ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

THIRTY-THIRD 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

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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LET NO MAN SAY, I HAVE BUT ONE TALENT, AND CAN DO NOTHING.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Homily 78 on Matthew

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Saturday, November 14

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 +

Monday, November 16

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 17

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

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests

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

Wednesday, November 18

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

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

7:00 p.m. Rose Robinson +

Thursday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Larry Rios

10:30 a.m. Christian Care Retirement Center

Friday, November 20

8:30 a.m. *No Public Mass*

Saturday, November 21

8:00 a.m. *No Morning Mass*

5:00 p.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Sunday, November 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Ps 15:2-5 / Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Rv 4:1-11 / Ps 150:1b-6 / Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Weekday, 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Rv 5:1-10 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Weekday, 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Rv 10:8-11 / Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 / Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4-12 / Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 / Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15th, 2026

This weekend (November 14th/15th), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Entering the last two weeks of our liturgical year, our readings have a certain sense of finality to them. Yet, this finality is not meant to be seen as an ending, but a new beginning. Just as the old year gives way to the new, so the Christian life is always pushing us towards that movement from the old man to the new: From death to life.

"*Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.*" The reward Jesus describes is remarkable. The master does not relieve the faithful servant of responsibility. Instead, he gives him more, and that greater responsibility becomes a part of sharing in his joy. Christian joy is not always found in having less asked of us. Sometimes, God draws us more deeply into his work by trusting us with more.

This also helps clarify what Christian littleness means. Models such as **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** and **Blessed Solanus Casey** show the holiness of smallness. Though that which was entrusted to them in this life seemed little in all worldly ways, their lives have borne innumerable fruit over the past several decades. Even the littlest of work entrusted to us by God can be multiplied within the hidden and humble lives that we live.

Others receive five talents and are called to bear fruit on a larger scale. The third servant's failure comes from somewhere else. "*Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.*" We should ask whether some of what we call humility or prudence is really fear of failure, criticism, or responsibility. God does not ask everyone for the same fruit, but he does ask us to be faithful with what we have received.

STENCILWORK AND RENOVATIONS

The decorative artwork in the sanctuary has begun, as signalled by the scaffolding that has gone up. This week has focused on setup and preparatory work. On Wednesday, we reviewed the proposed colors for the stencils and I think the choices we came out with will beautifully match the sanctuary without overwhelming the space. The stencilwork is meant to be background decoration that helps to highlight the woodworking in the sanctuary.

As mentioned last weekend, stencilwork will continue around our weekday Mass and adoration schedule so that we can continue to use our sanctuary. To allow for private prayer while painting is ongoing, however, we've once again turned 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 renovation work continues.

In more general renovation news, we have received a new **Corrective Action Plan** from ***Shawnee Construction***. As we requested, this plan attempts to address the various concerns surrounding the millwork that were highlighted by our architectural team. Though it will be a time-consuming process, the plan seems to be a step in the right direction. The first phase is planning, identifying what type of work or repair is needed in each area.

SECOND SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

The second and final session of the diocesan synod will be this coming week, meeting Friday and Saturday in Fort Wayne. Please keep all delegates in prayer as we conclude this historic synod for our diocese, the first synod in one hundred years. After its completion, we will look to Bishop Rhoades to highlight the pastoral priorities that he has identified from this process to help guide the direction of our diocese for the years to come. ~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 21st 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector- Marita Crawfis
Cantor- Dan Lautzenheiser
EMHC- Larisa Sudhoff
Servers- Zoe Soto, Audrey Mechling, Landen Lautzenheiser

November 22nd 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector- Barb Ault
Cantor- Donna Geisel
EMHC- Beth Geisel
Servers- Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, James Mayer

November 22nd 10:00 a.m. Mass

Lector- Kris Call
Cantor- Adult Choir
EMHC- Kevin Seago, Rick Singer, Volunteer
Servers- Charlie/Louis Andrews, Andrew Smith



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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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*
- **Tues., Nov. 17** - *Adoration* 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / *Confession* 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 17 -** *Advent Wreath Making* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Nov. 18** - *Adoration* 6:00-7:00 p.m. / *Confession* 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 19** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 19** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at Christian Care Retirement Community
- **Thurs., Nov. 19** - *Discover Catholicism* 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Nov. 19** - *Adult Choir Practice* - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., Nov. 20** - *No Morning Mass*
- **Sat., Nov. 21** - *No Morning Mass or Confessions*
- **Sat., Nov. 21** - Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - *Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast* following both the 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of Nov. 7th & 8th
Adult Envelopes - $5,200.00
Loose - $339.25
Repair / Rainy Day - $911.43
All Saints Day- $50.00
All Souls Day- $125.00
Votive Candles- $6.00
Various Donations- $300.00

Weekend Total - $6,931.68

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - $315.00

Our weekly budget is $5,101.40

We ended **$1,606.35 ahead** of our budget for the week.

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!

To set up **Online Giving**
through *Our Sunday Visitor,*
VISIT:
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Scan the QR Code *on the right:* →

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.





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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us for Mass on Nov. 26th , Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closing at Noon on Nov. 25th and will be closed Nov. 26th & 27th.
There will be no Mass on Friday, Nov. 27th
There will be no Religious Education Classes on Nov. 29th.

Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday Weekend!

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It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."
- St. Augustine

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