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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

STAFF

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HAVE GOD
AS FATHER
WHO DOES
NOT HAVE
THE CHURCH
AS MOTHER.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

De Catholicae Ecclesiae Unitate, 6 (AD 251)

Saturday, May 9

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

5:00 p.m. Lugene "Gene" Keys +

Sunday, May 10

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +

Monday, May 11

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 12

No Public Mass

Wednesday, May 13

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

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

7:00 p.m. Julayne Miller

Thursday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Tim & Debbie Glenn

Friday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Georgia Johnson +

Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

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

5:00 p.m. Jim Timmerman +

Sunday, May 17

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
Hogan & Hoffman Families



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 11 - Easter Weekday [6] -

Acts 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tues., May 12 - Easter Weekday [6] -Sts.

Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, St. Pancras, Martyr - Acts 16:22-34 / Ps 138:1-3,

7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11

Wed., May 13 - Easter Weekday [6] -Our

Lady of Fatima - Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 /

Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 / Jn 16:12-15

Thurs., May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle -

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Ps 113:1-8 / Jn 15:9-17

Fri., May 15 - Easter Weekday [6] -St.

Isidore - Acts 18:9-18 / Ps 47:2-7 / Jn 16:20-23

Sat., May 16 - Easter Weekday [6] - Acts

18:23-28 / Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 / Jn 16:23b-28

Sun., May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord

- Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2026

This weekend (May 9th/10th), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. Our readings are both anticipating and preparing us for the coming **Solemnity of the Ascension**. Having reflected on the divine love of the Resurrection, we are now moving towards the **Ascension**. Marking forty days after **Easter**, this coming solemnity serves as a reminder that the Resurrection was not the end of **Easter**, but only the beginning.

At the start of this joyous season, we highlighted how the *Easter liturgy* was first and foremost baptismal in nature. At the **Easter Vigil**, our Elect passed through the waters of baptism to become members of the Body of Christ. Regenerated in those saving waters, they entered into the death of Christ and rose to new life with Him. Just like **Easter**, baptism is just the beginning of our life in Christ. It does not end there; It is directed towards heaven.

In the coming **Ascension**, we will celebrate the God-Man arising to the right hand of the Father and opening the gates of eternal life to all men. Ten days following the **Ascension**, we celebrate **Pentecost** and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit to enliven the Church, the Body of Christ. These mysteries of salvation lived out in the life of our Lord are now being lived out in our own lives. Christ prepared the way so that we might walk it now with Him.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We wish a **Happy Mother's Day** to all of the mothers of our parish! Whether the mother of a child, grandmother, adoptive mother, aunt, godmother, spiritual mother, and all those who share in any way in the vocation of motherhood, know of our love and gratitude for you! In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Leo: "*May every mother feel the Church's embrace, and may their sacrifices be recognized as seeds of holiness.*"

After Mass this weekend, we have a special gift of carnations to give to the women of our parish as a sign of our love and gratitude for you. Thank you for your presence in our lives and for how you live out, in your own God-given way, the great gift of motherhood in our lives. These carnations help support women throughout our area as a donation has been made for them to support **Northeast Indiana Right to Life** from our **St. Vincent de Paul Fund**.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

As you may have noticed, we have paused the distribution of the Most Precious Blood at our 10 AM Sunday Masses since returning upstairs to the Church. Given how tight a space we are in with our makeshift "sanctuary", there are no clear spaces to safely distribute the Most Precious Blood that wouldn't overly congest the area during the distribution of Holy Communion.

We will resume distribution of the Most Precious Blood at 10 AM Sunday Masses after our renovation project is complete. As a reminder, we are in need of volunteers to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and **Lectors** for all of our weekend liturgies. If you feel called to either of these ministries, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HELPING HANDS

As you leave this weekend, you are invited to take a **Baby Bottle** home with you. This annual fundraiser supports **Helping Hands**, one of our local family and pregnancy resource centers. Baby Bottles can be taken home and filled with change, dollar bills, and/or checks. (*Please make checks payable to "Helping Hands"*). Baby Bottles can be returned in the collection basket or to the Parish Office by Father's Day (June 21st) in support of this good cause.

GRADUATION MASS

On Sunday, June 14th, at the 10 AM Mass, we will celebrate our annual **Graduate's Mass** for our graduating High School Seniors. If you have a high school senior who is graduating and would like to be honored at this Mass, please contact the Parish Office for more information. ~In Christ, Fr. David

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

GIRL'S Night Out will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in the 8th grade Religious Education Classroom.

All women of the parish are invited & welcome!

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.

TWO HOST HOMES NEEDED

We will need 2 Host Homes from June 20th - 25th for our four *Totus Tuus* Summer Missionaries.

If interested in serving as a host home, please call the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 9** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 12** - *No Public Mass*
- **Tues., May 12** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Meeting - 7:00 p.m. *in the 8th grade classroom.*
- **Wed., May 13** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 14** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 15** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 19** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., May 20** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 21** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 23** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 25** - *Memorial Day* - Parish Office Closed

WEEKEND OF MAY 16TH & 17TH



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Nichole Decker
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Marita Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel
10:00 a.m. Wendy Stout



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Danny Decker
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Liam Harris
10:00 a.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Andrew Smith

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd
Adult Envelopes - \$4,227.00
Loose - \$380.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,207.43
Rel. Education Fund - \$150.00
Donation- Parish Needs - \$2,000.00
Donation - \$200.00
Paper Gator - \$22.97
Ascension - \$5.00
Total - \$8,192.40

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,076.00** ahead of our budget for the month of May 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

Online Giving for April 2026 - \$6,395.00.

We ended the month of April **\$7,573.09** ahead of our budget.

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:



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - APR. 2026

Utilities - \$362.15

Housing - \$757.78

Charitable Donations - \$400.00

Total Donations for March - \$1,519.93

Thank you for helping us help others!

HELPING HANDS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
Mother's Day- May 10th through Father's Day- June 21st
Please take a baby bottle and fill it with loose change, cash or a check (*made payable to Helping Hands*).
You may return the bottle anytime to the Parish Office.

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 - St. John Paul II



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 h - is it helpful?
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