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JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE WAS FROM A RICH FAMILY IN FRANCE IN THE 1600'S. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION AND WAS VERY INTELLIGENT.

I want you to do some Latin translation today.

HIS STUDIES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD STOPPED WHEN HIS PARENTS DIED AND HE HAD TO LOOK AFTER HIS SIBLINGS.

You are needed at home...

FINALLY JOHN WAS ORDAINED AT 27, A RICH, HANDSOME AND IMPORTANT PRIEST.

Congratulations on your ordination!

These boys need some order!

BUT THINGS CHANGED WHEN HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A SCHOOL FOR POOR BOYS.

Here's my plan...

FR. JOHN AND THE BROTHERS STARTED FREE SCHOOLS FOR BOYS IN PARIS AND ITALY.

But my parents can't pay!

They don't have to!

HE CAME UP WITH VERY GOOD WAYS TO TEACH THE BOYS. MANY OF THEM ARE STILL USED IN SCHOOLS TODAY. ST. JOHN DIED WHEN HE WAS 68 YEARS OLD.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 6, 2025

Saturday, April 5

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, April 6

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser +

Monday, April 7

No public Mass

Tuesday, April 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Stephanie Robinson +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Maureen Teresa McCarthy

Thursday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Heather Dunn

Friday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Janis Lindzy +

Saturday, April 12

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, April 13 (Palm Sunday)

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased members of the Deb Blinn Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 7 - Lenten Weekday [5] - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Ps 23:1-6 / Jn 8:12-20

Tues., Apr. 8 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Nm 21:4-9 / Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 / Jn 8:21-30

Wed., Apr. 9 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 / Jn 8:31-42

Thurs., Apr. 10 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Fri., Apr. 11 - Lenten Weekday [5] - St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr - Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-7 / Jn 10:31-42

Sat., Apr. 12 - Lenten Weekday [5] - Ez 37:21-28 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 / Jn 11:45-56

Sun., Apr. 13 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Lk 19:28-40 (procession) / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



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.

This weekend (April 5th/6th), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**. At this moment in the liturgical year, we are participating in the great richness of many varying traditions. Continuing with the ancient practice of the **Scrutinies**, dating back to the 4th Century, we will hear one last time from the readings for Year A, united with the Scrutinies since the 7th Century, to help prepare our Elect who are entering the Church at the **Easter Vigil**.

In addition to the **Scrutinies**, we are also entering into **Passiontide**, marking the last two weeks of **Lent**. This time is most notably recognized by veiling the statues within the Church. This practice itself dates back to at least the 9th Century and emphasizes that our Lenten fasting is meant to grow even more rigorous as we near **Holy Week**. As such, we fast even from devotional images as our eyes are, at this moment, meant to be fixed on Christ alone.

As with all things liturgical, the practices of these next two weeks are deeply incarnational, engaging not only our spirits but our whole selves—body and soul. The visual fast of veiled statues stirs our senses to anticipate the glory of the Resurrection. Next weekend, we physically enter into the mystery of **Palm Sunday** by joining together in procession to the Church. With palm branches held high, we walk as the crowds first did in Jerusalem to welcome the Christ.

The **Palm Sunday Procession** enters us into **Holy Week**. As described by St. John Chrysostom in the 4th Century, this week is truly called holy “*because of the great mysteries which it celebrates.*” Included in this weekend’s bulletin is our coming schedule for **Holy Week**. I encourage you to dedicate as much time as possible to prayer throughout these coming weeks, most especially during the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION—APRIL 13TH AT THE 10 AM MASS

Next weekend, we will celebrate the blessing of palms at every Mass. At the 5 PM and 7:30 AM Masses, we will begin from the back of the Church for the blessing of palms. At the 10 Mass, however, we will begin outside of the Parish Offices and join together in a procession into the Church as we commemorate the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem. (*In case of rain, we will move the procession inside to the hallway along the Parish Offices.*)

INFORMATIONAL SESSION—SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 6 PM

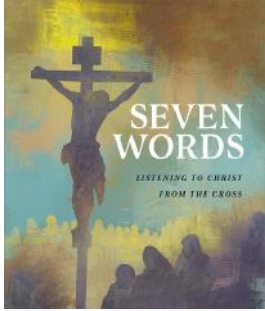
Don’t forget to join us this evening (*Sunday, April 6th*) at 6 PM in the Church for a presentation by Bill Heyer of William Heyer Architecture. Bill and his team have served as the primary architects that we have been working with over the past year to help visualize the possibilities for our eventual parish renovations. As a part of that visualization, new colorized renderings are now available for your viewing in the narthex.

The evening will begin with a brief introduction followed by a presentation that will highlight the underlying principles and theology that encompasses the architectural design of a church as the house of God on earth. Starting from this general viewpoint, we are invited into the creative process as we learn how a church architect takes these underlying principles and transforms them into the brick and mortar, stone and glass that we see in a church.

Moving from this foundation, we will then look to our proposed renovations, which are meant to build upon and further highlight that beauty which is already inherent within our church itself. Following this presentation, we will then have an opportunity for a Q&A Session over all that has been presented. We look forward to having as many parishioners join us as possible as we continue this long-awaited process regarding renovations.

As previously mentioned, our time table for actually moving forward with any renovations is still uncertain. While I had hoped that we would be able to move forward with some work this summer, we’re still well in the middle of the diocesan process on this end. Before we move forward, we still need approval from several diocesan committees. As we await word from these committees, however, we will continue to plan and prepare as best as possible.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION
FOR PARISH RENOVATIONS**
with lead architect Bill Heyer
of William Heyer Architect
Sunday, April 6th
6:00 PM - in Church.



**LENTEN DEVOTION:
"The Seven Last Words"**

Our Lenten Devotion continues
**Tuesday, April 8th from 6 - 7 PM
in the Parish Conference Room.**

This Week: "I Thirst"

John 19:68 & Psalm 69:21



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

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will meet on
Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.
in the **Parish Conference Room.**

Please call the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380
if you would like a ride to attend the meeting.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Apr. 5** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 6** - Informational Session Parish Renovations - 6:00 p.m. in Church.
- **Mon., Apr. 7** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 8** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 8** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 8** - *G.I.R.L.'s Night Out* - monthly meeting in the Parish Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 9** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Apr. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Apr. 10** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Apr. 11** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Apr. 11** - Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Fri., Apr. 11** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 13** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 13** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Apr. 14** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Mon., Apr. 14** - *Lenten Devotional, "7 Last Words"* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 15** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 15** - Chrim Mass - 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.
- **Wed., Apr. 16** - Praise & Worship Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of April 12th & 13th (Palm Sunday)



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Adult Choir



5:00 Stacey Coulardot/Michelle Paxton
7:30 Sarah McCorkle, **Volunteer**
10:00 George Witwer, **Volunteer**



5:00 Laurisa Roper
7:30 Jill Morrissey
10:00 Larisa Sudhoff, Tammi Helm, **Volunteer**



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner
10:00 Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker, Charlie Andrews

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of
March 29th & 30th**

Adult Envelopes- \$1,931.00
Loose- \$307.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$135.00
Easter Flowers- \$301.00
General Bequest- \$500.00
Easter Offering- \$10.00
Total- \$3,184.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$4,617.48** behind our
budget for the month of
March 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

*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>



**Join us each Friday of Lent
for Stations of the Cross
at 7:00 PM in the Church**

Lenten Soup Supper in
the Parish Social Hall
from 6:00—6:45 PM

**TOTUS TUUS
Summer Youth Program**

**7th-12th Grade: July 20th-24th
1st-6th Grade: July 21st-25th**



**DID YOU
KNOW?**



St. Joseph briefly operated a parish schoolhouse. In 1894, a schoolhouse was opened for one year. This was previously attested to by parishioners in the 1940s who remembered attending the school as children. There are also remnants of old prayer cards from the end of the 19th Century praying for the success of "St. Joseph's School." Though the school did not remain open, families would begin to send their children to St. Aloysius School in nearby Sheldon for sacramental prep and education.



HOLY WEEK



at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton

<p>HOLY MONDAY (April 14th)</p>	<p>The Seven Last Words - 6:00 p.m. Parish Conference Room</p>
<p>HOLY TUESDAY (April 15th)</p>	<p>Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession - 8:30-9:00 a.m. Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne</p>
<p>SPY WEDNESDAY (April 16th)</p>	<p>Adoration & Confession - 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Group-led <i>Praise & Worship</i> during Adoration Mass - 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>HOLY THURSDAY (April 17th)</p>	<p>Morning Prayer (<i>Lauds</i>) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. Adoration in Parish Conference Room until Midnight Confession - After Mass until 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer (<i>Compline</i>) - 11:45 p.m.</p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th) <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Morning Prayer (<i>Lauds</i>) - 8:30 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 p.m. Confession - 5:00-6:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words - 6:00 p.m. Parish Conference Room Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. <i>Tenebrae</i> Service - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>HOLY SATURDAY (April 19th)</p>	<p>Morning Prayer (<i>Lauds</i>) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY (April 20st)</p>	<p>Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.</p>

a guide to HOLY WEEK

By Melinda McPherson

Palm Sunday



People of Jerusalem welcome Jesus as king as he triumphantly enters the city



Crowd waves palms and lays cloaks on the ground before him



Jesus rides in on a donkey to fulfill Old Testament prophecies



The liturgy begins with blessing of palms, an extra reading about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and a procession while the congregation waves palms to play the part of the crowds



Take the palms and place them in your home or workplace as a witness to faith in Jesus' Paschal Victory

Put yourself in the shoes of the people who first welcomed Christ as king, but in a matter of days, called for his crucifixion

What Happened That Day



What You'll See at Church



How to Live Out the Day

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Though chronologically three days, the **PASCHAL TRIDUUM** is one liturgical day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery

Holy Thursday



Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his Apostles



Jesus institutes the Eucharist and constitutes the Apostles as priests



Displaying great humility, Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles



Gives *mandatum*, command to love one another as he has loved them



During the agony in the garden, he accepts God's will, then is arrested



At the end of Mass the altar is stripped and all decorations are covered or removed. Even the tabernacle is emptied and all consecrated hosts are moved to an Altar of Repose to mimic the absence and loss felt by the disciples during Jesus' agony and death.

No final blessing as the liturgical day continues



Maintain silence

Spend an hour in adoration

Good Friday



While Jesus was being questioned, Peter denies him three times



Pilate has Jesus scourged and a crown of thorns put on his head



Jesus carries his own cross to Calvary, where he is crucified



With the words, "It is finished," Jesus dies and darkness descends



Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb



This is the only day of the year where no Masses are celebrated, and no sacraments are performed, unless it's an emergency

Candles are only lit during the liturgy when the Eucharist is present and during the Veneration of the Cross



Fasting and abstinence from meat

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Maintain silence during the hours Jesus was on the cross

Easter Sunday



Jesus rises, conquering death, and opening the path to new life!



Empty tomb is found first by the holy women, then by Peter and John



Jesus appears to multiple groups of disciples, they see and believe



Take part in a festive gathering with family and friends to honor this day as the highest of feasts

Start by blessing the table and home with holy water from the Easter Mass

Keep the celebration going during the Octave of Easter for eight days, and the Easter season for 50 days until Pentecost



Catechumens receive sacraments of initiation, and the whole congregation renews baptismal vows

We sing Alleluia again for the first time since the beginning of Lent

The new Paschal candle is carried into the church and the congregations' candles are lit from it

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St. Francis of Assisi


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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



Before you speak...
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