

St Joseph's Church Sacraments the invisible visible CONFIRMATION

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the Sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as Christians. The power given to the Apostles on Pentecost is now given to us to go out and spread our Faith, growing from infancy to adulthood in the life of grace.

Who can administer Confirmation?

The priest is the ordinary minister of Baptism; In the case of an emergency (such as in the danger of death), anyone may baptize.

How is Confirmation administered?

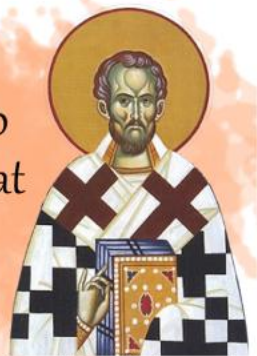
The sacrament of Confirmation is conferred through the anointing with sacred chrism on the forehead, which is done by the laying on of the hand, and through the words: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

How often can Confirmation be received?

Like Baptism, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, which is the sign that Jesus has marked a Christian with the seal of His Spirit so that he may be His witness.

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"It is necessary for him that has been baptized also to be anointed, so that by his having received chrism, that is, the anointing, he can be the anointed of God and have in him the grace of Christ."



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Saturday, June 24

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. Donna Whitacre +

Sunday, June 25

(Dedication of a Church)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of Clemen & Martha Smekens Family

Monday, June 26

8:00 a.m. No Public Mass

Tuesday, June 27

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

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, June 28

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

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

7:00 p.m. Virgil Burns +

Thursday, June 29

8:00 a.m. David Thiem +

Friday, June 30

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, July 1

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. Maurice Harvey + & Bill Lau-
tzenheiser +

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 26 - Twelfth Week in Ordinary
Time - Gn 12:1-9/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Gn 13:2,5-
18/ Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday, June 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop and
Martyr - Gn 15:1-12,17-18/ Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29 - SS Peter and Paul, Apos-
tles - Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/ Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/ 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18/ Mt 16:13-
19

Friday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy
Roman Church - Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22/ Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1 - Sr. Junipero Serra, Priest -
Gn 18:1-15/ Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordini-
ary Time - 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a/ Rom 6:3-4,8-
11/ Mt 10:37-42

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH (TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME) - JUNE 25, 2023

This weekend (June 24th/25th), the universal Church celebrates the **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Additionally, our local parish Church celebrates the fifty-seventh anniversary of the dedication of our church building. Having moved from the old church building on Cherry Street, our current building was dedicated on June 26, 1966 by Bishop Leo Pursley, the sixth bishop of our diocese.

Though our readings will be taken from the **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the prayers of the Mass will come from the *Common of the Dedication of a Church on the Anniversary of the Dedication*. The importance of this day, marked as a solemnity for our parish, was perhaps most aptly described by our eighth pastor, Fr. Bob Traub, in the fundraising materials for the new building:

This building will serve as a testimony "to our story, the vibrant epic of the way in which the life of God is nourished in our souls. It begins with the first blessing sought by the expectant mother for her newly conceived child and ends only with the last benediction begged by grieving families for their departed loved ones. During all the years in between, filled with work and rest, joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain -- the Altar is the center of our attention. Our freely offered sacrifices at this time will be recognition of the value we place upon our supernatural life and our desire for it to grow stronger in St. Joseph Parish."

MISSION APPEAL - THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TABORA IN TANAZIA

Next weekend, we welcome Fr. Andrew Mlele as mission speaker. Fr. Mlele will be speaking about and raising funds to support our brothers and sisters in his home Archdiocese of Tabora in Tanzania. This annual appeal is coordinated by our diocese with the Propagation of the Faith, which seeks to increase awareness of and financial support for mission dioceses around the world.

Fr. Mlele is currently visiting the United States while on summer break from pursuing his doctorate in Rome. During this visit, he is speaking to help raise funds (1) for the education and protection of orphans, children, and those who suffer from albinism (*and are persecuted in Tanzania*) and (2) for improvements to the local communities water and sanitation systems. Supporting these causes, we can help those in the Archdiocese of Tabora.

Fr. Mlele will preach at all of our Masses next weekend. An additional basket will be out for donations to support this good cause. The majority of the funds raised will be sent to the Archdiocese of Tabora (**Note: 10% of this collection is retained by our diocese to fund our local Office of the Pontifical Mission, which serves to organize this annual appeal**). Thank you for your generosity.

DID YOU KNOW? THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Just as **Baptism** gives new life, the **Eucharist** nourishes life, and **Confession** restores life when it is broken, **Confirmation** strengthens that same life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Sacrament serves to strengthen that grace which God has given, and continues to give, to His children (cf. CCC 1285, 1302-1303) and offers those who receive it the strength to be a true witness of Christ.

Confirmation helps a person remain faithful to their baptismal commitment to witness to Christ and to serve others. The gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with Confirmation are strengths (*or virtues*) that Christian living requires if it is to be fruitful and complete. Thus *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, counsel, and fear of the Lord*, are divine aids to Christian living without which fulfilling one's baptismal calling would be far more difficult, if not impossible.

In Confirmation, the **outward sign** is the laying on of hands with the Sacred Chrism by the Bishop (*or priest*), signifying the spiritual grace of receiving the fulness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is **instituted by Christ** when He speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-26) and shown in practice when Peter and John traveled to Samaria and laid hands upon the baptized Samaritans to impart the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). In receiving the Holy Spirit through this Sacrament, we are **given the grace** to share more completely in Jesus' mission.

Correction: The Corpus Christi Procession next year will be on May 31, 2024, not May 29th.

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.



ASK FATHER

ASK FATHER
Thursday, June 29
at 5:30 PM in the
Parish Conference Room

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, July 1st at 4:35 p.m. for the recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary. Everyone in the Parish is invited to participate. Please join us in praying for these unborn children and for the assistance of and care for their mothers.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, July 7, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., June 24** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., June 24** - Bonfire following Mass behind the Church - bring a dish or some goodies to share.
- **Sat./Sun., June 24 & 25** - Totus Tuus Registration after all Masses this weekend.
- **Sun., June 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 27** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., June 28** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., June 29** - Ask Father - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Fri., June 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., July 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., July 3** - Parish Office Closed for the Holiday
- **Tues., July 4** - Parish Office Closed for the Holiday
- **Tues., July 4** - Mass 9:00 a.m.
- **Wed., July 5** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., July 7** - First Friday Adoration - Mass at 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confession 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m. - Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.
- **Sat., July 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., July 9** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 11** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of July 1/2 Weekend



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 John Vanderkolk



10:00 Tammi Helm/ Jeff Miller



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of June 17/18

Adult Envelopes- \$1,945.00
Loose- \$191.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,448.97
Bulletin Ad- \$175.00
Hall Rent- \$75.00
Total- \$3,834.97

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$753.66 behind our budget for the month of June.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$333.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor

If you would like to set up Online Giving, please use this website:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

HOST HOME NEEDED!

Eric and Tammy Mechling have graciously opened their home this year to host the young ladies. We still need a host home for the two young men serving as missionaries for Totus Tuus, preferably close to the Mechling home on Deerbrook Ct. If you are willing to serve as a host home or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE YMCA

The Bluffton YMCA has a wonderful event planned for next Tuesday the 27th to raise funds for their Financial Aid Scholarship program. This program helps to assure that anyone in Wells County who wants to be a member of the YMCA can.

They are short on volunteers to make this event a success, so they are reaching out for help from local area adults and youth. Help is needed between the hours of 10am and 8pm. If you are interested, please call Melissa Tolson at 260-417-4898 with your name & the hours that you are available to volunteer.

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In **Well-Read Mom**, women read more and read well. We hope to deepen the awareness of meaning hidden in each woman's daily life, elevate the cultural conversation, and revitalize reading literature from books. **Well-Read Mom** accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. If you are interested in joining our parish's **Well-Read Mom** group contact Lauren Andrews at landrews5501@gmail.com.



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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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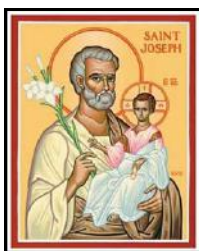
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