TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ...Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus and Peter... St. Stephen, deacon and protomartyr, whose martyrdom we read of in the book of Acts, chapters 6 and 7. St. Matthias, the apostle who replaced Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:15-26). Is said to have been decapitated. St. Barnabas, companion of St. Paul, who is often "styled as an Apostle, though not one of them." It is said that he was stoned to death. St. Ignatias of Antioch, a bishop who was martyred (eaten by lions) in the reign of Trajan (ca. AD 98-117). St. Alexander martyr, buried in the Cemetery of the Jordani. One of seven whose names are found on July 10th in a listing of martyrs in AD 354. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, two attributed by some martyrs, ancient sources as a priest and exorcist respectively. Office #: (260) 824-1380 | Emergency #: (260) 296-0511 | www.StJosephChurchBluffton.org Pastor: Fr. David Violi | Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton | Director of Sacred Music: Teresa Smith Address: Zip: City: State: e-mail address: New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Dan & Jane Geimer Family Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary* 7:30 a.m. Parish Family 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lucilia Santanilla +

Monday, February 6

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00 a.m. John Whitman + 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, February 8

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration* 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession* 7:00 p.m. Virgil Burns +

Thursday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Friday, February 10 8:30 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Ruth Helmer +

Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary 7:30 a.m. Parish Family 9:40 a.m. Rosary 10:00 a.m. Jackie Cerna +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK Monday, February 6 - Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - Gn 1:1-19/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7 - Gn 1:20—2:4a/ Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin - Gn 2:4b -9,15-17/ Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9 - Gn 2:18-25/ Mk 7:24 -30

Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin - Gn 3:1-8/ Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick - Gn 3:9-24/ Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 15:15-20/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37



This weekend (February 4th/5th), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, formerly known as *Septuagesima Sunday*. This Sunday marks three Sundays until **Ash Wednesday** and nine Sundays until **Easter**. As **Lent** is one of the principal seasons of the liturgical year, it is meant to be a powerful time to excite the heart and renovate our whole spiritual life in preparation for **Easter Sunday**.

Given the great expectations for the coming **Lenten season**, the Church observes these next three weekends as a time of preparation for what is to come. During this time, we are urged to discern what Lenten penances and observances we may be called to keep this year. We are to spend this time preparing our hearts for this coming **Lent** as we will soon hear that solemn reminder given to us by the Church gives to us on **Ash Wednesday**: *Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return*.

Following the **Feast of St. Blaise** this past Friday, we are offering the *Blessing of Throats* after all Masses this weekend. It is recorded that, while imprisoned during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, many sick people, attracted by the reputation of his sanctity, came to St. Blaise, and he healed them. Included among the many who sought healing was a young boy with a fish bone lodged in his throat that St. Blaise miraculously healed.

In addition to these miraculous healings, St. Blaise is also exemplified for his witness to the Faith. He was twice brought before the local governor and given the chance to reject Jesus Christ and save his own life. Each time he refused, he was brutally beaten and tortured before finally being beheaded. Though suffering throughout this time, he continued to nobly give testimony to the Faith and preached the joy of Jesus Christ to his executioners.

THE ROMAN CANON CONTINUED

Last weekend, we completed the first of the two listings of Saints in the *Roman Canon*, or *Eucharistic Prayer I*. In the prayers between these two listings, we hear three other biblical names mentioned: Abel (Genesis 4:4), Abraham (Genesis 22), and Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20). Each of these three offered a sacrifice which was found pleasing to God. In the same way, we ask the Father to find acceptable the sacrifice made present within the Mass: The gift of his own Son, to which we now unite our lives upon the altar.

The remaining fifteen names now reference various martyrs. The first two names are perhaps the most well-known of those listed: St. John the Baptist and St. Stephen, the first martyr (Acts 7). Their inclusion and the specific prayers preceding this listing speak to a union of the *Roman Canon* with the Eucharistic Prayers used in the Divine Liturgy of St. Mark, which was the primary form of liturgy utilized in Alexandria during the early first centuries.

It is worth remembering that the *Roman Canon* is specific to the Catholic Church in the west. Our brothers and sisters who are members of our various Eastern Catholic Churches celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Though the structures and the basics are the same, our particular liturgical practices, both east and west, have been influenced by the cultures under which they organically developed.

WELCOME FR. BILL

Starting on Tuesday, Fr. Bill Sullivan will be with us throughout this week and weekend for all Masses and times of Adoration and Confession. A special "*Thank You*!" to him for his assistance to our parish. I had originally intended to be away throughout next week with my seminary classmates for our yearly gathering and enlisted Fr. Bill's help in anticipation of this upcoming absence.

A change in plans, however, will see me using this week as a "stay-cation" for both prayer and a chance to work on my thesis. With both parish and tribunal ministry, I have not had much time to dedicate on writing my thesis. With the majority of my research completed and outlines prepared, I am hoping to complete the bulk of thesis writing over this coming week. Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the **Parish Conference Room** at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

We will hold our monthly meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the **Parish Social Hall**.

Agenda: Organizing for our Parish *Mardi Gras* Party on Feb. 18th All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!



Don't Forget to Purchase your Ticket!

Tickets are still on sale after all Masses for The Second Annual Mardi Gras Celebration hosted by our GIRL's Night Out Group on Saturday, February 18th from 6-9:30 PM.



Catechism Chat Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 7:30 p.m. Parish Social Hall

Bring your questions and insights from your journey through the *Catechism*

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Feb. 4 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 5 Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 5 Religious Ed. Classes 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 7 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 7 Children's Choir Practice 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Tues., Feb. 7 Knights of Columbus Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / Meeting in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 7 GIRL's Night Out meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- Wed., Feb. 8 Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 8 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 9 Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., Feb. 11 Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 11 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 12 Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Feb. 12 Religious Ed. Classes 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 14 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 14 Children's Choir Practice 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Wed., Feb. 15 Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 15 Adult Choir Practice 7:45 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 15 Catechism Chat 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., Feb. 16 Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., Feb. 18 Theology of the Body for 7th Graders 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

Weekend of February 11/12, 2023



5:00 Josie Andrews 7:30 Mike Morrissey

ORS 10:00 Teresa Smith



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker7:30 Geoff Frank

10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Volunteers 7:30 Volunteers

10:00 Volunteers

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5:00 Angel or Zoe Soto, Isaiah/Melanie Bedwell7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger

10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of January 28 & 29

Adult Envelopes- \$4,400.00 Loose- \$150.00 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$644.07 Votive Candles- \$72.00

Paper Gator- \$31.14

Total- \$5,297.21

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,226.84 ahead of our budget for the month of January. St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$230.00

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Thank you!

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FEBRUARY 22ND, ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.



Following the 7:00 Mass join
Fr. David in the Parish Social Hall
for a Discussion on Praying
the Liturgy of the Hours





Soup Suppers

Friday evenings in Lent beginning Feb. 24th 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall



Friday evenings in Lent beginning Feb. 24th at 7:00 PM in Church

BOLIVIAN MISSION

The Bolivian Mission Program was established here at St. Joseph's in 1985! For 38 years we have consistently sponsored 55 students with scholarships to attend Santa Maria Mazzarello School in Bolivia. Because the parents are not always able to pay for their children to attend school, these scholarships help with the cost of tuition, school supplies and more. The school year in Bolivia begins in February and concludes in October. Sadly some of our sponsors have moved or passed away leaving several openings needing to be filled. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or children, or learning more about this program, please call the parish office at 824-1380.

Scholarships are \$90 (\$10/month for 9 months) per child, plus an optional Christmas donation. You may pay by the month, for the year or anywhere in between. Please make your check payable to **St. Joseph Church** with **Bolivian Mission** on the memo line of your check. **Thank you** to all who have consistently sponsored a child or children.





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