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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 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

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

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SAVE THE DATE + PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4**
AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS

**Food • Games •
Fellowship • Fun**



Saturday, September 19

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

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
Steve & Sherry Makowski Family

Sunday, September 20

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert
Bates +

Monday, September 21

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 22

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

8:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 23

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

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

7:00 p.m. Ron Smith +

Thursday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Stephanie Robinson +

Friday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Julayne Miller

Saturday, September 26

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

5:00 p.m. Joe & Edith Baur

74th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 27

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle
and Evangelist - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Ps
19:2-5 / Mt 9:9-13

Tues., Sept. 22 - Weekday [25] - Prv 21:1-
6, 10-13 / Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 / Lk
8:19-21

Wed., Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest - Prv 30:5-9 / Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101,
104, 163 / Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., Sept. 24 - Weekday [25] - Eccl 1:2
-11 / Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc / Lk 9:7-9

Fri., Sept. 25 - Weekday [25] - Eccl 3:1-
11 / Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 / Lk 9:18-22

Sat., Sept. 26 - [Weekday 25] Sts. Cosmas
and Damian, Martyrs - Eccl 11:9—12:8 /
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 / Lk 9:43b-45

Sun., Sept. 27 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Ez 18:25-28 / Ps 25:4-9 /
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr,
Holland, Matt Norris, and Michael Abercrombie.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

This weekend (September 19th/20th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings confront our instinct to measure God's generosity by our own bookkeeping. Yet, God's grace refuses to be treated as an earned wage. It is, instead, a gift given freely by God. As we see in our readings, this is truly for the best as God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours as we still struggle to understand grace and put aside envy.

40TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Starting this past week, every registered parish household has or will have received a letter from Bishop Rhoades to "kick-off" the **40th Annual Bishop's Appeal**. This year's theme, *United in Mission*, highlights how we are united in our mission to spread the fire of God's love, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in our diocese. This includes through our charitable outreach, which extends beyond our own parish and aids those both near and far.

This annual diocesan appeal helps to fund various ministries and outreaches throughout the fourteen counties that make up our diocese, including support of parishes, seminarian education, and Catholic Charities. **Our 40th Annual Bishop's Appeal Goal this year is: \$37,414.64.** All donations above our parish goal will be returned directly to our parish. To learn more about the appeal or to make a donation online, visit: www.diocesefwsb.org/aba

BEATIFICATION OF VEN. FULTON SHEEN

On Thursday (Sept. 24th), **Venerable Fulton Sheen** will be beatified at a special Mass in St. Louis, Missouri. The Mass itself will take place in the Dome at America's Center, the former stadium for the St. Louis Rams, and is expected to have over 80,000 faithful in attendance. Sheen was often referred to as "*America's Bishop*" due to the great popularity of his radio and television personality as he hosted "*Life is Worth Living*."

In the back of church, we have cards to commemorate this special occasion with a prayer seeking the intercession of **Blessed Fulton Sheen**. Addressed to God the Father through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, the prayer praises God as the "source of every blessing." It then gives thanks for the witness of **Bl. Sheen's** earthly life and asks that he may continue to glorify God in heaven by joining his prayers to ours for our particular intentions.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE DISPLAY

In anticipation of the start of the annual **Forty Days for Life** Campaign on Wednesday (Sept. 23rd), our **Knights of Columbus** set up our parish's annual display. This display serves as a visual reminder of our continued need to support and pray for the unborn and all those affected by abortion in Wells County, uniting in a special way with many groups over these next forty days.

PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE - THE END IS NIGH!

On Monday, our Shawnee team will be removing the dust screen hanging from the ceiling. This means that the majority of painting, spraying, and cutting that can create dust is completed. As there is still some electrical and millwork to be completed in the sanctuary, our red curtains will remain until we have full use of the sanctuary the weekend of our parish picnic on Oct. 4th. After so many delays, we are excited to soon be back in our sanctuary!

STUFF-THE-TRUCK - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The weekend of our Parish Picnic (October 3rd/4th), we will be partnering with the **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Decatur** for a "*Stuff-the-Truck*" event. This event helps to support the **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Ministry** of our neighboring parish, St. Mary of the Assumption, in nearby Decatur, to provide clothing and furniture for those in need. There will be a bulletin insert next weekend with more information regarding donations, what is being asked for, etc....

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

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THURSDAYS 6:30 | 8:00 PM | PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY, OCT. 3RD • NOON
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, October 4
after the 10:00 Mass

sign up sheet in the narthex

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Sept. 19 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Mass 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Pointe Retirement Center in Warren, Indiana with the Sisters of Victory Noll
- Mon., Sept. 21 - *No Public Mass*
- Tues., Sept. 22 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Sept. 23 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 24 - Mass 10:30 a.m. - River Terrace Retirement Center, Bluffton
- Thurs., Sept. 24 - *No Discover Catholicism*
- Fri., Sept. 25 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 26 - *No 8:00 a.m. Mass or Confession*
- Sat., Sept. 26 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 27 - Religious Education - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 28 - *No Public Mass*

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH



CANTORS

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Nichole Decker
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Colin Andrews



LECTORS

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer

Servers



Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Audrey Mechling, Danny Decker, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene / Anna Lynn / Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of Sept. 12th & 13th

Adult Envelopes - \$4,299.00
Loose - \$264.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$647.43
Various Donations - \$315.00

Weekend Total - \$5,525.43

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We ended **\$388.37 behind**
our budget for the week.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$520.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!



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KAYLEIGH MCENANY

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needy. It has eyes to see the misery and
want. It has the ears to hear the sighs
and sorrows of men. That is what love
looks like."*

- St. Augustine

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- St. John Paul II

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