

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
OF JESUS CHRIST

“THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE SHED FOR MANY.”

MARK 14:24

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

Saturday, July 6

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. Leonard Smythe +

Sunday, July 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Leo Volk +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, July 8

No Public Mass

Tuesday, July 9

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, July 10

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Ben & Jenny Cruz Family

Thursday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Dale Morrissey +

Friday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Emily Butler +

Saturday, July 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. Coulardot Family

Sunday, July 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Duane & Kathy Scott Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 8 - Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 / Ps 145:2-9 / Mt 9:18-26

Tues., July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Ps 115:3-10 / Mt 9:32-38

Wed., July 10 - Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Ps 105:2-7 / Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot - Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 / Mt 10:7-15

Fri., July 12 - Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 / Mt 10:16-23

Sat., July 13 - St. Henry - Is 6:1-8 / Ps 93:1-2, 5 / Mt 10:24-33

Sun., July 14 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Am 7:12-15 / Ps 85:9-14 / Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / Mk 6:7-13

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 7, 2024

This weekend (July 6th/7th), the Church celebrates the **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings continue to give us greater insight into the ultimate question of St. Mark's Gospel: *Who is Jesus?* Over the past several weeks, we have seen that He is one who has dominion over demons, creation, and even death. And, despite all this, we hear how He is also one who is rejected, preparing us, His disciples, to also be prepared for worldly rejection.

Our Gospel today shares a commonality with the Gospel from the **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** as we again hear an allusion made to the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Though I spoke on this briefly before, now seemed a good time to provide a fuller treatment of these passages. Often, these passages will be incorrectly used in an attempt to reject the ancient belief of the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When saying "*ancient belief*," we can look to the *Proto-Evangelium of St. James* in AD 120 that references Mary having taken a vow of virginity. Similarly, the early Church Fathers constantly refer to the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Hippolytus of Rome refers to the "*all-holy, ever-virgin Mary*" in AD 210. Origen, the Father of Christian Theology, held in AD 248 that Christians "*preserve the honor of Mary in virginity to the end.*"

In addition to stating belief in the perpetual virginity, many early Church Fathers defended this belief against those who were erroneously using the Sacred Scriptures to deny it. St. Hilary of Potiers states in AD 354 that, if Mary had other children, "*she would never have been given over in the moment of the crucifixion to the apostle John as his mother.*" To hold belief in the perpetual virginity was seen as a sign of one's unity with the Church.

For this reason, countless early Church Fathers, including St. Athanasius in AD 360, St. Epiphanius of Salamis in AD 375, and St. Jerome in AD 383 attest that those who deny the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin "*do not belong to the Church.*" Perhaps most severely, St. Augustine (AD 428) simply refers to "*those who contradict the perpetual virginity of Mary*" as "*heretics.*"

What then do these verses that reference the "*brothers and sisters*" of the Lord mean? Quite simply, the Greek word in the Sacred Scriptures, ἀδελφός (*adelphos*) has a broader meaning than our English translation conveys. The word can mean sibling, relative/kinsman (*e.g. cousin, uncle*), or those who share deep spiritual bonds. The tradition and guidance of the Church, as seen above, helps us to gain an understanding of this passage's true context.

This guidance of the Church, as guardian and interpreter of the Scriptures, not only protects Her unity, but also the coherence of the Sacred Scriptures themselves. For example, we know that two "*brothers*" listed here (*James and Joses*) are also listed in this same Gospel as children of the "*other Mary*" at the Cross with John and the Blessed Mother (*Mark 15:40, 15:47, & 16:1*). This only becomes a seeming contradiction if we reject the guidance of the Church.

HELPING HANDS BABY BOTTLES

Thank you for your support of the *Helping Hands Baby Bottle Campaign*. We returned 70+ baby bottles to *Helping Hands*. Still have a baby bottle? They can be returned directly to *Helping Hands* just down the street at *116 E Dustman Road, Bluffton (next to Arby's)*. Thank you again for your support to this local pregnancy and family resource center.

MISSION SPEAKER - VINE INITIATIVE

Part of the universal nature of the Church calls us to support not only local ministries, but also universal ministries. For this reason, we welcome **Fr. Levi Nkwocha** as the celebrant of our Masses this weekend. Fr. Levi will share with us about the **VINE Initiative**, which directly ministers to the neediest of the earth in Nigeria and beyond. Once having the chance to hear about this ministry, **we will take up a special second collection for it next weekend.**

With Fr. Levi here this weekend, I am away to visit family. Have a blessed holiday weekend and I will see you next weekend! ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.



The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Women's Group will be showing the movie **CABRINI** at their next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 PM** in the Youth Den.
All women of the Parish are Welcome!
If you are in need of a ride, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.



ST. JOSEPH GIVING TABLE

We will have our St. Joseph Giving Table next weekend for extra vegetables or fruit from your garden you would like to share for others to enjoy.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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.
- **Tues., July 9** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Women's monthly meeting—showing of **CABRINI** at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Den.
- **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.
- **Tues., July 16** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 17** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., July 19** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 24** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., July 26** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., July 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of July 13th & 14th



5:00 Jay Crisp
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Sam Smith



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Ben wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer



5:00 Kevin Seago, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
7:30 Twilla Herr, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
10:00 Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Diana Cole



5:00 Alex Mechling, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of June 27th & 28th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,301.00
 Loose- \$419.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$410.83
 Notre Dame Elevate (1st quarter)- \$31.53
 Votive Candles- \$180.00
Total- \$3,342.36

37th ABA Over Goal- \$205.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- 115.00

Online Giving for June - \$5,975.00

We ended the month \$4,897.72 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund for June - \$310.00

*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 - June 2024

Total Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00

Thank you for helping us help others!

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Santiago Espina, son of Hebert Espina and Gabrielis Avila became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, June 30, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.



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 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - 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?