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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

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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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ADMIN. ASST. / DRE: MICHELLE PAXTON

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St. John Chrysostom
Paschal Homily

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession
 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
 5:00 p.m. Dorothy Huseman +

Sunday, April 19

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Petra (Bayne) Webber +

Monday, April 20

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 21

No Public Mass

Wednesday, April 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
 7:00 p.m. Bill & Georgia Johnson +

Thursday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Patricia Schaefer +

Friday, April 24

8:30 a.m. Dan N. Decker +

Saturday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession
 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
 5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

Sunday, April 26

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Jack Flaughter +
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 20 - Easter Weekday [3] -
 Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 /
 Jn 6:22-29

Tues., Apr. 21 - Easter Weekday [3] -St.
Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church -
 Acts 7:51—8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
 17, 21ab / Jn 6:30-35

Wed., April 22 - Easter Weekday [3] -
 Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a / Jn 6:35-40

Thurs., April 23 - Easter Weekday [3] -
St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop,
Martyr - Acts 8:26-40 / Ps 66:8-9, 16-17,
 20 / Jn 6:44-51

Fri., April 24 - Easter Weekday [3] -St.
Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr -
 Acts 9:1-20 / Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Jn 6:52-59

Sat., April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist - 1
 Pt 5:5b-14 / Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 / Mk
 16:15-20

Sun., April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Ps 23:1-6 / 1 Pt 2:20b-
 25 / Jn 10:1-10



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 19, 2026

This weekend (April 18th/19th), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Easter**. Having passed through the **Easter Octave**, this is a great reminder that **Easter** is not just a fleeting moment that passes us by, but forms one of the longest continuous seasons of the entire liturgical year. The length of **Eastertide** reminds us of the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a reality so deep in mystery that we spend several weeks simply reflecting on it.

Oftentimes, I think this season can give us a feeling of spiritual whiplash. To the secular world, **Easter** is but a day that quickly passes, if even observed at all. Yet, we are called to fifty days of celebration and rejoicing. It can seem very difficult to keep the joy of **Eastertide** present in our daily lives while we still live in this fallen world. Though meant to serve as a foretaste of heaven, like any food, too much too quickly can spoil our appetite for it.

These fifty days of **Easter**, then, are not meant to be rushed through, but savoured. The Resurrection is not something we comprehend after only one Sunday; It is a reality meant to reshape every day of our lives. So, do not let the reality of **Easter** pass you by. Instead, take the time to reflect upon it and the graces that we have and will receive throughout it. The tomb is empty, He has risen, and that is meant to change everything in our lives.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This afternoon, five of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Rhoades at a special afternoon Mass at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Decatur. Please keep these five parishioners in your prayers as they receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in faith, root them more deeply in Christ and His Church, and send them forth as bold witnesses to the Gospel.

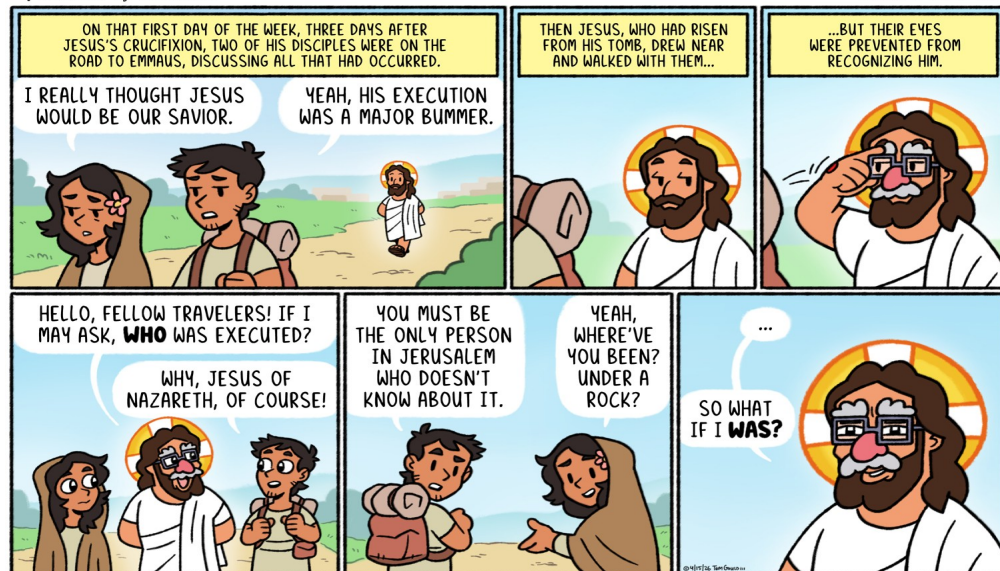
As a reminder, on Sunday, May 24th, Bishop Rhoades will also offer a Mass for adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. If you have not yet received this amazing Sacrament, consider doing so. To learn more about this event, please contact me at the Parish Office (260-824-1380).

NEW PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF INDIANA

The five bishops of the Indiana Catholic Conference have released a new pastoral letter, *Integral Ecology: A Sacramental Vision*. Addressed to all the faithful and people of goodwill, the letter reflects on the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and the deep connection between our faith and the world around us. All are invited to read and prayerfully reflect on this important teaching. Learn more at www.indianacc.org/ecology ~Fr. David

† **COMICS** by Tom Gould

Luke 24:13-21



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! THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thurs., April 23rd
6:30 PM
Fr. David Violi on
THE LITURGICAL YEAR

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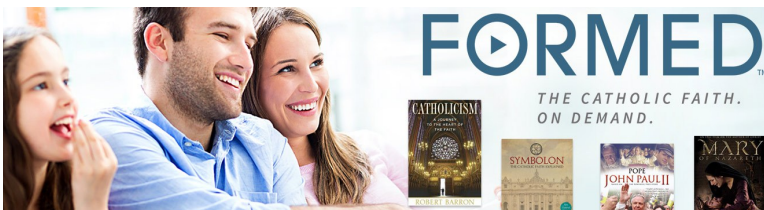


The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, April 23rd & 24th. The office will reopen on Monday April 27th at 9:00 a.m.



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Junior High/High School
June 21st - June 25th — 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6
June 22nd - June 26th — 9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.



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

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., April 18 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 19 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., April 19 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., April 19 - Confirmation Mass 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Decatur.
- Tues., April 21 - **No Public Mass Today**
- Wed., April 22 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- Thurs., April 23 - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- Thurs., April 23 - Parish Office Closed Today
- Thurs., April 23 - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., April 24 - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- Fri., April 24 - Parish Office Closed Today
- Sat., April 25 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., April 25 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., April 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., April 26 - Last Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., April 28 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- Wed., April 29 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- Thurs., April 30 - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- Thurs., April 30 - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., May 1 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Confession 3:00-3:45 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- Sat., May 2 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., May 2 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 3 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF APRIL 25TH & 26TH



Mass Cantors
5:00 p.m. Nichole Decker
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



5:00 p.m. Stacey Coulardot
7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. N/A
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Wendy Stout, Kendra Davis



5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling Danny Decker
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, JT/Wyatt Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of April 11th & 12th

Adult Envelopes - \$5,507.00
Loose - \$206.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,347.86
Religious Education Fund- \$125.00
Donations/Parish Needs- \$200.00
Donations/Renovations- \$160.00

Total - \$7,545.86

Donation from Knights of Columbus to St. Joseph Youth Group for Camp Damascus - \$1,800.00

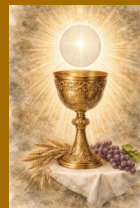
Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,020.06 ahead of our budget for the month of April 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$320.00

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

To set up Online Giving through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit: www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton or Scan the QR Code on the right:



Please remember these young boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, May 3rd.

Jacob
Son of Joe and Kary Ault

Kylie
Daughter of Jeremy and Vanessa Mayer

Aspen
Daughter of Quinten and Brittany Poper

Preslee
Daughter of Quinten and Brittany Poper

Ian
Son of Francisco and Maria Cuautle Sanchez

Adeline "Addie" Valenti
Daughter of Tony and Janelle Valenti

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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

