

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**SCHOLASTICA WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 480 IN ITALY. SHE WAS THE TWIN SISTER OF SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA.**

**BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA BOTH LOVED GOD AND DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO HIM AT A YOUNG AGE.**

**WHEN BENEDICT STARTED A MONASTERY SCHOLASTICA BEGAN A CONVENT.**

**Let's build here!**

**We can meet here every year to talk about God!**

**THE BROTHER AND SISTER VISITED EACH OTHER ONCE A YEAR.**

**THEN ONE TIME... This will be the last time you see Benedict...**

**BENEDICT REFUSED TO STAY LONGER WHEN SCHOLASTICA ASKED, BUT THEN SHE PRAYED AND A HUGE STORM CAME!**

**You refused my request but God listened!**

**THREE DAYS LATER WHEN BENEDICT WAS IN HIS MONASTERY HE HAD A VISION OF A DOVE GOING UP TO HEAVEN WHEN SCHOLASTICA DIED.**

**SAINTE SCHOLASTICA**

**F I F T H   S U N D A Y   I N   O R D I N A R Y   T I M E**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 9, 2025

### Saturday, February 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. Steve Wagner +

### Sunday, February 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members  
of the Barb & Tom Ault Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, February 10

*No public Mass*

### Tuesday, February 11

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, February 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Oscar Heyne +

### Thursday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

### Friday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
of the Joseph & Alma Beckman Family

### Saturday, February 15

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. Parish Family

### Sunday, February 16

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 10 - Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Scholastica, Virgin** - Gn 1:1-19 / Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c / Mk 6:53-56

**Tues., Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes** - Gn 1:20—2:4a / Ps 8:4-9 / Mk 7:1-13

**Wed., Feb. 12** - Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30 / Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs., Feb. 13** - Gn 2:18-25 / Ps 128:1-5 / Mk 7:24-30

**Fri., Feb. 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop** - Gn 3:1-8 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 7:31-37

**Sat., Feb. 15** - Gn 3:9-24 / Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 / Mk 8:1-10

**Sun., Feb. 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Jer 17:5-8 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 / Mk 8:11-13

This weekend (February 8th/9th), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings for this Sunday combine two major themes: *awe* and *apostolate*. In our first reading and our Gospel, both Isaiah and Peter are *awed* and ashamed to find themselves in the presence of God. Yet, despite this, both are still “*sent out*” (*apostello* in Greek) on a mission for God in service to the world, which is called an *apostolate*.

Like Isaiah and Peter, there might be times when we, too, feel our own unworthiness and need of mercy in God's presence. Yet, like them, God is still willing to send us out as well, just as we are sent out at the end of every Mass (“*Go and proclaim the Gospel of the Lord!*”). The Lord often trusts us even more than we trust ourselves. For this reason, each of us shares in a common apostolate through our baptism to spread the good news of mercy to all people.

### LIVING WITH THE SAINTS - LEARNING ABOUT THEIR LIVES

As announced at the start of this liturgical year, our theme for the liturgical year is “**Living with the Saints.**” One of the ways we embraced this theme was with our annual “choosing” of a Saint to walk with into the New Year on the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. Another way that we will continue to embrace this theme throughout the year is to highlight the lives of various Saints on our bulletin cover whenever the weekend allows.

**Ordinary Time** is often a wonderful season to look into the lives of the Saints. These many weeks are often interwoven with the memorials and feasts of so many holy men and women that we can learn so much from. Our bulletin cover this weekend highlights St. Scholastica, whose feast day is this coming Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. The short story of her life comes from our weekly offering of “*The Kid's Bulletin*,” available in the narthex for our younger parishioners.

The story reflected on the bulletin cover is one of the more famous accounts of St. Scholastica's life. Following after her twin brother, St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a convent near Monte Cassino in Italy. The two would meet once a year to visit and, on their last visit before St. Scholastica's death, she prayed for more time with him. In answer to her prayers, a sudden storm miraculously arose, preventing his departure so they could visit a bit longer.

Today, St. Scholastica is recognized as the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and is often invoked for protection from storms and rain.

### PARISH GAME NIGHT

Join us for a Parish Game Night next Saturday, February 15th, in the Parish Social Hall following the 5:00 PM vigil Mass. Learning from the example of Sts. Scholastica and Benedict, sometimes the most precious moments are the moments when we have the chance to simply visit with one another. Such social gatherings, such as Parish Game Night, allows us to gather as a parish family and spend that precious time visiting with one another.

### WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

With the recent inclement weather and the unpredictability of Indiana weather patterns, please remember that our weekend Masses will always be offered as scheduled at St. Joseph's (Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 PM; Sunday Masses – 7:30 AM and 10 AM). As disciples of the Lord, we have a positive obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day and, when we are physically able to, to gather together to worship at the Sacrifice of the Mass.

The above being said, an obligation does assume that that which is asked of us is physically possible. If the weather is bad, roads are impassable, and you do not feel safe traveling in the icy weather, please stay safe and stay home.

**Please Note:** Next weekend (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>), we welcome **Fr. Bill Sullivan** as the main celebrant for all of our Masses. At this time of year, I often travel with several of my seminary classmates for retreat. Sadly, our schedules did not allow for gathering this year. I will still, however, be taking this scheduled time away for some prayer and rest in preparation for the beginning of Lent.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

**COLLECTION OF  
OLD PALMS**



Please place your old blessed palms in the marked basket in the narthex.

Old palms will be burned into the ashes used on **Ash Wednesday** (March 5<sup>th</sup>).

Thank you!

**G.I.R.L.'s Night Out**

St. Joseph's G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. **All women of the Parish are Welcome!**



**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
\$25 Tickets on sale after  
all weekend Masses.**

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and reopens Tuesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. For Sacramental Emergencies, please call (260) 296-0511.**



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Feb. 8** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Feb. 10** - Parish Office closed today.
- **Tues., Feb. 11** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 11** - GIRL'S Night Out monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Feb. 12** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 12** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 13** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Feb. 14** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 15** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 15** - Family Game Night/Potluck following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sun., Feb. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 16** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 18** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 19** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 19** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 20** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Feb. 21** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 22** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.

**Weekend of February 15th & 16th**



**5:00** David Smith  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



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



**5:00** Dan Geimer  
**7:30** Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Laurisa Sudhoff, Tammi Helm, Jeff Miller



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Phillip/Angela/James Mayer  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Sam Smith

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,999.00  
Loose- \$146.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,839.94  
Donation/Bequest- \$160.00

**Total- \$5,144.94**

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

We are \$28.54 ahead of our budget for the month of February 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$30.00

Online Giving for January - \$15,047.00. We ended the month \$16,430.96 ahead of our budget.

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

Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund for January - \$805.00

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT—January 2025**

Housing—\$685.00

**Total Charitable Donations January—\$685.00**

*Thank you* for helping us help others!

**ST. JOSEPH GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK**



**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 15

**TIME:** Following 5:00 Mass

**WHERE:** Parish Social Hall



Pizza will be provided!

Bring a side dish or snack to share!

Bring your favorite games to play!

**See the Sign up sheet in the narthex!**



Our Winter Book Study continues on

**Tues., February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

in the Parish Conference Room.

We are reading "*A Good Man is Hard to Find*" by Flannery O'Connor.

All are welcome!



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 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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**St. Francis of Assisi**


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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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