

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunda: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:30-9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. and by request.

## Parish Registration

Kindly call the parish office and register at your earliest possible convenience.  
If moving, please notify the office.



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## Saturday, June 22

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. Children of Tom & Becky  
Jackson

## Sunday, June 23

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

## Monday, June 24

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, June 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Oscar Heyne +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, June 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

## Thursday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Doug Lilley +

## Friday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

## Saturday, June 29

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. June Gazdik +

## Sunday, June 30

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata Doria +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** - Is 49:1-6 / Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Tues., June 25 - 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 / Mt 7:6, 12-14**

**Wed., June 26 - 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / Ps 119:33-37, 40 / Mt 7:15-20**

**Thurs., June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 / Mt 7:21-29

**Fri., June 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr** - 2 Kgs 25:1-12 / Ps 137:1-6 / Mt 8:1-4

**Sat., June 29 - SS Peter and Paul, Apostles** - Acts 12:1-11 / Ps 34:2-9 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

**Sun., June 30 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 / Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 23, 2024

This weekend (June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>), the Church throughout the world celebrates the **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In addition to this celebration for the universal Church, our parish Church also has an additional celebration today: *the fifty-eighth anniversary of the dedication of our church building*. Liturgically, this celebration is considered a solemnity, meaning that our parish is able to celebrate it even in the midst of **Ordinary Time**.

Fifty-eight years ago, on June 26, 1966, Fr. Bob Traub, our eighth resident pastor, was joined by Bishop Leo Pursley, the sixth bishop of our diocese, to dedicate our new church building. By all accounts, it was a sweltering Sunday as the temperature rose to a high of 93°F. Yet, the blazing heat didn't keep parishioners from attending as the newly built church was said to be overflowing by the time that the Mass of dedication started.

Though we will still hear the readings for the **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time** today, the prayers of the Mass will come from the *Common of the Dedication of a Church on the Anniversary of the Dedication*. In these prayers, we give thanks to God for this very building, a visible sign of the Church herself. It is in "*this visible house that God let us build... that He wonderfully manifests and accomplishes the mystery of His communion with us.*"

Every year around this time, I often reflect on the words that Fr. Traub shared in preparation for the building of the new church in the 1960s:

*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."*

And, every year, these words strike me as even more true and beautiful.

As our parish family continues to grow, I think of how our church building itself serves as a place of encounter with Jesus Christ in a real and unique way: Greeted in Baptism, strengthened in Holy Communion and Confirmation, forgiven in Confession, and wept over in death. The steps between the nave and the sanctuary bridge the gap between heaven and earth. It is here that we go up the mountain of the Lord and here where the Lord comes to His people.

Though it is the fifty-eighth anniversary of this church building, our parish is nearing its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Officially established as a parish in 1875, this coming year of 2025 will mark our sesquicentennial celebration. It is my hope that this coming year will be one not only filled with great celebrations to mark this wondrous anniversary, but as a chance to renew our commitment to serving our neighbors right here in our local community.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please return any remaining nominations for the Parish Council either to the Parish Office or in the collection basket by next weekend. Once nominations are closed, those nominated will be contacted in July to ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination before two new names are drawn to join our Parish Council. Nomination sheets are available in the Narthex.

## HELPING HANDS BABY BOTTLES

If you haven't yet done so, please return any remaining Baby Bottles to the Parish Office. These Baby Bottles, collected from Mother's Day through Father's Day, will help to support local *Helping Hands Pregnancy and Family Resource Center*. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity to this local ministry for our community.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*In honor of our anniversary, this weekend's bulletin cover is a "retro" cover, being one of our main bulletin covers used in the 1980s.*

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.





**Thank You!**

A very Special **Thank you!**

To Our Missionary Team, Maria, Luke, Lexie and Eric, for spending the week with us! We learned about the Apostles' Creed, prayed the Glorious Mysteries and attended daily Mass. **Thank you** to all our Volunteers who helped with snack/water breaks, lunch and our annual Totus Tuus Parish Potluck; we could not have done it without you! May we continue to keep the Missionaries in our prayers as they travel to St. Joseph Parish in South Bend next week.



**Life Adventures Home School Co-Op** will be hosting the **Kona Ice** Truck **this** Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 PM in the parish parking lot as part of a summer fundraiser. All are welcome to stop by and enjoy some **Kona Ice!**



### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., June 22** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 25** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., June 26** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 28** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 29** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 30** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 2** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 3** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 4 and Fri., July 5** - Parish Office Closed
- **Thurs., July 4 - Independence Day - Mass 9:00 a.m.**
- **Fri., July 5 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / There will be no First Friday Adoration or evening Mass.**
- **Sat., July 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 6** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 9** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 10** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., July 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 13** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.

### Weekend of June 29th & 30th



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** Teresa Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Jacque Johnson



**5:00** Jill Morrissey, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**7:30** Dale McCorkle, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**10:00** Dan Geimer, Diana Cole, Volunteer



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**10:00** Ellie Coyne, Luke Miller, Charlie Andrews

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of June 15th & 16th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,453.00  
Loose- \$122.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$351.83  
Social Hall Donation- \$60.00

**Total- \$2,986.83**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are **\$502.68** behind  
budget for the month of June.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$60.00

**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>

### WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Through water and the word, Gwendolyn Glory Suhrer, daughter of Jim and Acacia Suhrer and Rosalie Joan Herr, daughter of Abe and McKenna Herr, became children of God and were sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, June 16, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.



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 - St. John Paul II

Before you speak....

**THINK!**

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