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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 2, 2023

### 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 + and  
Bill Lautzenheiser +

### 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 +

### Monday, July 3

8:00 a.m. No Public Mass

### Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day

9:00 a.m. Mass Don Van Camp +

### Wednesday, July 5

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

### Thursday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

### Friday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

### Saturday, July 8

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, July 9

#### Fourteenth 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 Rick & Sue Singer Family



#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, July 3 - Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Thomas, Apostle** - Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day** - Gn 19:15-29/ Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday, July 5 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal, St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest** - Gn 21:5,8-20a/ Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr** - Gn 22:1b-19/ Mt 9:1-8

**Friday, July 7** - Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67/ Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday, July 8** - Gn 27:1-5,15-29/ Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday, July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9,11-13/ Mt 11:25-30



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.

Join us **Tuesday, July 4th, at 9 AM for Mass** to begin our Independence Day celebrations by first giving thanks to God for the great freedoms that we enjoy.

This weekend (July 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings focus on the theme of God's generosity.

#### DIOCESAN MISSION SPEAKER - FR. PATRICK BERGIN

Due to unexpected travel issues for Fr. Andrew Mlele, we are now welcoming Fr. Patrick Bergin from the Archdiocese of Tabora in Tanzania for our Masses this weekend. Fr. Bergin is a native of Peoria, Illinois and served in Tabora with the U.S. Peace Corps. After the Peace Corps, he continued his outreach working for and eventually leading the African Wildlife Foundation for 16+ years before pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.

Given his life experience, Fr. Bergin pursued his vocation to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Tabora and now serves our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Part of his ministry includes serving as a mission speaker to help raise awareness and support for the various needs facing his diocese. Thank you for your warm welcome to Fr. Bergin this weekend and your generous support of his cause.

#### THE CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE - GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Our **"Did You Know?" Campaign** is on break this weekend as we welcome our mission speaker. We will resume with the Sacrament of Confession next weekend. For this weekend, however, I would like to extend *"The Confirmation Challenge."* Similar to the weekly Lenten Challenges extended during Lent, this challenge offers one simple suggestion in how to concretely live out the grace of our Confirmation in the everyday of our lives.

The Sacrament of Confirmation calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. One way to witness to the Lord is through our prayer life. In this "challenge," I would encourage you to **say grace before meals** (*if you don't already do so*). Whether eating alone or as a group, at home or in a restaurant, start your meal with the Sign of the Cross and a short prayer giving thanks to God for all that we are about to receive.

Though a seemingly small act, this form of prayer, especially when offered in public, serves as a witness to Jesus and utilizes the Holy Spirit's gift of piety. It also uses two of the most ancient prayers of our Faith: The Sign of the Cross, which dates back to the earliest days of the Church, and the traditional blessing before meals, dating from the Gelasian Sacramentary of the 8th Century. This moment of prayer, though seemingly mundane, can have a great impact on our lives and that of others as it reminds us to keep God at the center of our days.

**Suggested Grace Before Meals Prayer:** *Bless us, O Lord and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

#### FRESH CUT FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

As Spring has sprung and Summer is in full swing, the flowers from our parish gardens are in bloom. This means that we are once again blessed to enjoy their beauty in the sanctuary (*thanks to the hard work of Louise Mayer*). The use of fresh cut flowers in the sanctuary is strongly encouraged, when possible, over the use of artificial flowers by our national Bishops' Conference (USCCB).


The importance of using fresh flowers is described in *"Built of Living Stones,"* guidelines put forward by the USCCB. Described in paragraph 129: *"The use of living flowers serves as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community."* Starting as nothing but a small seed, flowers, if nurtured and cared for, will sprout and grow. Nourished by water and the sun, they bloom and show forth their beauty to the world.

The life of the flower is a visual reminder of the spiritual life. Christian life starts first with the seed of faith. It must be planted in the heart and nurtured through the Sacraments. Finally, it blossoms and shows forth its beauty when nourished by that supernatural light and heavenly warmth which radiates forth from the sun of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David





**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. - Jesus



**MARIA STEIN DAY-TRIP- SATURDAY, JULY 15TH**



Join us on a day-trip to the **Shrine of the Holy Relics** at Maria Stein, Ohio. The Shrine houses over 1,200 relics, has a museum and is a great place for quiet prayer. We will leave the Church Parking Lot at 11 AM and return at 6 PM, after the Shrine's evening Mass and Supper. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex no later than this weekend to join us on this pilgrimage.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **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.
- **Tues., July 11** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church / Meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., July 11** - GIRL's Night Out -
- **Wed., July 12** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., July 14** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., July 15 - Maria Stein Day-Trip Pilgrimage** - Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
- **Sat., July 15** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.

**Weekend of 8/9 Weekend**



**5:00** Sam Smith, Isaiah Bedwell, Ellie Coyne  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Dan Lautzenheiser



**5:00** Carol Buter  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson



**10:00** Dan Geimer, Rick Singer



**5:00** Alex or Audrey Mechling, Melanie Bedwell  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report**

for the Weekend of June 24/25  
 Adult Envelopes- \$4,646.00  
 Loose- \$290.50  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,044.07  
 Religious Education- \$250.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$370.51 ahead of our St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$802.00

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>

*"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."*

Pope St. John Paul II



**ST. JUNIPERO SERRA**  
 Feast Day—July 1<sup>st</sup>

*"Always go forward, and never turn back."*  
 St. Junipero Serra

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



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Friday's: 3pm-8pm  
Saturday's: Noon-8pm

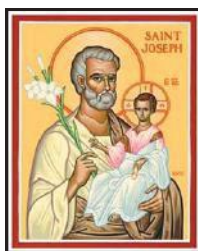
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