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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, February 21

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Joe Pfeifer +

Sunday, February 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Danny Decker

Monday, February 23

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 24

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Bill Johnson +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 25

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Lawrence Robinson +

Thursday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests

Friday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Grace Terrell +
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

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. Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Roland "Pudge" Kennedy +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert
Bates +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 23 - Lenten Weekday [1] - St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / Mt 25:31-46

Tues., Feb. 24 - Lenten Weekday [1] - Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 / Mt 6:7-15

Wed., Feb. 25 - Lenten Weekday [1] - Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32

Thurs., Feb. 26 - Lenten Weekday [1] - Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 / Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 / Mt 7:7-12

Fri., Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday [1] - St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church - Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-8 / Mt 5:20-26

Sat., Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday [1] - Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Mt 5:43-48

Sun., March 1 - Second Sunday of Lent - Gn 12:1-4a / Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 22, 2026

PASSING OF FR. BILL SULLIVAN

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Fr. Bill Sullivan, who peacefully entered into his eternal reward this past Thursday, surrounded by his loving family. Please keep the repose of the soul of Fr. Bill in your prayers, asking the Lord to grant him eternal rest, and pray also for the consolation of his family, his brother priests, and the many parish families he faithfully served in over 50 years of priestly ministry.

Following his retirement in June of 2021, Fr. Bill became a regular presence and generous helper to our parish. He made it a personal priority to be with us each week, often concelebrating our daily Mass at least once a week, and was always the first to offer his help with both weekend and daily Masses and confessions whenever I was scheduled to be away from the parish.

As I've shared before, Fr. Bill was my childhood pastor at St. Thomas in Elkhart. That had made these past few years with him at our parish especially meaningful to me. I am deeply grateful not only for his priestly ministry in my childhood, which is one of the reasons that I am a priest today, but also for the wonderful opportunity that we've had to grow together in priestly fraternity these past few years. Needless to say, he will be terribly missed.

Visitation will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Fairfield Avenue on Tuesday, February 24th from 3:00-7:00 PM, with a Rosary and vigil service starting at 6:30 PM. **Mass of Christian Burial** will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Fairfield Avenue on Wednesday, February 25th at 11:00 AM, with visitation one hour before; Bishop Kevin Rhoades officiating. Burial will follow at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

RENOVATION UPDATES - HEARING ASSISTANCE AND FLOORING

This past week, we've had some great progress moving forward in our renovations. Bluffton-based **Stylus Technologies** installed an induction hearing loop in the nave. This system generates a magnetic signal that connects hearing aids and cochlear implants equipped with telecoils directly to our sound system. It works with all telecoil (T-coil) enabled devices and helps eliminate echo and background noise for those who rely on hearing assistance.

The terrazzo flooring continues to move forward in the church. At this point, approximately 80% of the floor has been poured. We are currently at a brief pause as we await the arrival of the medallions for the central aisle. These medallions are being precision-cut by water jet from solid aluminum blocks and are expected to arrive by March 10th. In the meantime, the sections already poured are being ground down in preparation for final polishing.

If you would like to preview the finished look, I encourage you to stop by the shadow boxes located outside the Daily Mass Chapel. Samples of our selected terrazzo colors have been placed there to help visualize the completed floor. Once the terrazzo installation and polishing are finished, the pews will be returned and set in the nave, allowing us to resume weekend liturgies inside the Church (*currently predicted around the beginning of April*).

ESTATE AND FUNERAL PLANNING PRESENTATION

This week, we will host a presentation on estate and funeral planning, with practical guidance from an estate planning expert and detailed information about the St. Joseph Endowment Fund and planned giving from the **Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana**. I will also briefly address the Church's vision for Catholic funeral planning.

To make it as available as possible, this presentation will be offered twice: **Monday, February 23 from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursday, February 26 from 1:30-2:30 PM in the Parish Gym**. A number of materials will be available at the talks, including information on **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**, our local funeral homes, and our parish Funeral Planning Packets.

~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leamee Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

FUNERAL AND ESTATE PLANNING SESSIONS
PEACE OF MIND, PLAN AHEAD

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 6:30-7:30 P.M.
WHERE: PARISH GYM

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 1:30-2:30 P.M.
WHERE: PARISH GYM

LENT SOUP SUPPER

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:30 - 7:00 PM
PARISH GYM



Feb. 27th Mar. 13th See Sign-Up Sheet
Mar. 6th Mar. 27th in back of Church
to volunteer for
bringing soup



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FRIDAYS DURING LENT
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Parish Gym

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent
7:00 PM - Social Hall



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 21** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 22** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Feb. 23** - *Funeral & Estate Planning Session* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **Tues., Feb. 24** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Feb. 25** - *Adoration* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Feb. 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Feb. 26** - *Funeral & Estate Planning Session* - 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **Thurs., Feb. 26** - Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Feb. 26** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Feb. 27** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 27** - Soup Supper - 5:30-7:00 p.m. / Lenten Prayer 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the gym.
- **Fri., Feb. 27** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (*Church*).
- **Sat., Feb. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Sam Smith
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Stacey Coulardot
7:30 a.m. Sarah McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Mike Dunn



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. None needed
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Danny Decker
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Liam Harris
10:00 a.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

The Weekend of Feb. 14th & 15th

Adult Envelopes - \$6,997.00
Loose - \$181.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$2,291.00
ND Elevate Benefit- \$112.39
Bequest-Renovations- \$460.00
Memorial Donation- \$100.00

Total- \$10,141.39

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,716.39** ahead of our budget for the month of February 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$772.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly 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:



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—Mar. 6, 2026



Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Sign-up sheet in the back of Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, March 3rd

Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall (Church). The meeting will take place in the gym at 7:00 PM
All men in the Parish are welcome!



Friday, March 20th
Drive Thru Only
4:00-7:00 PM



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL
Sun., June 21st - Thurs., June 25th

GRADES 1-6

Mon., June 22nd - Fri., June 26th

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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