

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**DOMINIC SAVIO WAS BORN IN 1842 TO A PEASANT FAMILY IN ITALY. HE BECAME AN ALTAR BOY WHEN HE WAS ONLY FIVE.**

**DOMINIC LOVED GOD AND WANTED TO BECOME A PRIEST.**

*First I will have to go to school...*

**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**

**WHEN HE WAS 12 DOMINIC LEFT HIS FAMILY TO GO TO ST. JOHN BOSCO'S SCHOOL.**

*We will miss you, Dominic!*

*You'll have to throw the first stone at me.*

**HE WAS A GOOD STUDENT AND STOPPED FIGHTS BETWEEN OTHER BOYS.**

**WHEN HE SAW SOME BOYS LOOKING AT BAD MAGAZINES HE TOOK THEM & TORE THEM UP.**

*RIP*

*You know looking at them will stain your soul!*

**DOMINIC FELL SICK WHEN HE WAS 14 AND WAS SENT HOME.**

*Goodbye!*

*Hopefully he'll be better in a few weeks.*

**BUT INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER, DOMINIC GOT SICKER. HE RECEIVED THE LAST SACRAMENTS AND DIED BEFORE HE WAS EVEN 15.**

*Goodbye, Dad... Oh, what wonderful things I am seeing!*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 9, 2025

### Saturday, March 8

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. Dale Morrissey +

### Sunday, March 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members  
of the Jeff & Jennifer Burns Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, March 10

No public Mass

### Tuesday, March 11

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

### Wednesday, March 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Richard Dunn +

### Thursday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Lee & Lucille Wahman +

### Friday, March 14

8:30 a.m. David Paul Butler +

### Saturday, March 15

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. Living & Deceased members  
of the Stan & Phyllis Makowski Family

### Sunday, March 16

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Duane & Kathy Scott Family



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday** - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8-10,15 / Mt 25:31-46

**Tues., Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday** - Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 / Mt 6:7-15

**Wed., Mar. 12 - Lenten Weekday** - Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32

**Thurs., Mar. 13 - Lenten Weekday** - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 / Mt 7:7-12

**Fri., Mar. 14 - Lenten Weekday** - Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-8 / Mt 5:20-26

**Sat., Mar. 15 - Lenten Weekday** - Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Mt 5:43-48

**Sun., Mar. 16 - Second Sunday of Lent** - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 / Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

This weekend (March 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **First Sunday of Lent**. And so begins our **Lenten journey**. The celebration of **Lent** itself dates back to at least the *Council of Nicaea* in AD 325, though the practice of fasting in preparation for Easter finds its roots in the Apostolic Age. This was initially asked only of those desiring to enter into the Church each year, but, over time, this period of preparation for **Easter Sunday** was adopted for the benefit and at the request of the Faithful.

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS - STARTING TUESDAY AT 6 PM

First popularized in the 17th Century, **Lent** would rarely pass by without parishes offering a special devotion to "**The Seven Last Words**." This devotion reflects upon the seven final words, or sayings, of Jesus from upon the Cross as recorded in the Sacred Scriptures. These seven sayings focus on themes of: Forgiveness, Salvation, Relationship, Abandonment, Distress, Triumph, and Reunion. In them, we are able to join our Lord at the foot of the Cross.

We will be reviving this devotion on Tuesdays over the next several weeks of **Lent** in the Parish Conference Room. Joining with Dr. Scott Hahn from the St. Paul Center and the Floriani Music Society, we will weekly engage with a beautifully produced reflection into the love our Savior as revealed on the Cross. After the reflection, we will have a time for discussion and prayer.

Our first evening of reflection is this **Tuesday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. We will focus on the first of the seven last words: "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34).

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This week, our parish will join parishes throughout our diocese for the annual "**The Light Is On For You**" Campaign. On **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, every parish in our diocese will be offering **Confessions from 6:00-8:00 PM**. A special "**Thank you!**" to Fr. Bill Sullivan who will be hearing confessions for us during this time. (**Reminder: Our weekly Confession times are Tues. from 8:30-9:00 AM, Wed. 6-6:45 PM, and Sat. 8:30-9:00 AM and 4-4:45 PM.**)

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

This Wednesday (March 12<sup>th</sup>), our normal 6:00-7:00 PM Holy Hour will be a special Praise and Worship Holy Hour led by our Youth Group. Following the great experience that many of our youth had at **Camp Damascus** this past summer, several have volunteered to help lead music for a monthly holy hour. A special "**Thank You!**" to Nick, our Engagement Director, for helping to organize this effort on behalf of our youth.

### MASS SETTINGS - MASS OF OUR LADY

As part of our parish's preparation for **Easter**, we will be learning a new Mass Setting throughout **Lent** for use in the **Easter Season**. A Mass Setting are the sung parts of the Mass, often sung using the same tune so as to express the unity of the whole liturgy from beginning to end. To introduce this new setting, we will "sing through" a different part before Mass each weekend during **Lent**. By **Easter Sunday**, we will have sung the entire setting.

This new Mass Setting is called "**The Mass of Our Lady**." It was written by Steve Warner and Karen Schneider-Kirner, whom composed the setting together in 2012 while co-leading the *Notre Dame Folk Choir* in South Bend. Given this connection to Notre Dame, the setting is already widely used in parishes throughout the South Bend-side of our diocese and has continued to spread to parishes in the Fort Wayne-side over the years.

This has been a setting that I had hoped we'd introduce to our parish for some time, both due to its familiarity in parishes throughout our diocese and its beautiful simplicity. The tune itself is very joyous and uplifting and, musically, very accessible to all (*myself included!*). Sadly, due to differing publishing houses, this setting is not in our hymnals. As such, we'll include a printed insert with the Mass Setting within our hymnals come **Easter**.



**March 11th**  **6-8:00 PM**

# The Light is On For You

*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**LENTEN DEVOTION: "The Seven Last Words"**  
 Join us for our Lenten Devotional Series beginning on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.** The series will continue each Tuesday evening of Lent through Holy Week. During Holy Week, we will meet from 6:00-7:00 PM on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Join us for soup and fellowship**  
**Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from**  
**6:00-6:45 PM**  
**in the Parish Social Hall.**  
**Stations of the Cross at**  
**7:00 PM in Church.**



**Soup  
Supper**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 8** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 9** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Mar. 10** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 11** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 11** - The Light is on For You - 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Church, and at any Parish in the Diocese.
- **Tues., Mar. 11** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 11** - *GIRL'S NIGHT OUT* Women's Group monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 12** - Praise & Worship Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 12** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 13** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Mar. 14** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 14** - Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 14** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 15** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 16** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Mar. 17** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 18** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 18** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 19** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

### Weekend of March 15th & 16th



**5:00** David Smith  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



**5:00** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** Volunteer  
**7:30** Dale or Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Larisa Sudhoff, Tammi Helm, Jeff Miller



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Philip/Angela/James Mayer  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Dominic Bedwell

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of

**March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Adult Envelopes- \$4,512.00  
 Loose- \$295.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
 \$1,700.99  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00  
 Hall Rent- \$50.00  
 Donation/Bequest- \$1,200.00  
 Easter Flowers - \$20.00  
 Reimbursement Verdin Co.-  
 \$1,502.00  
**Total- \$9,404.99**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$4,288.59 ahead of our budget for the month of March 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$955.00

Online Giving for February -  
\$6,880.00. We ended the month  
\$10,442.66 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de  
Paul Fund for February - \$335.00

*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>

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - February 2025

Housing - \$879.37  
 Utilities - \$176.19  
 Other Assistance - \$1,500.00  
**Total Charitable Donations - \$2,555.56**

*Thank you* for helping us help others!

let's get cookin'

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Don't forget to submit your favorite recipes for the 150th Anniversary Parish Cookbook. You may fill out the online form at [www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org](http://www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org) Recipes will be collected through March 16<sup>th</sup>



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 AFTER 6:00 PM MASS  
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 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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**St. Francis of Assisi**


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**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



Before you speak...  
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