



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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LET US  
LEARN TO  
SUFFER  
WITH  
CHRIST,  
THAT WE  
ALSO BE  
GLORIFIED  
WITH HIM.

St. John Chrysostom  
Homily on Romans 8

## Saturday, March 21

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, March 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Fourth Grade Religious Education Class

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Petra (Bayne) Webber +

## Monday, March 23

*No Public Mass*

## Tuesday, March 24

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

8:00 a.m. Tim & Judy Glenn

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

## Wednesday, March 25

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

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

7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Joseph Beckman Family

## Thursday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Makowski +

## Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Lee & Lucille Wahman +

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, March 28

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. The Mayer Family

## Sunday, March 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22, 2026

This weekend (March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**. Traditionally, this weekend was also known as **Passion Sunday** as it entered us into **Passiontide**, the period that marks the last two weeks of **Lent**. This time is most notably recognized by the practice of veiling the statues and crucifixes within the Church for the remainder of the **Lenten season**.

This practice of veiling sacred images serves as a visual reminder that these last two weeks of **Lent** are meant to focus our attention on the passion and death of Christ. Fasting even from good things helps to heighten our senses by making us more aware of what is missing. In a similar fashion, the suppression of the *Alleluia* during **Lent** reminds us that we are in exile from our true homeland, Heaven, where the angels sing *Alleluia* without ceasing.

Such visual and aural fasts build within us a longing for **Easter Sunday**. When the images are unveiled and the *Alleluia* returns at the **Easter Vigil**, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled and fallen world. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection; He raises us up through our Baptism. For this reason, the **Easter Vigil** is, first and foremost, a baptismal liturgy, raising the Elect to new life in Christ and reminding us of our baptismal promises.

### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION—MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 10 AM MASS

Next weekend, we will celebrate the blessing of palms at every Mass. At the 5 PM and 7:30 AM Masses, we will begin at the back of the Church for the blessing of palms. At the 10 AM Mass, we will begin outside of the Parish Offices and join together in procession into the Church in commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. (*In case of rain, the procession at the 10 AM Mass will begin downstairs in the Parish Gym.*)

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE—MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM

**Passiontide** serves as the Church's final preparation before we enter into the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. Entering into these final weeks of **Lent**, the Church also encourages us to prepare our hearts through the Sacrament of Confession. **Lent** is a privileged time of conversion and the grace of the Sacraments will help us enter more deeply into the mysteries of **Easter**.

As part of our **Easter** preparations, please join us for our **Parish Penance Service on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Parish Social Hall/Church**. Several confessors will be available for individual confession throughout the hour. Due to the ongoing renovations, our Religious Education classrooms in the basement will be used as temporary confessionals.

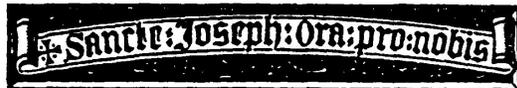
### PARISH RENOVATIONS—GENERAL UPDATE

Our parish renovations continue to move forward in a timely fashion. Over the next two weeks, **Dancer Flooring** is on schedule to finish the work on the terrazzo floor in both the nave and the narthex. This includes completing the several intricate medallions in the nave and a baptismal motif placed in the narthex to "anchor" our baptismal font as the entryway into the Church.

Once the terrazzo flooring is completed, we will return the pews to the nave. Before reinstalling them, however, we will be taking advantage of the open space to complete several smaller projects and updates that are much easier to perform with the pews removed. This will include such things as changing lightbulbs to removing outdated and unused speaker equipment in the nave.

Once the pews are reinstalled, **Shawnee Construction** will partition off the Sanctuary from the rest of the Church with a dust barrier. This will allow us to return to the Church for weekend Masses while construction in the Sanctuary continues throughout the weekdays. As of this moment, we are planning to return to the Church the second weekend of April, or **Divine Mercy Sunday**. More information to come as progress continues. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

**Note:** If you will be travelling during Spring Break, [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) is a great resource to help find Mass times throughout the country for our Sunday obligation.



#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Mar. 23 - Lenten Weekday [5] - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Ps 23:1-6 / Jn 8:1-11**

**Tues., Mar. 24 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Nm 21:4-9 / Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 / Jn 8:21-30**

**Wed., Mar. 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38**

**Thurs., Mar. 26 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-9 / Jn 8:51-59**

**Fri., Mar. 27 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-7 / Jn 10:31-42**

**Sat., Mar. 28 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Ez 37:21-28 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13 / Jn 11:45-56**

**Sun., March 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Mt 21:1-11 (procession) / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54**



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.



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL



**PARISH Penance SERVICE**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> - 6:00-7:00 PM**



**CHRISM MASSES**  
WITH BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

**FORT WAYNE: TUESDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM**  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Mar. 21** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 22** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 23** - Youth Choir practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (Church).
- **Tues., Mar. 24** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Mar. 25** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Mar. 26** - Discover Catholicism - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- **Thurs., Mar. 26** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (Church).
- **Fri., Mar. 27** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 27** - Soup Supper - 5:30-7:00 p.m. / Lenten Prayer 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the gym.
- **Fri., Mar. 27** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (Church).
- **Sat., Mar. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- **Sat., Mar. 28** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 29** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 30** - Lenten Penance Service - 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>**



**CANTORS**

**MASS Cantors**  
**5:00 p.m.** Teresa Smith  
**7:30 a.m.** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00 a.m.** Jay Crisp



**LECTORS**

**5:00 p.m.** Stacey Coulardot, Marita Crawfis  
**7:30 a.m.** Barb Ault, Christie Felger  
**10:00 a.m.** John Vanderkolk, Patti Clark-Johnson  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**



**Extraordinary Ministers**

**5:00 p.m.** Larisa Sudhoff, Laurisa Roper, Volunteer  
**7:30 a.m.** Beth Geisel, Twilla Herr  
**10:00 a.m.** Wendy Stout, Kendra Davis, Tammi Helm



**Altar Servers**

**Servers**  
**5:00 p.m.** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30 a.m.** Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger, Annie Herr  
**10:00 a.m.** Charlie Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT**

<b>Weekend of Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40</b>
Adult Envelopes - \$5,756.25	We are <b>\$4,067.49</b> ahead of our budget for the month of March 2026.
Loose - \$202.00	St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$939.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$381.00	
Memorials -Parish Needs- \$500.00	
Easter Flowers - \$621.00	
NDFCU- \$2,500.00	
<b>Total- \$9,960.25</b>	

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**Thank you!**

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**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK**



**SUNDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FOLLOWING THE**  
**10:00 MASS IN THE**  
**PARISH GYM**

**Save THE date**

**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

**Junior High/High School**  
**Sun., June 21<sup>st</sup> - Thurs., June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Grades 1-6**  
**Mon., June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri., June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.**

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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