



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

#### CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

#### ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM



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### Saturday, August 2

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, August 3

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members  
of the James Hill Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Ben Cruz

### Monday, August 4

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, August 5

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, August 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Agnes & Rosie Herr

### Thursday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Jane Case +

### Friday, August 8

8:30 a.m. Mary Porrata Doria +

### Saturday, August 9

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. Larry Henry +

### Sunday, August 10

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Heather Harnish



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Aug. 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest -**  
Nm 11:4b-15 / Ps 81:12-17 / Mt 14:13-21  
**Tues., Aug. 5 - Weekday [18] - The Dedi-**  
**cation of the Basilica of Saint Mary Ma-**  
**jour -** Nm 12:1-13 / Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13 / Mt  
14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wed., Aug. 6 - The Transfiguration of**  
**the Lord -** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-  
6, 9 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Lk 9:28b-36  
**Thurs., Aug. 7 - Weekday [18] - St. Sixtus**  
**II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St.**  
**Cajetan, Priest -** Nm 20:1-13 / Ps 95:1-2, 6  
-9 / Mt 16:13-23  
**Fri., Aug. 8 - St. Dominic, Priest -** Dt  
4:32-40 / Ps 77:12-16, 21 / Mt 16:24-28  
**Sat., Aug. 9 - Weekday [18] - St. Teresa**  
**Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr -**  
Dt 6:4-13 / Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 / Mt 17:14-20  
**Sun., Aug. 10 - Nineteenth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time -** Wis 18:6-9 / Ps 33:1, 12,  
18-22 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 /  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 3, 2025

This weekend (August 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings this week provide an emphasis on the spiritual value of poverty. Taking from both the Old and New Testaments, these readings remind us that human happiness is not to be found in the accumulation of material goods. Ultimately, riches are fleeting and empty. We are called instead to “*store up treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal.*” (Matthew 6:20)

### PARISH FINANCE REPORT - 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

At the beginning of July, we closed out the past fiscal year with the diocese. Our diocesan fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Last year, as the fiscal year ended, we prepared an “*End of the Year*” Report for the parish. In keeping with this commitment to fiscal transparency and responsibility, we have now prepared our second annual “*End of the Year*” Fiscal Report, which is included in this weekend’s bulletin and available on the parish website.

A special “**Thank You!**” to Michelle, our business manager, and Barb, Doug, and Rick, our Finance Council, for their work and guidance in preparing this report. This year’s report includes an expanded listing of our parish staff and information regarding both our annual diocesan tithe and the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. We present this report to the parish as part of our commitment to be prudent stewards of all that is entrusted to us.

A true parish “report” would be incomplete if it only reviewed the fiscal health of the parish. For this reason, we have also included a review of the sacramental life of the parish over this past year. We invite you to read through this report, reflect on the blessings our parish has received, and join us in praying for all that lies ahead. Your continued support of prayer, service, and stewardship makes our parish’s continued growth possible!

### LIFEWISE ACADEMY PASTORAL GUIDANCE

As we near the start of the school year in all of our school districts, I wanted to once again reiterate my pastoral guidance regarding *Lifewise Academy*. This program aims to offer bible classes during school hours through time-released religious instruction offered off school property. As I’ve detailed in the past, however, there are a number of concerns and disagreements with this program’s content in relation to our Catholic Faith.

To reiterate my past pastoral guidance: **As pastor of our parish, I strongly encourage our parish families to refrain from enrolling in the *Lifewise Academy* program.** For a full review of the various concerns we’ve found with this program and the multiple conversations had before reaching this decision, please see our parish website for the fuller “**Pastoral Guidance and Explanatory Letter regarding Lifewise Academy.**”

As mentioned last year, after multiple attempts of dialogue, it became clear that the issues we raised cannot be reconciled since the curriculum in use by this program is not open to suggestions or changes. If any of our school-aged families ever feel pressured to participate in this program, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself and the Parish Office. We are here always to support you and advocate for your family’s spiritual well-being.

I want to reaffirm that our parish remains deeply committed to the faith formation of our youth. Our Religious Education Program and Youth Ministry are rooted in the fullness of Catholic teaching, prayer, and community life. These ministries are designed to help our youth grow not only in knowledge of Scripture but also in love for Christ and His Church. Our **Religious Education Program (K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** will begin **Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30—9:45 AM.**

**Note:** I will be away next weekend for conferences and a retreat. A special “**Thank You!**” to Fr. Bill Sullivan who will be assisting in my absence.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—AUGUST MEETING



**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

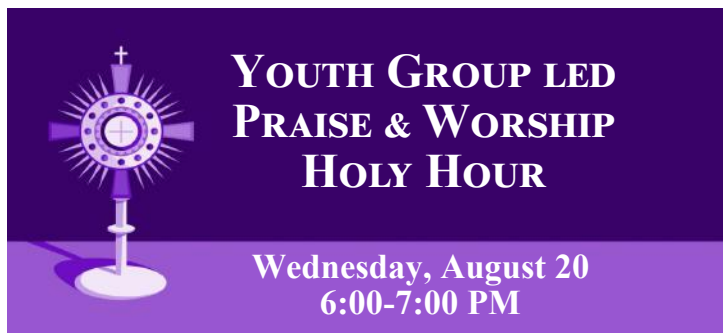
*(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)*

In place of their August meeting, **G.I.R.L.'s Night Out** will host a cookout on **Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

*We'll plan to gather outside for the picnic, so please bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share.*

All women of the parish and their spouses are welcome.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and get to know members of our wonderful parish groups!




**Youth Group Kick-Off following Mass.**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., August 2** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 5** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., August 5** - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., August 6** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 8** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 9** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 12** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 13 - Sat., August 16** - New Directory Photos
- **Wed., August 13** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., August 14** - Vigil Mass of the Assumption - 7 PM
- **Fri., August 15** - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses - 7 AM / Noon / 7 PM
- **Sat., August 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 16** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 17** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 18** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

### Weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

	<b>MASSES</b>	<b>Cantors...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Dan Lautzenheiser
	7:30 a.m.	Mike Morrissey
	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Smith
		<b>Lectors...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Dan Geimer
	7:30 a.m.	Christie Felger
	10:00 a.m.	Monica Harris
		<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Laurisa Roper
	7:30 a.m.	Barb Ault
	10:00 a.m.	Kevin Seago, Larisa Sudhoff, Jacaque Johnson
		<b>Servers...</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
	7:30 a.m.	Charlene/Anna Lynn/ Jackson Felger
	10:00 a.m.	Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

for the Weekend of  
**July 26<sup>th</sup> & July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,789.00

Loose- \$1,302.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$219.99

Paper Gator- \$23.91

Donation/Bequest- \$320.00

Camp Damascus Reimb.-  
\$250.00

**Total- \$4,904.90**

38th ABA Over Goal- \$329.40

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

We are **\$2,044.29** ahead of our budget for the month of July 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$15.00

*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>

## 2025 PARISH DIRECTORY

**Photos taken on:**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-8:30 PM  
& August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Only 12 Minutes per Photo Session**

Signs-up available in Narthex



**THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY  
on August 15, 2025  
Holy Day of Obligation**

### MASS TIMES

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM**

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM**

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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