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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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DAILY OF
THE HOLY
BODY AND
BLOOD OF
CHRIST IS
GOOD AND
BENEFICIAL.

St. Basil the Great
Letter 93 To Caesaria (AD 373)

Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Victoria Rios +

Sunday, May 3

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary Helm +

Monday, May 4

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 5

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Ron Smith Family
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, May 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Priests

Thursday, May 7

No Public Mass

Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Cochran

Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Lugene "Gene" Keys +

Sunday, May 10

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 4 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26
Tues., May 5 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13b, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a
Wed., May 6 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8
Thurs., May 7 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11
Fri., May 8 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-12 / Jn 15:12-17
Sat., May 9 - Easter Weekday [5] - Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21
Sun., May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2026

This weekend (May 2nd/3rd), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. As **Eastertide** continues, our Gospel readings begin a narrative shift. Having focused on the Resurrection and the Lord's appearances to the Apostles these many weeks, we now begin to prepare for His coming **Ascension**. Christ does not ascend to abandon His disciples, but to draw them upward with Him; He ascends so that His Body, the Church, might follow.

Even now, the Church lives with Her eyes fixed toward Heaven. Each Mass lifts us into the heavenly worship; Each sacrament draws us deeper into that divine life opened to us by the Resurrection. **Easter** is not simply the memory of the empty tomb, but the very beginning of our own ascent in Christ. We are being reminded that our true homeland is not here below, but above in heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Even still, our **Easter** celebration does not end with the **Ascension**. Instead, it continues through the **Ascension** to the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. Just as the Risen Lord opened the gates of Heaven through His victory over death and ascended before His disciples, so too does He send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide His Church until the end of time. The same Spirit given at **Pentecost** continues to animate His Church today.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This joyous transition in the liturgical year from **Easter** to the **Ascension** and, finally, to the **Solemnity of Pentecost** is a mystery that continues to unfold within the life of the Church today. Through the gift of the Sacraments, Christ continues to draw His people into communion with Himself, nourishing and strengthening us along the journey toward Heaven. Most especially, He nourishes through that very gift of Himself that is the Most Holy Eucharist.

This weekend, we congratulate our six young parishioners who will receive their First Holy Communion at our 10 AM Mass. They will, for the very first time, come forward to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. As they receive Our Lord for the first time, they will be drawn ever more deeply into the very mystery of Easter that we continue to celebrate throughout this holy season.

Please continue to keep these six and their families in your prayers. We ask our Lord that their love for Him in the Holy Eucharist may continue to grow throughout their lives and that they may always remain close to Him who feeds us with the Bread of Heaven. From the witness of their joy, may we also find in our hearts a renewal of this wonder and joy as we too approach this same altar and receive our Lord Himself in Holy Communion.

RENOVATION UPDATE AND GENERAL PRACTICES

Though construction continues in the Sanctuary, I hope that these past two weekends have proven to be an easy transition back into the Nave, or main body, of the Church. Once the Sanctuary itself is usable, we will install the last two rows of pews in the front of the Nave. This will not only help to increase our overall seating capacity, but also expand our accessible seating options.

As of this past week, it does seem prudent to move our completion date from **Pentecost Sunday** (May 24th) to **June**. Though work is moving along at a good pace, we have faced a number of delays on receiving materials. We are still waiting the arrival of the marble for the Sanctuary and the majority of a needed woodworking package from *Big-C Lumber*. Once these materials have arrived, our team from *Shawnee Construction* is ready to start installation.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE CALENDAR

As a reminder, our Parish Calendar is available in both our parish bulletin and online on our parish website. Please keep an eye on the calendar over the next few weeks as both Michelle in our Parish Office and I will be making use of some vacation days. This means that we will occasionally have altered Parish Office Hours or daily Mass times (*as listed on the calendar*). ~Fr. David





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Tues., May 5th

Join the *Knights of Columbus* in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Chapel. The meeting starts in the gym at 7:00 PM. All men in the Parish are welcome!

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

GIRL'S Night Out will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the 8th grade Religious Education Classroom.

All women of the parish are invited & welcome!

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Junior High/High School

June 21st– June 25th—6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1-6

June 22nd - June 26th—9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

TWO HOST HOMES NEEDED

We will need 2 **Host Homes** from June 20th - 25th for our four *Totus Tuus* Summer Missionaries.

If interested in serving as a host home, please call the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380.



Sign in at FORMED.ORG with our Parish Code: 7N68MY

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 2** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 5** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Tues., May 5** - Knights of Columbus - Rosary 6:40 p.m. *in the Chapel* / Meeting at 7:00 p.m. *in the gym.*
- **Wed., May 6** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., May 6** - Parish Council 7:45 p.m. - 8th Grade Classroom
- **Wed., May 6** - No Public Mass
- **Thurs., May 7** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 8** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 9** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 12** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., May 12** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Meeting - 7:00 p.m. *in the 8th grade classroom.*
- **Wed., May 13** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 14** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 15** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND OF MAY 9TH & 10TH



MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Sarah McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Bruce Holland



5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Dale McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Joni Cincotta



5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Sam/Andrew Smith

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Servers

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of April 25th & 26th
Adult Envelopes - \$6,113.00
Loose - \$282.33
Repair / Rainy Day - \$510.00
Rel. Education Fund - \$250.00
Ascension - \$10.00
Total - \$7,180.33

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,178.09** ahead of our budget for the month of April 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$515.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!
Thank you!

To set up Online Giving through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit: www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton or Scan the QR Code on the right:



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Equipping Students to Defend Life with Clarity and Courage
Thurs., June 11th (11:00 AM) – Sat., June 13th (2:15 PM)

A Special Thank You from G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

St. Joseph GIRL's Night Out 5th Annual *Mardi Gras Fundraiser* was a fun night for all. We raised \$5,809 thanks to everyone's generosity. We will use portions of our proceeds to support Grace and Mercy transitional housing, the Wells County community food bank, and our youth group. We appreciate your support!

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Myra J. Inskeep, wife of Patrick Galea, who passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026.



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

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 - St. John Paul II

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

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