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[] We've Moved, here is our new information

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 p.m. *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

Darlene Coulardot +

Easter Sunday, March 31

Mass during the Day

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Tom and Ann Reifsteck Family

Monday, April 1

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 p.m. Sue Meyer +

Wednesday, April 3

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Dan Runyon +

Thursday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Fathers of Tom & Becky Jackson

Friday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser +

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Adoration*

Saturday, April 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. Louis Bradley +

Sunday, April 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 1 - Monday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:14, 22-23 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Mt 28:8-15

Tues., Apr. 2 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 / Jn 20:11-18

Wed., Apr. 3 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 / Lk 24:13-35

Thurs., Apr. 4 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2a, 5-9 / Lk 24:35-48

Fri., Apr. 5 - Friday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a / Jn 21:1-14

Sat., Apr. 6 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sun., Apr. 7 - Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy - Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - MARCH 31, 2024

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Whether this is your first-time visiting with us or if you are a life-long parishioner, we rejoice to celebrate **Easter** with you! Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ!** We no longer fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free. For this reason, **Easter** is not just an event that is to be remembered, but a reality to be lived everyday of our lives.

With the reality of **Easter**, our **Easter Sunday** celebrations continue for the rest of the week in the **Easter Octave**. This joy cannot be contained in a single day; Instead, the joy of Christ's Resurrection echoes anew each day. The full **Easter Season**, or **Easter tide**, lasts for fifty days! These fifty days of Easter joy should be lived just as intensely as we lived out the past forty days of preparatory prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent.

Congratulations to our **three** Elect (Fabiola, Heather, and Liam), our **six** Candidates for Full Communion (Ben, Brandon, Gene, Judy, Patti, and Stacy), and our **two** young men who made their First Holy Communion (Martin and Alfredo) this Easter weekend! **We rejoice together as a parish family as our family continues to grow!** A special "*Thank You!*" to their godparents and sponsors and to Jill, our RCIA Coordinator, for their diligent work throughout the year to help prepare all those received.

Though we have entered into the **Easter season**, our **Catholicism Explained** class will continue for two more weeks. During this time, those who have entered into the Church enter into a period known as *mystagogy*. This practice, traced back to at least the fourth century and St. Cyril of Jerusalem, invites those who have just received the Sacraments at **Easter** to reflect on the life-changing graces that they have received.

This period of *mystagogy* is one useful for each of us to consider. How often we may not fully grasp the beauty of the Sacraments that our Lord continues to provide for us through His Church. These outward signs of inward grace have been given to us by the Lord Himself to help us grow in our relationship with Him. The **Easter season** is a wonderful time to reflect on these gifts of grace and to ask the Lord to use them in renewing our lives and strengthening our hearts throughout this earthly journey towards the Resurrection.

A special "*Thank You!*" also to all those who helped make our celebrations so special. Our Choir and Youth Schola, both under the direction of our choir director, Teresa, helped to elevate our hearts and minds to the Lord not only in Holy Week, but throughout the entirety of the Lenten season. Our servers, under the direction of our Master of Ceremonies, Dan, helped to guide our liturgies and our prayer. Our Decorating Committee have enhanced the beauty of our church building for our Easter celebrations And, our Parish Staff, Michelle, Teresa, and Stacey, helped keep things moving behind the scenes.

EASTER GIFT - ROSARIES FROM THE HOLY LAND

As you are sent forth from our Easter celebrations, please take with you a Rosary from the Holy Land as a gift from our parish. These rosaries, made of olive wood from Bethlehem, serve as a reminder that the resurrection is no mere story, but a reality: God became man; Jesus walked this earth and is risen from the dead! Many of these rosaries, obtained during a past pilgrimage to the Holy Land, have themselves been laid on the empty tomb of Jesus.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Next Sunday (April 7th), we celebrate the **Octave Day of Easter**, known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Our Easter celebrations are not meant to be celebrated in solitude, but together as a community. Join us next Sunday after the 10 AM Mass for our annual **Parish Easter Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt**. The parish will provide the main entrée and drinks; You are invited to bring your favorite side-dish to share. Please see the sign-up in the narthex!

~In the Risen 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,
and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.



Please keep these 5 Confirmandi in your

Prayers as they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament
of Confirmation on April 5, 2024 at St. Mary's Church, Decatur



Wyatt Ault, son of Joe and Kary Ault
Jace Draper, son of Neil and Leslie Draper
Gracie Haiflich, daughter of Andy and
Jennie Haiflich
Carmen Ortiz, daughter of Juan and
Rosa Ortiz
Adrienne Wagner, daughter of Ben and
Jenny Wagner

May you always seek to grow in love,
may you always dwell in the wisdom of
His word. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Holy Saturday, Mar. 30** - *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) - 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-10:00 a.m. / **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.**
- **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31** - Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31** - No Religious Education Classes
- **Easter Mon., April 1 - Fri., April 5** - The Parish Office will be closed. The Parish Office will re-open on Mon., April 8.
- **Easter Tues., April 2** - Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Easter Tues., April 2** - *Knights of Columbus* monthly meeting - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Easter Wed., April 3** - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Wed., April 3** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Easter Thurs., April 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Easter Fri., April 5** - First Friday Adoration - Mass at 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / No evening Mass.
- **Easter Fri., April 5** - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's Church, Decatur - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., April 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., April 6** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., April 7** - Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck - following 10:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Tues., April 9** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., April 9** - GIRL's Night Out Group - Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., April 10** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 10** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., April 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 13** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of April 6/7



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Teresa Smith/Adult Choir



5:00 Bruce Holland- Knight of Columbus
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 John Vanderkolk



5:00 N/A
7:30 N/A
10:00 Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Diana Cole



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer
10:00 Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Mar. 23/24

Adult Envelopes- \$3,812.00
Loose- \$297.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$250.82

Easter Flowers- \$310.00

Easter Offering- \$10.00

Donation- \$100.00

Votive Candles- \$111.05

Total- \$4,890.87

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$20.95 ahead of our
budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$563.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.*

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



**Continuing our Easter Celebrations,
join us on Sunday, April 7th,
for St. Joseph's Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck
following our 10:00 AM Mass (~11:30 AM).
Pizza & Drinks will be provided;
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, April 5, 2024
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Due to the 8th Grade Confirmation Mass at 7:00 PM
at St. Mary's Church, Decatur, there will not
be a 6:00 evening Mass on April 5, 2024.
**Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex
and spend an hour with Jesus.**



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Karen Roberts, mother of Kerry (Laura) Roberts, who passed
away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

May we also pray for the repose of the soul of Maria "Mary" Porrata-
Doria, wife of Al Porrata, who passed away Sunday, March 24, 2024.

May God welcome them home,
fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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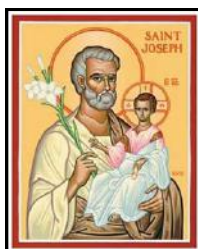


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