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IN THE 1880'S SOME PRIESTS FROM EUROPE CAME TO BRING THE FAITH TO THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. CHARLES LWANGA LEARNED THE FAITH AND WAS BAPTIZED.



WHEN THE KING HAD SOME PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES KILLED THE CHIEF PAGE REPRIMANDED HIM, SO THE KING HAD HIM KILLED TOO.



ST. CHARLES LWANGA



CHARLES WAS MADE THE NEW CHIEF PAGE. HE SECRETLY TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE OTHERS.

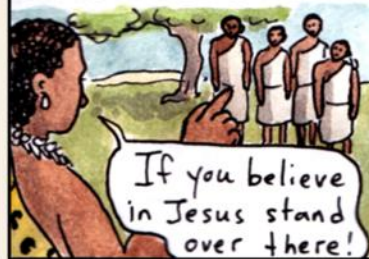


If he tells you to do a sin, find an excuse to leave.



HE ALSO PROTECTED THEM FROM THE SINFUL DESIGNS OF THE KING.

WHEN THE KING REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING HE CONDEMNED THE CHRISTIANS TO DEATH.



THEY WERE FORCED TO WALK 37 MILES, AND SOME WERE KILLED ON THE WAY.



AFTER BEING IMPRISONED FOR SEVEN DAYS, ON JUNE 3RD, 1886 THE CHRISTIAN PAGES WERE BURNED TO DEATH FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP THEIR FAITH.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, May 31

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, June 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased
members of the Duane
and Kathy Scott Families

Monday, June 2

No Public Mass

Tuesday, June 3

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, June 4

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. William Francis Dunn

Thursday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Judy Glenn

Friday, June 6

8:30 a.m. Emily Butler +

Saturday, June 7

No Morning Mass or Confession

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, June 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Ed Bushee +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., June 2 - Easter Weekday [7] - St. Sts Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs - Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b / Jn 16:29-33

Tues., June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs - Acts 20:17-27 / Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., June 4 - Easter Weekday [7] - Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b / Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs., June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Fri., June 6 - Easter Weekday [7] - St. Norbert, Bishop - Acts 25:13b-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab / Jn 21:15-19

Sat., June 7 - Easter Weekday [7] - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Ps 11:4-5, 7 / Jn 21:20-25

Sun., June 8 - Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 / Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - JUNE 1, 2025

This weekend (May 31st/June 1st), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. Traditionally observed on the **fortieth day of Eastertide**, the **Ascension** actually fell this past Thursday. However, in our diocese (*as in most of the United States*), the celebration is transferred to the nearest Sunday. This pastoral adjustment is meant to allow more of the faithful to come together in prayer as we reflect on this mystery of salvation history.

As described in our Collect for this morning's Mass, the **Ascension** reminds us that "*where the head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.*" Or, as St. Paul would say, "*our citizenship is in heaven*" (Ephesians 3:20). Yet, the **Ascension of the Lord** is followed by the descent of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost**, as we celebrate next Sunday. This means that, though heaven is our true homeland, right now our mission field is right here on earth.

PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS

Next weekend, you are invited to support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians through the annual **Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians**. On behalf of our diocesan seminarians, "*Thank You!*" for your generous financial support and your continued prayers for these, our future priests. Your "yes" in supporting our seminarians empowers their "yes" to responding to God's vocational call in their lives.

ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Next weekend (June 7th/8th), our annual **St. Francis Summer Reading Program** begins. This program, running from June through July, is meant to encourage our young parishioners to continue their religious formation throughout the summer by reading various faith-filled books. Books will be available in the Narthex starting next weekend and books can be checked out throughout the summer.

Those participating in the reading program will be able to claim prizes from the **Prize Box** throughout the summer. At the end of summer, the top readers in our various grade levels will be awarded special prizes, including **Chamber Bucks**, for their hard work. If you are willing to help hand out prizes from the **Prize Box** after Masses each weekend, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex after Masses this weekend.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are now accepting nominations for the two open seats on the **Parish Council**. Please see this weekend's bulletin insert for more details about the Council and the responsibilities of its members. I invite you to prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve or feel moved to nominate a fellow parishioner whose gifts would benefit our parish family.

Nominations are open through June 30th. Two names will then be chosen at random to fill the open seats (cf. Acts 1:26). Those selected will join our current Parish Council members (Lori Bender, Tyler Hoffacker, Tom Jackson, and Kevin Seago) when our meetings resume on Wednesday, August 13th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On **Sunday, June 22nd**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. Following the 10 AM Mass, we will hold our annual **Corpus Christi Procession** through the parish campus and into our local community. All are invited to join this sacred walk of witness—a reminder that we are a pilgrim people, journeying through this life in faithful pursuit of Jesus.

In a **Eucharistic Procession**, we follow the Lord physically, while also renewing our commitment to follow Him spiritually. By our participation, we give public witness to our faith and testify to our belief in His saving words: "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever*" (John 6:51). Come walk with us in faith and joy on Sunday, June 22nd, after the 10 AM Mass as we honor and testify to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd
Rosary at 6:40 PM in Church
 Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall.
 All men in the Parish are welcome!

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH
 6:00 - 7:00 PM



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—June 6th

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

*"The Best time you will spend on earth is
 with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting / Rosary at 6:40 p.m. / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., June 4** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- **Sat., June 7** - *No morning Mass or Confession*
- **Sat., June 7** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass
- **Tues., June 10** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 10** - GIRL's Night Out Women's Group - monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., June 11** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 14** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 17** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., June 18** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 19** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., June 19** - Youth Group Cedar Point Trip

Weekend of June 7th & 8th



5:00 p.m. David Smith
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp (Pentecost/Baccalaureate Mass)



5:00 p.m. Mike Dunn
7:30 a.m. Sarah McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Ellie Coyne



5:00 p.m. Michelle Paxton, Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Dale McCorkle, Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris, Jacque Johnson, Jeff Miller



5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 a.m. Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner,
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Phillip/James Mayer, Isaiah Bedwell

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 24th & 25th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,212.00
 Loose- \$291.66
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
 \$475.00
 Religious Education Fund-
 \$125.00
 Ascension- \$5.00
Total- \$3,108.66

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,765.26** behind our
 budget for the month of
 May 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
 \$884.00

*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>



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Cedar Point Trip

Thursday, June 19th — 8 AM to 9 PM

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **What is a Parish Pastoral Council?**

According to the Code of Canon Law, “a pastoral council is to be established in each parish; the pastor presides over it, and, through it, the Christian faithful, along with those who share in the pastoral care of the parish in virtue of their office, give their help in fostering pastoral activity.”

- **What is the goal of the Parish Pastoral Council?**

The primary goal of the pastoral council is to help every member of our parish family to grow together in holiness and achieve the fullness of the Christian vocation.

- **What is the purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council?**

The purpose of the pastoral council is to counsel and advise the pastor in the area of pastoral activities, to help the pastor identify any pastoral needs arising in the parish, and to assist him in planning pastoral programs and in improving already offered pastoral services.

- **When does the Parish Pastoral Council meet?**

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Joseph’s meets on the first Wednesday of each month, August through May, following the 7:00 PM Wednesday evening Mass for approximately 1 hour.

- **Who may I nominate for Parish Pastoral Council?**

Any registered and active parishioner of St. Joseph’s Church who are at least 18 years of age. You may nominate yourself or any other active parishioner who meets the above criteria.

- **I nominate the following individual(s) to serve on St. Joseph’s Parish Pastoral Council:**

Please return form either in the Collection Basket or to the Parish Office by June 30, 2025. Thank you!

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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



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