

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON WAS BORN TO A LARGE FAMILY IN MONTFORT, FRANCE, IN 1673. HE WAS A VERY GOOD STUDENT AND VISITED THE CHURCH OFTEN.**

**LOUIS GAVE ALL HE HAD TO THE POOR, WENT TO THE SEMINARY, AND BECAME A PRIEST AT AGE 27.**

**FR. LOUIS TRAVELLED AROUND, PREACHING. MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN...**

*Jesus did not come to earth to leave us in our sins...*

**MANY PEOPLE CONVERTED FROM THEIR WRONG BELIEFS.**

**ST. LOUIS LOVED OUR LADY AND WROTE BOOKS THAT ARE VERY WELL KNOWN, EVEN TODAY!**

*True Devotion to Mary...*

**ST. LOUIS SUFFERED MUCH. HE WAS CHASED OUT OF MANY PLACES, MADE FUN OF, AND LIED ABOUT.**

*Kill Montfort!*

*Get rid of him!*

*There's something in this...*

**HIS ENEMIES POISONED HIS BROTH AND HE DRANK SOME BEFORE HE REALIZED IT WAS POISONED. HE DIDN'T DIE RIGHT AWAY, BUT WORKED FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.**

*What's wrong, Father?*

**ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT**

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

**Saturday, April 26**

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27**
- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Stacy Lehman
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Cindy & Nick Hogan Family
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Monday, April 28**
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Tuesday, April 29**
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
- 8:00 a.m. Steve Hickert +
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Wednesday, April 30**
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's & St. Aloysius' Confirmandi
- Thursday, May 1**
- 8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Friday, May 2**
- 8:30 a.m. Heather Dunn
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Saturday, May 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. Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*
- Sunday, May 4**
- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Fabiola Conteras DeLeon
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary Helm +
- 6:00 p.m. *Rosary/Novena for Pope Francis*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - APRIL 27, 2025**

This weekend (April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday and Octave Day of Easter**, known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The latter name was given in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II following the canonization of St. Faustina, a humble Polish nun to whom Jesus revealed His message of divine mercy. From this message, we received the beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet to implore God's mercy by invoking the merits of Jesus' sacrifice.

One side of the insert in this weekend's bulletin offers a walk-through of how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayed upon the Rosary, this devotion mediates upon that great gift of mercy that flowed forth upon the earth from our Lord upon the Holy Cross. We do not have to be a people lost in despair and grief; Instead, Jesus Christ provides us a refuge and shelter from the storm and, in His great mercy, offers comfort and rest to all weary souls.

A special **"Thank You!"** to parishioner Nancy Wagner for painting this year's Paschal Candle. In recognition of our 150th Anniversary, the Paschal Candle tells the story of Catholicism in Wells County. Beginning with missionary priests coming to the area on horseback, we then move to the old church on Cherry Street built in 1875. At the bottom, we have the original design of our current church as it looked when dedicated in 1966.

The center of the Paschal Candle places both the Eucharist and the Holy Cross at the center of our parish history. As was proclaimed at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, it is by "His holy and glorious wounds" suffered upon the Holy Cross that we are saved. And, as described in *Christus Dominus* of the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist *"is the center and culmination of the whole life of the Christian community."*

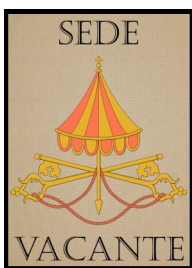
**IN MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, returned home to the Father this past Monday morning following an extensive illness over these past two months. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Peter's Basilica Saturday morning and, at this time, the Church has begun the *Novendiales*, or *Nine Days of Mourning*, offered for Pope Francis. During this time, we join with the Church throughout the world in entrusting the Holy Father into the loving hands of the Saviour.

As a part of these *Nine Days of Mourning*, we are offering a daily Rosary and Novena Prayers for Pope Francis every night at 6:00 PM. This prayer began following our Saturday Vigil Mass (April 26<sup>th</sup>) this weekend and will conclude next Sunday evening (May 4<sup>th</sup>). At this time, the Church is in a period known as the *"Papal Interregnum."* This is a very unique time in the life of the Church that is often only experienced a handful of times in one's own lifetime.

The *Papal Interregnum* is the time between the resignation or death of the Holy Father and the election of a new Pope following the Papal Conclave. In the narthex, you will see that the picture of Pope Francis, now placed in memorial at the front of the Church for the duration of the *Novendiales*, has been replaced with a picture of the Papal Keys and the words *"Sede Vacante."* This picture means that the Chair of St. Peter (*the Diocese of Rome*) is vacant.

This reality is also reflected in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Where we would normally pray *"together with Francis our Pope and Kevin our bishop,"* we now pray only *"together with Kevin our bishop."* With the election of a new pontiff at the Papal Conclave, his papal name will be added to the Eucharistic Prayer. As the Conclave draws near, we will be offering a number of informational sessions looking at this historic event.



**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon., Apr. 28 - Easter Weekday [2] - St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest** - Acts 4:23-31 / Ps 2:1-9 / Jn 3:1-8
- Tues., Apr. 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** - Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15
- Wed., Apr. 30 - Easter Weekday [2] - St. Pius V, Pope** - Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-9 / Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs., May 1 - Easter Weekday [2] - St. Joseph the Worker** - Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 / Jn 3:31-36
- Fri., May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15
- Sat., May 3 - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles** - 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Ps 19:2-5 / Jn 14:6-14
- Sun., May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter** - Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14





**NINE DAY NOVENA  
AND ROSARY  
for POPE FRANCIS**

April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us each evening at 6:00 PM in the Church from Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for a daily Rosary and praying the *Novendiales* Novena Prayer in memory of Pope Francis.

**Please remember to keep our Confirmandi,  
to be confirmed this Wednesday, in your prayers:**

- Cecelia Andrews, daughter of Colin and Lauren Andrews  
Isaiah Bedwell, son of Tracey and Sarah Bedwell  
Joao Carlos Calduro, son of Thiago and Jucimara Calduro  
Parker Christal, son of Mike and Angel Christal  
Jon Davis, III, son of Jon and Kendra Davis, Jr.  
Charley Fosnaugh, daughter of Charles and Jessica Fosnaugh  
Anna Hartman, daughter of Todd and Anjie Hartman  
Gabriella Hoffacker, daughter of Tyler and Laurie Hoffacker  
Angela Mayer, daughter of Matt and Jeannette Mayer  
Audrey Mechling, daughter of Eric and Tammy Mechling  
Anderson Schaible, son of Derrick and Shana Schaible  
Eli Seago, son of Kevin and Jessica Seago

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sat., Apr. 26 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 26 - *Novena, First Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church.*
- Sun., Apr. 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 27 - Religious Education (last class) - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 27 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt - following 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sun., Apr. 27 - *Novena, Second Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church*
- Mon., Apr. 28 - *Novena, Third Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church*
- Tues., Apr. 29 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Apr. 29 - *Novena, Fourth Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church.*
- Wed., Apr. 30 - *Novena, Fifth Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church*
- Wed., Apr. 30 - Confirmation Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., May 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., May 1 - *Novena, Sixth Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church.*
- Thurs., May 1 - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Fri., May 2 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 2 - *Novena, Seventh Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church.*
- Sat., May 3 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., May 3 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 3 - *Novena, Eighth Day in Memory of Pope Francis— 6:00 p.m. in Church.*

**Weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

	5:00 p.m.	TBD
	7:30 a.m.	TBD
	10:00 a.m.	TBD
	5:00 p.m.	Mike Dunn
	7:30 a.m.	Sarah McCorkle
	10:00 a.m.	Ellie Coyne
	5:00 p.m.	Laurisa Roper
	7:30 a.m.	Dale McCorkle
	10:00 a.m.	Larisa Sudhoff, Rick Singer, Michelle Paxton
	5:00 p.m.	Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
	7:30 a.m.	Phillip/Angela/James Mayer
	10:00 a.m.	Charlie Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Sam Smith

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
for the Weekend of  
April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$4,770.00  
Loose- \$280.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$25.00  
**Total- \$5,075.00**

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

We are **ahead** \$2,060.27 of our budget for the month of April 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,378.00

*Bishop's Appeal Over Goal-*  
\$1,276.55

**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>



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—May 2nd**

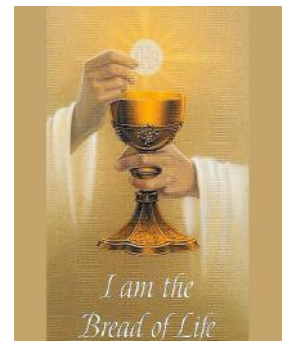
*Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass—9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.*

**Sign up sheet in the narthex.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

These young boys and girls will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 AM Mass. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.



- Peter Andrews**, son of Colin and Lauren Andrews  
**Amber Bedwell**, daughter of Tracey and Sarah Bedwell  
**Oliver Davis**, son of Jon and Kendra Davis, Jr.  
**Hunter Lehman**, son of Greg and Stacy Lehman  
**Erick Sanchez**, son of Francisco and Maria Sanchez  
**Yarelee Sanchez**, daughter of Hugo and Miriam Sanchez Telas  
**Isabella Spisak**, daughter of Scott and Beth Ann Spisak  
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Before you speak...  
**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

