the *Daily Rosary Meditations Podcast* which provides reflections on scripture, Church doctrine, Saints and much more. Please join us on November 24, 2026 at 6 pm in the Church; refreshments to follow in the Parish Social Hall.
A sign up sheet will be in the narthex.

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- St. Augustine

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