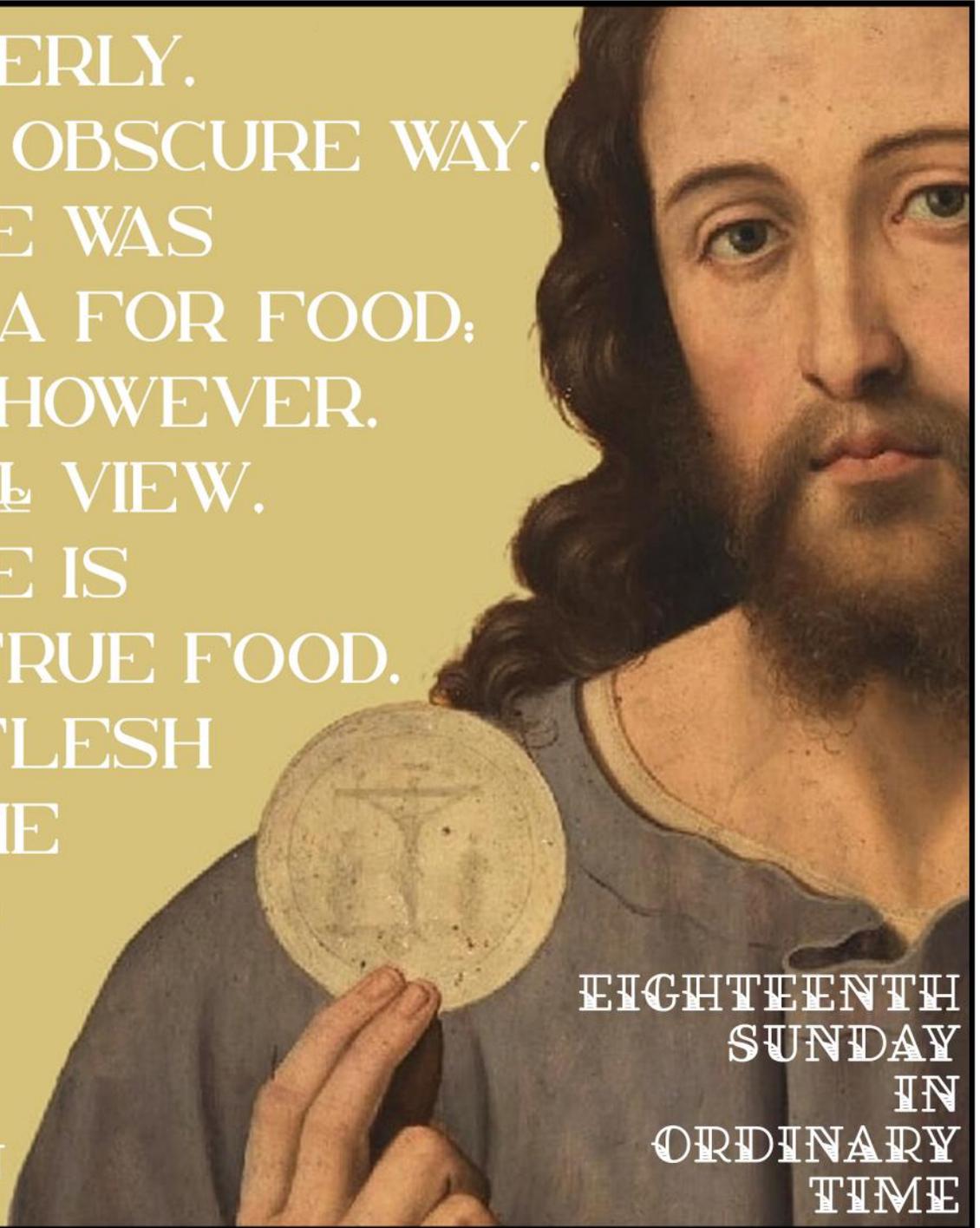


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IN AN OBSCURE WAY,
THERE WAS
MANNA FOR FOOD;
NOW, HOWEVER,
IN FULL VIEW,
THERE IS
THE TRUE FOOD,
THE FLESH
OF THE
WORD
OF
GOD.”

ORIGEN
A.D. 248



EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 4, 2024

Saturday, August 3

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. Wayne "Bud" Miller +

Sunday, August 4

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Jane Case +

Monday, August 5

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 6

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Carol Leitner +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 7

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Fr. Stephen Colchin

Thursday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

Friday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Saturday, August 10

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. Phyllis Makowski +

Sunday, August 4

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Herbert & Genevieve
Lohmuller Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., August 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major - Jer 28:1-17 / Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 / Mt 14:13-21

Tues., August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10

Wed., August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest - Jer 31:1-7 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 / Mt 15:21-28

Thurs., August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 / Mt 16:13-23

Fri., August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr - Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41 / Mt 16:24-28

Sat., August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr - 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 / Jn 12:24-26

Sun., August 11 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Ps 34:2-9 / Eph 4:30—5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

This weekend (August 3rd/4th), the Church celebrates the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Having heard the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* from the sixth chapter of the *Gospel of St. John*, we now move towards the *Bread of Life Discourse*. To ensure that we do not lose the thematic movement from physical to spiritual hunger, we do skip one section from this chapter: *Jesus Walking on the Water* (John 6:16-21).

Though we do not hear this miraculous event of *Jesus Walking on the Water* at this moment in the lectionary cycle, its importance in this chapter of the Gospel should not be overlooked. Having fed the five thousand, Jesus went away by Himself while the Apostles went across the seas. While doing so, Jesus appears to them, walking on the water, and makes that beautiful and reassuring statement: "*It is I. Do not be afraid!*" (John 6:20)

This moment in the *Gospel of St. John* represents a theophany, a moment where Jesus reveals His glory to us. Such a moment is meant to prepare us for what is immediately to follow: **The Teaching on the Holy Eucharist**. Jesus is about to reveal this greatest of gifts and, as we will see, all save the Twelve will reject Him because the teaching is "hard" to accept (John 6:60). Yet, His words of reassurance ring true here as well: "*It is I. Do not be afraid!*"

On Tuesday, August 6th, the Church celebrates another theophany with the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**. Though not a holy day, this ancient celebration began in the 5th Century before eventually being added to the universal liturgical calendar in the 15th Century. This feast falls forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14th), tying together the two scriptural accounts of the Lord being "lifted up" in glory.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY PASTORAL GUIDANCE

Last August, I offered pastoral guidance regarding the *Lifewise Academy* program being allowed in our three public school districts. With a new school year upon us and this program expanding its grade levels, I wanted to reiterate this guidance: **As pastor of our parish, I strongly encourage our parish families to refrain from enrolling in the Lifewise Academy program.**

As I detailed last year, there are a number of concerns and disagreements with the program's content in relation to the Catholic Faith. Even with further discussions this past year, it has become clear that these issues cannot be reconciled and that the *Lifewise* curriculum is not open for suggestions or changes. For a full review of the various concerns with this program, please see our parish website for the explanatory letter from last year.

We will be resending this letter to all school-aged families in the coming week. At the request of several families, I am also planning to hold a general informational session later this month regarding this issue. I have been asked if I could help provide age-appropriate responses for our school children so that they feel comfortable responding when they are asked why they are not participating in this program. More information on this to come.

PARISH LOGO

As part of our preparations for our upcoming sesquicentennial celebrations next year, we will be unveiling a parish logo in the coming weeks. This will serve as a way to help make our parish name more easily recognizable in our surrounding community. We will also be looking at integrating the logo into some parish-branded items. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

UPCOMING HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

As a reminder, the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is a Holy Day of Obligation and will be celebrated on Thursday, August 15th. For your planning purposes, we are offering several Mass times to assist in meeting this obligation. The Mass times for the Assumption are as follows:

Mass Times for the Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)

VIGIL MASS on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7 PM

MASS on Thursday, August 15th, at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM

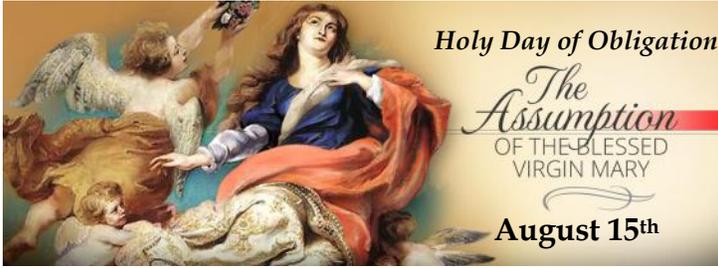


Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,
and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.
All men in the Parish are welcome!



Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

August 15th

VIGIL MASS – Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM
MASS – Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 AM / Noon / 7:00 PM

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PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Aug. 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 6** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 6** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 7** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Aug. 9** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 10** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 13** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 13** - GIRL's Night Out - more information to come!
- **Wed., Aug. 14** - Vigil Mass Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 7:00 p.m. (a holy day of obligation)
- **Thurs., Aug. 15** - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m. (a holy day of obligation)
- **Fri., Aug. 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 17** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 17** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 20** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 22** - The Windows of St. Joseph - A Tour of Stained Glass, Life of Christ – South-side windows.
- **Fri., Aug. 23** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 24** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 24** - Religious Education Registration Pizza/Sundae Bar - 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 Mass).

Weekend of August 10th & 11th



5:00 Josie Andrews
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Jacque Johnson



5:00 Dan Geimer, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
7:30 Twilla Herr, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
10:00 Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, 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 July 27th & 28th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,282.00
Loose- \$227.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$460.83
Paper Gator- \$53.38
Votive Candle Donation- \$4.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
General Bequest- \$7,500.00
Total- \$12,652.21

37th Annual Bishop's Appeal
Over Goal- \$255.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,481.37 ahead of budget for the month of July.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$600.00

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>

THE WINDOWS OF ST. JOSEPH

A Tour of Stained Glass

Thursday, August 22nd

The Life of Christ
South-side Windows

Thursday, August 29th

The Life of the Saints
North-side Windows

6:30—7:30 PM



REGISTRATION WEEKEND - August 24th and 25th



Register your children for Religious Classes and enjoy pizza with ice cream for dessert in the Parish Social Hall. Classes begin Sunday, September 8th from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Religious Education Fees are \$20 per child. Please call the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380 with questions or to volunteer in the classrooms as a catechist, an aid or a substitute catechist.

Welcome
Sunday, August 25th

Michelle will be in the narthex after both the 7:30 and 10:00 Masses to register new families to the Parish, register for Religious Education classes, or update your information for our Parish records.

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



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