

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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JOHN WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 304. HE WAS TRAINED AS A CARPENTER, BUT DECIDED TO BECOME A HERMIT AT AGE 25.

This is good work, but I'd rather spend my time alone with God...

HE STAYED WITH AN OLD HERMIT WHO DIED TEN YEARS LATER.

JOHN SPENT FIVE YEARS IN DIFFERENT MONASTERIES.

Here I will have peace and be able to pray.

JOHN STAYED AWAY FROM PEOPLE FOR THE LAST FIFTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE.

Knock knock!
You can talk to me through the door.

HOWEVER, TWICE A WEEK PEOPLE COULD COME TO TALK TO HIM OR ASK HIM FOR HELP.

I need some advice and prayers...

He died praying!

THE LAST THREE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, JOHN DID NOT EAT ANYTHING, BUT PRAYED BY HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM. HE WAS FOUND KNEELING, BUT HIS SOUL HAD ALREADY GONE.

ST. JOHN OF EGYPT

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 23, 2025

Saturday, March 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. Martin & Lois Simon +

Sunday, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

No public Mass

Tuesday, March 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. William Francis Dunn

Thursday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Tom Lautzenheiser +

Friday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, March 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. Parish Family

Sunday, March 30

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Jim Hill +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 24 - Lenten Weekday [3] - 2
Kgs 5:1-15b / Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30

Tues., Mar. 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

Wed., Mar. 26 - Lenten Weekday [3] - Dt
4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., Mar. 27 - Lenten Weekday [3] - Jer
7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / Lk 11:14-23

Fri., Mar. 28 - Lenten Weekday [3] - Hos
14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 / Mk 12:28-34

Sat., Mar. 29 - Lenten Weekday [3] - Hos
6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b / Lk 18:9-14

Sun., Mar. 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1
Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 / Ps 23:1-6 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

This weekend (March 22nd/23rd), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Lent**. Over the next three weekends, we will invite forward our five Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion to participate in the Lenten **Scrutinies**. These ancient rites, first mentioned by St. Ambrose of Milan in the fourth century, call forth those preparing to enter the Church as we pray that they might be enlightened by the Word and grace of God.

Since at least the seventh century, the Gospel readings from *Year A* of our three-year lectionary cycle have been associated with the **Scrutinies**. As such, we will deviate from our *Year C* readings over the next three weekends so that we might hear these ancient readings from *Year A*. Each of the three Gospel readings offer a form of catechesis about the full nature of and the shattering consequences of sin and our need for Jesus Christ.

ST. JOSEPH DAY TABLE

This past Wednesday, the Church celebrated the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. In honor of our parish patron, we will once again have the **St. Joseph Table** available in the narthex after all Masses. As is our parish custom, help yourself to a treat in honor of St. Joseph this weekend and may his example of faith and humility inspire us all.

PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE - RENDERING EDITION

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to sit down with Bishop Rhoades and review drawings for our upcoming renovations with him. He was excited with what he saw and I am very excited to now be able to share our first official rendering with you this weekend. This rendering takes into account the various needs we identified at the beginning of this project, including updated flooring, increased seating capacity, and revised placement of our statuary.

The proposed “snapshot” rendering of the Church offers a reimagining of the wood slatting alongside the back wall of our sanctuary. Shortening the wood slatting, it would take on the form of a wainscoting. This will allow stencil work along the back wall to help draw our focus inward, better highlighting the tabernacle, the crucifix, and our central stained glass window.

The renderings also include a number of practical updates for accessibility and safety, such as legs to stabilize the main altar, a sturdy devotional rail for handrails and wider steps for entering/exiting the sanctuary, and shortening the width of the sanctuary so that devotional candles are on floor-level next to our statuary. Plus, there is the addition of increased devotional space which can be dedicated to our local blessed, Bl. Solanus Casey.

A special “Thank You!” to our Parish and Finance Councils, and all who joined us at our monthly Parish Council meetings, for their invaluable insights and guidance to help bring our renovation project to this point. Our next step includes holding an Informational Session for the parish with our lead architect, Bill Heyer. This **Informational Session** will be on **Sunday, April 6th at 6:00 PM in the Church**.

This session will begin with a formal presentation of the proposed rendering and highlight various elements of the project. After this presentation, we will open the floor for questions and discussion. From this evening, Bill and his team will continue their work on renderings, which will eventually take the shape of construction designs to help guide our contractors once work begins.

Regarding our proposed timeline, we had hoped to be ready for construction this summer. As of this moment, we still have several diocesan committees that we need approval from before we are able to move forward. I am ever grateful for your patience as we work through the diocesan approval process to ensure every detail of this project reflects our parish’s vision and needs.

Please keep this project in your prayers as we take the next steps toward bringing these renovations to life! As this is the first major renovation in our church building itself in **~45 years**, we want to make sure that everything is done properly and that, ultimately, all that we do is done for the glory of God.



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.

LENTEN DEVOTION: "The Seven Last Words"

Join us for our Lenten Devotional Series on **Tuesday, March 25th from 6:00—7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.** This series continues each Tuesday evening of Lent through **Holy Week.** During **Holy Week,** we will meet from 6:00—7:00 PM on both Holy Monday, April 14th and Good Friday, April 18th.

The **Parish Office** is closed this Thursday and Friday, March 27th and 28th. Please call 260-296-0511 for Sacramental Emergencies.



Join us each Friday of Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Church
Lenten Soup Supper in the Parish Social Hall from 6:00—6:45 PM

REMINDER!

We will **not** have Religious Education Class on Sunday, March 30th. We will **resume** classes on Sunday, April 6th. *Have a fun & safe Spring Break!*

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 22** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 23** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 24** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 25** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 25** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Mar. 26** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 27** - Parish Office Closed
- **Thurs., Mar. 27** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Mar. 28** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 28** - Parish Office Closed
- **Fri., Mar. 28** - Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 28** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 29** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 30** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 30** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- **Mon., Mar. 31** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 1** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 1** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

Weekend of March 29th & 30th



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



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Bruce Holland
10:00 Jacque Johnson



5:00 Jill Morrissey
7:30 Volunteer
10:00 Rick Singer, Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger,
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller, Ellie Coyne

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

for the Weekend of
March 15th & 16th

Adult Envelopes- \$1,855.00
Loose- \$196.19

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$420.00

Easter Flowers- \$20.00

Total- \$2,491.19

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

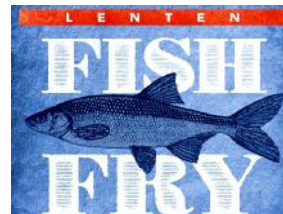
We are **\$878.63** behind our budget for the month of March 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$612.00

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>

LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH
4:00-7:00 PM



Dine in only (all you can eat fish)

Drive Thru dinners available

Adults- \$13

Tickets available

Children (ages 6-12)- \$6 after Weekend Masses



TOTUS TUUS
Summer Youth Program

7th-12th Grade: July 20th-24th
1st-6th Grade: July 21st-25th

INFORMATIONAL SESSION
FOR PARISH RENOVATIONS

with lead architect Bill Heyer
of William Heyer Architect
Sunday, April 6th
6:00 PM - in Church.



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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



Before you speak...
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