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New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, April 13

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. Julie Johnson +

Sunday, April 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, April 15

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 16

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 17

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Agnes Herr

Thursday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Joan Marie (Markowski)
Jaworski +

Friday, April 19

8:30 a.m. Georgia & William Johnson +

Saturday, April 20

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. Darlene Coulardot +

Sunday, April 21

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 14, 2024

This weekend (April 13th/14th), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Easter**. As our Easter celebrations continue for fifty days, it's very easy to become weary of celebrating. Yet, this liturgical celebration is meant to point ahead as a sign of the eternal joy found in heaven. While we celebrate, we still do so here and now in the trials of life. Let us never forget that these fifty days are simply meant to remind us that we live for something greater.

HEATING / AC SYSTEM UPDATE

With the changing weather, we will be transitioning our heating system into Spring mode. As mentioned during each seasonal shift, our heating system has two settings: On and Off. As the system is serviced this Wednesday by local *Dunwiddie Heating*, we will begin our Spring transition from heating to air conditioning. This biannual maintenance also helps to ensure that our systems are working properly and are well-maintained for the foreseeable future.

BLESSINGS OF DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

Around this time of year, with Confirmations, First Holy Communions, and graduations upon us, I am often asked if I am willing to bless a number of devotional items (*e.g. Bibles, Rosaries, Holy Cards, Medals, etc...*) that will be given away as gifts. The answer is always, of course, a resounding "Yes!" I am always more than happy to bless these devotional gifts that you will be sharing with your loved ones during these important times of life.

When an item is blessed, it becomes a sacramental. A sacramental is an object that, through the blessing of the Church, is set apart for the praise of God and meant to assist in deepening our relationship with Him. Through the use of a sacramental, we are called to open ourselves more fully to the grace of God present in our lives. To learn more about sacramentals, including their biblical roots and their practical nature, please see the insert in this bulletin.

To have an item blessed, you can simply ask me after any of our Masses or stop by our Parish Office during the week. If I am out of the office at that moment, you are welcome to leave any devotional items with Michelle in the office. I will bless the object as soon as I am back in the office so that it'll be ready to be picked up.

VISITING THE PAST - THE OLD CHURCH ON CHERRY STREET

In 1965, our parish campus was moved from the old church on Cherry Street to our current home. Prior to that, our parish family had gathered for Mass and the Sacraments at the old church since 1875. The current location of the old church is actually its second location. It was first erected in 1875 where the former rectory now stands. The entire building was lifted and carried the 50+ yards to its current location after the church basement had been dug.

In 1965, the old church was "decommissioned" as a Catholic Church and transferred hands at least twice between differing ecclesial communities. Several years ago, it was renovated into a residential house. The current owners, Klint and Sarah, have been continuing this renovation as this house becomes a home for them and their family. At the same time, they have been very dutiful in preserving the wonderful history that the building holds.

Earlier this year, I was invited by the family to tour their home, share some old photos with them of the church-building from our archives, and offer some insights into the architecture and design of the building itself. Next month, the family would like to hold an open-house for parishioners who remember attending Mass at the old church on Cherry Street.

This opportunity would be a chance to both see the renovations that they have done and to share memories of the church itself with the couple. They would like to incorporate and preserve as much of the history of the building, including our parish's history within it, as they continue their renovations. If you attended the old church and are interested in joining us for this open house, please call the Parish Office (260-824-1380) for more details.



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 15 - Easter Weekday - Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn 6:22-29

Tues., Apr. 16 - Easter Weekday - Acts 7:51—8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab / Jn 6:30-35

Wed., Apr. 17 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a / Jn 6:35-40

Thurs., Apr. 18 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:26-40 / Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 / Jn 6:44-51

Fri., Apr. 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts 9:1-20 / Ps 117:1-2 / Jn 6:52-59

Sat., Apr. 20 - Easter Weekday - Acts 9:31-42 / Ps 116:12-17 / Jn 6:60-69

Sun., Apr. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES of ITALY

Slideshow Presentation
Thursday, April 18th at 6 PM

Join Fr. David for a slideshow presentation of his recent pilgrimage to Italy, including visits to the Eucharistic Miracles of Lanciano, Orvieto, and the tombs of Sts Francis, Clare and Bl. Carlo Acutis.



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

ASK FATHER

Ask Father returns Tuesday, April 23th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

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PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., April 13** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 14** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., April 16** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., April 17** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 17** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., April 18** - *Eucharistic Miracles of Italy* - 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., April 19** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., April 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., April 23** - *Ask Father* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., April 24** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 24** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., April 26** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Weekend of April 20 & 21



5:00 Nick Boratenski
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Marita Crawfis/Adult Choir



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris



5:00 Laurisa Roper
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Diana Cole, Jeff Miller, Jacque Johnson



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 Jacquelyn Mayer, Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 6/7

Adult Envelopes- \$4,600.00
Loose- \$182.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,686.83

Religious Education Fund- \$1,000.00

Easter Offering- \$75.00

Total- \$7,543.83

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,427.43 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$230.00

Online Giving for March - \$6,085.00

We ended the month \$6,519.38 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de Paul for March- \$330.00

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

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - March 2024

Housing- \$300.00
Local Charitable Donation- \$1,500.00
Total Charitable Donations- \$1,800.00

Special Days in MAY!

Sunday, May 5 - May Crowning and First Holy Communion Mass - 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 9 - *Ascension Sunday*

Saturday, May 11 - Blessing of Bikes
St. Joseph Parking lot - Noon

Sunday, May 12 - *Mother's Day*

Sunday, May 19 - *Pentecost*

Monday, May 27 - *Memorial Day*



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

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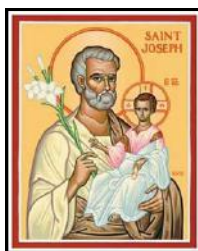
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