

# ST JOSEPH PARISH

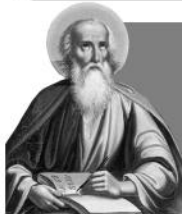
## INTERCESSION OF THE SAINTS

*“The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel.”*

Revelation 8:3-5

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (Para. 2638)

"The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, (Heb 12:1) especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were 'put in charge of many things.' (Mt 25:21) Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."



### ST. CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA

*The Stromata*, Book VII, Chapter 12 (A.D. 208)

“Though he pray alone, the true Christian has the choir of the saints standing with him in prayer.”

### ORIGEN OF ALEXANDRIA - *On Prayer*, Book XI (A.D. 233)

“But not only the high priest [Christ] alone prays for those who pray sincerely, but also the angels as also the souls of the saints who have already fallen asleep.”



### ST. CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE - *Epistle 56*, Para. 5 (A.D. 253)

“Let us remember one another in concord and unanimity. Let us on both sides of death always pray for one another. That if one of us shall go hence first, our love may continue in the presence of the Lord, and our prayers for our brethren and sisters not cease in the presence of the Father’s mercy.”

### ST. CYRIL, BISHOP OF JERUSALEM

*Catechetical Lecture 23*, Para. 9 (A.D. 350)

“Then [during the Eucharistic prayer] we make mention also of those who have already fallen asleep: first, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, that through their prayers and supplications God would receive our petition.”



Office #: (260) 824-1380 | Emergency #: (260) 296-0511 | [www.StJosephChurchBluffton.org](http://www.StJosephChurchBluffton.org)

Pastor: Fr. David Violi | Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton | Director of Sacred Music: Teresa Smith

----- (cut here) -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, February 13

#### - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +

### Monday, February 14

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, February 15

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. John Whitman +  
8:30 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, February 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

### Thursday, February 17

8:00 a.m. George O. Witwer +

### Friday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Lucila Santanilla +

### Saturday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, February 20

#### - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Matt & Jordan Morrissey Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Monica Harris Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, February 14 - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time -** Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop - Valentine's Day - Jas 1:1-11/ Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 15 -** Jas 1:12-18/ Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 16 -** Jas 1:19-27/ Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order -** Jas 2:1-9/ Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 18 -** Jas 2:14-24,26/ Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 19 -** Jas 3:1-10/ Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday, February 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -** 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 13, 2022

This week (February 12th/13th), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This also means that we are just under three weeks away from **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of our **Lenten season**. For your planning purposes, Masses will be offered on **Ash Wednesday** (March 2nd) at **7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM**. (For those not yet able to join us in person, the 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass will be live-streamed.)

Traditionally, this weekend was referred to as *Septuagesima Sunday*, marking a figurative “seventy days” until **Easter** and serving as a time of serious preparation for **Lent**. Though the penitential season of **Lent** itself had not yet begun, the Alleluia would be omitted prior to the Gospel and purple vestments were worn. These practices, however, were subdued with the introduction of **Ordinary Time** into the revised liturgical calendar.

Though *Septuagesima Sunday* has given way to **Ordinary Time**, the spirit of this preparatory period remains even still. This is reflected in our readings throughout these next three weekends, where each weekend highlights different aspects of the Christian life. In this way, we are challenged to discern where we are not fully living out a Christian life. And, in recognizing these areas, we begin thinking about how we will live and grow throughout the holy season of **Lent**.

## DID YOU KNOW? THE SAINTS AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Similar to our devotion and relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church has held dear to Her devotion and relationship with the Saints throughout the centuries. And, rightly so! The Saints are our brothers and sisters in Christ who now enjoy the Kingdom. They who have gone before us now support us along the way with their prayers and their friendship so that we too might one day join in the heavenly chorus, praising God together as one family for all eternity.

This relationship with the Saints again relies on a proper understanding of the difference between worship and prayer. Worship, in its truest sense, is adoration and is that which is given to God alone. Prayer, on the other hand, is a form of conversation and communication with another. In prayer, we can turn to God **and** to all those in union with Him. We adore God alone, but we can also give honor to and have a devotion towards those who are now with Him in Heaven for all eternity (*who are known as the Saints*).

Though the Saints have passed into eternity, they are not truly dead. As our Lord Himself reminds us, our God “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive” (Luke 20:38). As members of the one Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), we remain united to those who have gone before even now. As St. Paul reminds us, nothing, not even death itself, can separate us in Christ (Romans 8:38-39).

As with the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayer to the Saints does not bypass Jesus Christ. Instead, we go to Him through the Saints, asking them in our prayer, or conversation, to bring our intentions before the throne of Jesus in Heaven. Just as we turn to and ask our loved ones on earth to pray for us (cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Romans 15:30), so we also ask our heavenly brothers and sisters to pray for us as well. As St. James reminds us: “The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful” (James 5:16).

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## Recent Read: *Father Smith Instructs Jackson* by Archbishop John Francis Noll

Before serving as the fifth bishop of our diocese, Fr. Noll served as the pastor of St. Mary's in Huntington. There, he founded *Our Sunday Visitor*, the first national Catholic weekly publication, in response to anti-Catholic publications of his time. This book is a collection of articles first published in *Our Sunday Visitor* at the beginning in the early 1900s. Done in the format of a basic catechism, the collection offers a simple approach to teaching the Faith. It has been an excellent read alongside of our *Did You Know?* Campaign.

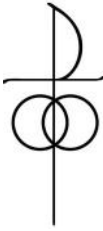


Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, and Gene Keys

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. & Mrs. Abe & McKenna Herr  
February 12, 2022

So they are  
no longer two,  
but one flesh.  
Therefore what  
God has joined together  
let no one separate.  
Matt 19:6



## FORMED Our Parish Code: 7N68MY



### AVA'S GRACE RETREAT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, OR INFANT LOSS

If you have lost a baby before or after birth, you are not alone. Come join others who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss for a daylong retreat, free of charge, to help face your grief in the context of fellowship and faith. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on the outskirts of Notre Dame's campus. Lunch will be provided. While this retreat is geared for couples, individuals are welcome as well. Sponsored by Marriage and Family Ministry. To register, contact Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org) or by calling 574-234-0687. For more information about ava's grace, the diocesan ministry to support families grieving the loss of a baby before or after birth, please visit [diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace](http://diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace).

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., February 12 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 13 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., February 15 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., February 15 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., February 15 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Wed., February 16 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., February 16 - Parish Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., February 17 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., February 19 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 20 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., February 22 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., February 22 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., February 23 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., February 24 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., February 26 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., February 26 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - Mardi Gras Celebration Wine/Cheese Tasting - 6:30-10:00 p.m.
- Sun., February 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., February 27 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

### WEEKEND OF February 19/20, 2022



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Marita Crawfis



**5:00** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Dan Geimer



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Chris/Laurie Reifsteck & Todd/Anjie Hartman Families



**5:00** Alex &/or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Kari Bedwell  
**7:30** Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle  
**10:00** Wyatt Girod, Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report February 5/6 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,002.00  
 Child Envelopes- \$0  
 Loose- \$279.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,131.35  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$250.00  
 Cd's - \$14.00  
 Funeral Donation - \$100.00  
 Sue Meyer Memorial - \$110.00  
 Greg Mayer Memorial - \$250.00  
**Total- \$5,136.35**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$19.95 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

Including the Online Giving from January of \$5,415.00, we ended \$8,914.36 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$115.00

St. Vincent de Paul Online Giving January - \$210.00

[osvonlinegiving.com/4741](http://osvonlinegiving.com/4741)

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - January

Housing - \$774.05  
Other Charitable Donation - \$———  
**Total Charitable Donations - \$**

*Thank you* for helping us help others!

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi



Knight of Columbus will host a blood drive Sunday, March 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Mark Your Calendar!

Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry, Friday, March 25th. Watch for more details!

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of David Black, father of Laurie (Tyler) Hoffacker, grandfather of Gabby, Olivia, Jacob and Delaney Hoffacker, who passed away Monday, February 7, 2022.



May God welcome David home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the

**Mariachi LOCO**  
 MEXICAN GRILL  
 1595 HARRISON PLZ  
 BLUFFTON, IN 46714  
 PHONE: 260-827-0616  
 FAX: 260-827-0625  
**Francisco Sanchez, Parishioner**



Awesome Hair  
 122 N. Johnson St.  
 Bluffton, IN  
**Carmie Anderson,**  
 parishioner



2155 N Main St (260) 824-9643  
 Interurban Park  
 Bluffton, IN 46714  
**Daniel's**  
 JEWELERS  
 Dan Geimer, Gemologist(GIA)  
 www.daniels-jewelers.net  
 Dan & Jane Geimer Parishioners

STRONGER TOGETHER  
**HELPING HANDS**  
 PREGNANCY • FAMILY • COMMUNITY  
 116 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton  
 260.824.4263  
 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-5pm  
 109 E. Huntington St., Montpelier  
 765.209.4614  
 Tuesday 10am-4pm & Friday 9am-4pm

**Jean Phelps,** (Parishioner)  
 M.A., NCC, LMHC, LCAC, CADAC, ICAC, CCDP-D  
 Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
 Individual, Marriage / Family Counseling  
 Addictions Counseling  
 Spiritual/Pastoral Counseling  
 Career Assessment/Counseling  
 260-824-9353  
 604 Greenbriar Drive, Bluffton, IN 46714

**The Grover Company**  
 Property Management  
 Fully Licensed and Insured  
 260-820-0638  
**Bret Grover**

GOODWIN - CALE & HARNISH  
 MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
 3320 East State Road 124  
 Bluffton, IN 46714  
 260-824-3852  
 Douglas L. Cale  
 Mitch Harnish


**DUNWIDDIE**  
 Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Inc.  
 702 W. Washington St. Bluffton, IN  
**(260) 824-1999**  
 • HEATING & COOLING (Service All Brands)  
 • PLUMBING • RADIANT FLOOR HEAT  
 Free Estimates • Insured • License No. - CP 89100065  
 The Professional's Choice

Sam Haiflich  
 Auctioneer/Broker  
**BKM**  
 Real Estate  
 Sam@bkmauction.com  
 1085 N. Main St. Cell: 260-740-7299  
 Bluffton, IN 46714 260-824-3982  
 260-622-1000  
**Sam Haiflich, Parishioner**  
 St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, IN




GORDON & ASSOCIATES,  
 P.C., Attorneys  
 Dan Gordon, Tony Crowell  
 Michelle Adler, David Anthony,  
 And Matt Hayes  
 260-824-9377  
**Dan Gordon, Parishioner**  
**Matt Hayes, Parishioner at**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**

**El Camino Real**  
 Authentic Mexican Food  
 2185 Commerce Dr.,  
 Bluffton - 565-3300  
 Juan & Rosa Ortiz,  
 Parishioners

Knights of Columbus  
 Father Aloysius Phillips Council  
 7555  



FAIRWAY FLOOR COVERING  
 Residential and Commercial  
 1503 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton  
 Charles Thompson  
 260-824-3049  
 Open- Monday - Friday, 8a-5p  
 Kris Thompson- 260-820-2333  
 Kent Thompson- 260-307-6584  
 Bekkee Thompson- 260-273-6354  
 Kris Thompson, Parishioner

EXPERIENCE  
**audiology**  
 "Hear what you've been missing."  
 2035 Commerce Drive, Suite 208  
 Bluffton, IN 46714  
 Phone: (260) 706-2558  
 Dr. Jennifer L. Wagner, Au.D.  
**Parishioner**

PRAY  
 THE  
 ROSARY  
 EVERYDAY  


**HOTT**  
 FAMILY DENTISTRY  
 Bartholome L. Hott  
 706 N. Main St, Bluffton, IN 46714  
 \* Taking New Patients  
 \* Emergency Exams Available  
 P: 260-824-2442  
 F: 260-824-8101

It's a child, not a  
choice...  
 Abortion does not make  
 you "un-pregnant", it  
 makes you the mother  
 of a dead child.



Grover Sheets, Wells  
 Veterans, American  
 Legion Post 111  
 111 W. Washington  
 Street, Bluffton, IN. 260-824-3815  
  
 Open to the Public  
 Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 a.m.  
 \*Lunch & Dinner Specials\*  
 Dine in or Carry Out!  
 All You Can Eat Breakfast  
 4th Saturday of each month.

**Chicks & a Roaster**  
 Catering  
 Call us for your next event!  
**Ginny 260-402-1834**  
**Michelle 260-307-6191**  
 Parishioners

Before you speak...  
**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?


**Serenity Acres**  
 260-827-7701  
 Family Owned, Kid Operated  
 Kody, Cassie & Ellie Coyne, Parishioners  
 SERENITYACRESINDIANA@GMAIL.COM

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.  
**Saint Augustine**

**Thoma/Rich, Lemler**  
 Funeral Home  
 Serving families in  
 Wells County for 162 years!  
 308 W. Washington Street • 260-824-3850

Spread *love*  
 everywhere you go.  
 Let no one ever  
 come to you  
 without leaving  
*happier.*  
 -St. Mother Teresa

Call 824-1380  
 to place your  
 ad here!

  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
 PRAY FOR US