

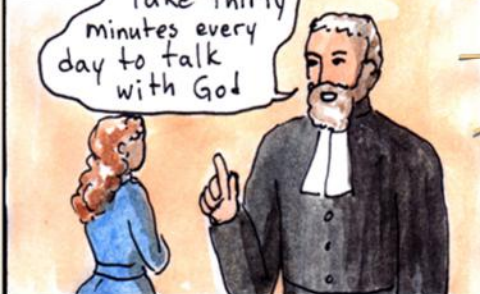
# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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CATERINA DE PAZZI WAS BORN TO A NOBLE FAMILY IN ITALY IN 1566. SHE WAS BAPTIZED AND TRAINED TO BE A GOOD CATHOLIC.



AT AGE 9 SHE WAS TAUGHT BY A PRIEST TO MEDITATE- TO PRAY SILENTLY AND THINK OF GOD.



SHE RECEIVED HER FIRST COMMUNION AT AGE 10, WHICH WAS EARLY IN THOSE DAYS.



FOR TWO YEARS CATERINA WENT TO A CONVENT SCHOOL.

THEN SHE ENTERED THE CONVENT AT AGE 16, TAKING THE NAME MARY MAGDALENE.



SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF OUR LORD AND THE SAINTS. OTHER NUNS WROTE WHAT SHE SAID DURING THEM.



SISTER MARY MAGDALENE RECOVERED AND WORKED WELL IN THE CONVENT. HOWEVER, SHE WAS SICK MANY TIMES, AND DIED WHEN SHE WAS 41.

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Pastor:** Fr. David Violi

**Fr. David's Email:** frdavidvioli@gmail.com | **Sacramental Emergency Number:** (260) 296-0511

**Administrative Assistant / DRE:** Michelle Paxton | **Director of Sacred Music:** Teresa Smith

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

## Saturday, May 17

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. Patty Makowski

## Sunday, May 18

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Lucila Santanilla +

## Monday, May 19

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, May 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, May 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

## Thursday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

## Friday, May 23

8:30 a.m. Ralph & Connie Nichter Family

## Saturday, May 24

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, May 25

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 19 - Easter Weekday [5] -**  
Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26

**Tues., May 20 - Easter Weekday [5] - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest -** Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed., May 21 - Easter Weekday [5] - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs -** Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs., May 22 - Easter Weekday [5] - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious -** Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11

**Fri., May 23 - Easter Weekday [5] -** Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-12 / Jn 15:12-17

**Sat., May 24 - Easter Weekday [5] -** Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

**Sun., May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter -** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 18, 2025

This weekend (May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. Our readings continue to prepare us for the coming of the **Ascension of the Lord** and the descent of the Holy Spirit at **Pentecost**. Our Lord desired to establish His Kingdom on Earth, present in and through His Church. To do this, He first ascended to the Father. The disciples had to learn to shed their physical attachment to the Lord, to live by faith rather than sight.

Though He ascended to the Father, He did not abandon His disciples. Aid came through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost**. Absence followed by renewal is a strong theme in the whole of the Mass for this Sunday: Loss becomes gain; Waiting becomes fulfillment; Uncertainty becomes clarity; Pain becomes joy. Through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Church discovers a radiant beginning. This is the age in which we now live.

## BABY BOTTLES FOR HELPING HANDS

As mentioned last weekend, you are invited to take a **Baby Bottle** home with you. **Baby Bottles** can be taken and filled with loose change, dollar bills, and/or checks to support **Helping Hands**. Serving as a local pregnancy and family resource centers, **Helping Hands** provides a wide-range of services for those in need within our local community. This annual fundraiser is one of the ways that our parish helps them to continue offering support for those in need.

Please return the **Baby Bottles** either in the weekly collection basket or to the Parish Office by **Father's Day Weekend** (Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>). If including a check in the **Baby Bottle**, please make it payable to "**Helping Hands**." Thank you for your support of this local ministry in our community.

## ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

With praise and thanksgiving, Bishop Rhoades will ordain Johnathon Hickey, Noah Isch, Samuel Martinez, and Greenan Sullivan to the transitional diaconate for our diocese this coming **Saturday, May 24, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne**. All are welcome for the Mass of Ordination!

Following ordination, our new deacons will serve in parishes throughout the diocese this summer before returning to seminary to complete their formation for priestly ordination. Our diocese remains richly blessed with a number of young men preparing for priesthood. We give thanks to the Lord for their response to His call and continue to pray for an increase in vocations—both across the diocese and from within our own parish family.

## INAUGURAL MASS OF POPE LEO XIV

On Sunday morning, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, celebrated the inaugural Mass of his papacy at the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome. Though he assumed the Office of the Papacy at the moment of his election, this inaugural Mass marks the formal and public beginning of his ministry as the Bishop of Rome.

At this Mass, he receives the pallium—a white woolen band adorned with red crosses—and the Fisherman's Ring. Together, these symbols represent the Pope's universal jurisdiction and authority as the Vicar of Christ, in continuity with that unbroken line of succession back to St. Peter himself. These sacred signs emphasize the Pope's role as the visible source of unity for the Church on earth, entrusted to him for the good of the whole People of God.

Recently, Pope Leo XIV's papal shield was revealed. The upper half, blue with a white fleur-de-lis, symbolizes purity, devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and the resurrection of Jesus. The lower half features a closed book beneath a pierced, flaming heart—an image evoking St. Augustine's conversion and the way God's Word "*pierced his heart*." His motto, *In Illo Uno Unum* (*In the One, We Are One*), taken from St. Augustine, further underscores the unity & centrality of Christ in our lives.



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.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Classes Resume  
September 7, 2025**

Interested in helping with Religious Education this fall?  
We need Catechists, Aides, and Substitutes  
to teach the faith to our parish youth.  
Contact the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

*Members of our Knights of Columbus, Council #7555,  
helped to fill backpacks for the Wells County 4-H's  
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## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 19** - New Lector Training - 6:00 p.m. - meet in the narthex.
- **Tues., May 20** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
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- **Sun., May 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 26** - Memorial Day / Parish Office is Closed
- **Tues., May 27** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting / Rosary at 6:40 p.m. / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., June 4** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## Weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>



5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser  
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith  
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker  
7:30 a.m. Bruce Holland  
10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk



5:00 p.m. Volunteer  
7:30 a.m. Dale or Sarah McCorkle  
10:00 a.m. Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris



5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
7:30 a.m. **Volunteers needed!**  
10:00 a.m. Grant Reifsteck, Luke Miller, Dominic Bedwell

## St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$2,511.00  
Loose- \$238.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$70.00  
K of C reimbursement- \$46.80  
**Total- \$2,865.80**

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

We are **\$2,092.12** behind our  
budget for the month of  
May 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$50.00

*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 Graduates Baccalaureate Mass

These 11 Seniors will be recognized at our  
10:00 a.m. Mass on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Payton Bedwell, son of Tracey and Sarah Bedwell  
Cassie Coyne, daughter of Kerry and Tracy Coyne  
Luke Dreiband, son of Kim Dreiband and the late  
Dave Dreiband

Jake Gruss, son of Steve and Amy Gruss  
Austin Haiflich, son of Andy and Jennie Haiflich  
Anthony Hartman, son of Todd and Anjie Hartman  
Emma Howell, daughter of Brett and Amy Howell  
Jacquelyn Mayer, daughter of Matt and Jeannette Mayer  
Grant Reifsteck, son of Chris and Laurie Reifsteck  
Angela Rogers, daughter of Rod and Jessica Rogers  
Derek Smith, son of Karl and Anna Smith

*May God bless you abundantly with love,  
wisdom and guidance as you move to the next  
phase of your life. Your parish family will keep you in prayer.*

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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