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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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**“IN BAPTISM,
THE SINNER
DIES AND THE
RIGHTEOUS
MAN IS BORN.”**

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

SERMONS ON THE SONG OF SONGS



Saturday, January 10

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Evelyn & Dale Morrissey +

Sunday, January 11

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +

Monday, January 12

No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 13

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

8:00 a.m. Joan Scheidler +

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

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

7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Tim & Debbie Glenn

Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Saturday, January 17

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. Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 18

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Joan Byanski +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 12 - Weekday [Week 1 in Ordinary Time] - 1 Sm 1:1-8 / Ps 116:12-19 / Mk 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 13 - Weekday [1] - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Sm 1:9-20 / (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d / Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 14 - Weekday [1] - 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 / Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 15 - Weekday [1] - 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Fri., Jan. 16 - Weekday [1] - 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps 89:16-19 / Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot - 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Ps 21:2-7 / Mk 2:13-17

Sun., Jan. 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 49:3, 5-6 / Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 11, 2026

This weekend (January 10th/11th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**. This day both marks the close of the **Christmas Season** and brings us into the **First Week of Ordinary Time**. Though there is a brief resurgence of **Christmas joy** on the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, marking the fortieth day since **Christmas**, we remain in **Ordinary Time** until the beginning of the **Lenten Season** on **Ash Wednesday**.

This transition to **Ordinary Time** should not, however, simply be seen as “filler” between our liturgical seasons. Moving into this season is not a step down from something more important; Instead, it is a step forward into the ordered life of the Church, where growth takes precedence over spectacle. Vestments and liturgical coverings transition to green, a color expressing continuity, stability, and the quiet endurance of life sustained by the Spirit.

Green is the natural color for this spiritual work. Growth in nature is rarely dramatic. It happens gradually, almost imperceptibly. Holiness follows the same pattern. If **Christmas** and **Epiphany** reveal who Christ is and **Easter** reveals what He has accomplished, then the green of **Ordinary Time** is where this revelation is lived. It is the color of a field under daily light, growing toward harvesttime not by quick spectacle, but by enduring faithfulness.

The term “**Ordinary Time**” itself is often misunderstood. It does not mean plain or insignificant. It comes from the word “*ordinal*,” referring to numbered weeks. These counted weeks provide structure and rhythm to the Church year. Without the intensity of a penitential season or the brilliance of a high feast, **Ordinary Time** gives space for the Gospel to be absorbed slowly, through repetition and habit, and take root in the heart.

GENERAL UPDATE: PARISH DIRECTORY

As an update on our parish directory, we are still working with **Universal Church Directory** in bringing this project to completion. When the two teams of photographers were with us earlier this year, they had taken a number of photographs of our campus for use in the directory. At the moment, we are waiting on the staff from **Universal Church Directory** to provide the full set of campus photographs which we can choose from for the directory.

Once these photographs have been selected, we will be able to submit all of the needed paperwork to move into the production of the directory. As a reminder, each parish family who had a photograph taken or provided their own photograph for the directory will receive a copy of the directory at no cost. Additional copies will be available for purchase in the Parish Office.

GENERAL UPDATE: PARISH RENOVATIONS

After initial planning meetings this past Monday, **Shawnee Construction** kicked off our renovation work at 7 AM this past Tuesday. These initial weeks are slated as “demolition” time, starting with the removal of any remaining carpet, tile, and glue to reveal the underlying concrete flooring in the Church. This will prepare the way for both the installation of a loop induction hearing system and laying the design work for the terrazzo flooring.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as the renovations are underway. With both the holy day and last weekend “*under our belts*,” we have seemingly transitioned very naturally into our temporary worship spaces. Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we’ve been able to add an additional fifty-five chairs into the Social Hall, increasing our seating capacity for our weekend liturgies to 180+. I won’t complain if we try to exceed that!

Our Conference Room “Chapel” is able to seat up to forty for our weekday Masses and weekly times of adoration. I encourage you, if able, to join us for these weekday times of Mass and prayer. Just as the Church space is being worked upon, so we should give the Lord a chance to work upon our hearts. This time of parish renovation is not only about restoring a sacred space, but about renewing the living temple of faith that gathers within it.

~In Christ, Fr. David



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

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

GIRL'S Night Out will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Gym.

All women of the parish are invited & welcome!



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SYNOD 2026

SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

OPENING PARISH PRAYER SESSION

Monday, January 26th from 6:00 –7:00 PM

PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

Monday February 9th from 6:00 –8:00 PM

Note: Childcare Provided for Listening Session

Location: Parish Social Hall / Temporary Church

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

5th Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Saturday, February 14th

6:00-9:30 PM

Tickets \$25

On sale starting Jan. 10th/11th Weekend

Proceeds to benefit:

Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp

Grace and Mercy

Wells County Food Bank

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 10** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 11** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 13** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Tues., Jan. 13** - *GIRL'S Night Out Women's* meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Gym.
- **Wed., Jan. 14** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 15** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Jan. 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Sat., Jan. 17** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- **Sat., Jan. 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 18** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 20** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Jan. 14** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 17TH & 18TH



MASS
5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Jill Morrissey
7:30 a.m. None needed
10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/Jackson Felber
10:00 a.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Jan. 3rd / 4th

Adult Envelopes - \$2,211.00

Loose - \$162.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$2,727.98

Holy Day Offerings- \$451.00

Restricted Donations- \$75.00

Total- \$5,626.98

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$510.58** ahead of
our budget for the month
of January 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund -
\$225.00

Online Giving for

December 2025 - \$6,200.00.

We ended the month **\$13,990.13**
ahead of our budget.

To set up Online Giving

through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:

www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton

or

Scan the QR Code on the right.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - DEC. 2025

Utilities - \$326.48

Housing- \$903.88

Total Donations for December - \$1,230.36

Thank you for helping us help others!



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Sunday, January 25th

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Before you speak....
THINK!

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