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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

Sunday, November 28

- First Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Eleanor M. Sadowski +

Monday, November 29

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 30

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Carl Sorg +

Wednesday, December 1

6:00-7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Holy Hour
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Robert Scheidler +

Thursday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family

Friday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of members
Kerry & Tracy Coyne Family

Saturday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, December 5

- Second Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Gordon Shaffer +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
Judy Bayne Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., November 29 - Advent Weekday - Is

2:1-5/ Mk 8:5-11

Tues., November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle -

Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Wed., December 1 - Advent Weekday - Is

25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37

Thur., December 2 - Advent Weekday - Is

26:1-6/ Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri., December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

- Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31

Sat., December 4 - Advent Weekday - St.

John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the

Church - Is 30:19-21,23-26/ Mt 9:35—

10:1,5a,6-8

Sun., December 5 - Second Sunday of Ad-

vent - Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6,8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Happy Liturgical New Year! This weekend (Nov. 27th/28th), the Church begins a new year of grace as we enter into the **First Sunday of Advent**. Throughout this cycle of the liturgical year, we will walk with our Lord Jesus Christ through the Gospel of St. Luke. St. Luke is believed to be both a physician and a companion of St. Paul and, as seen in Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-3, is the author of both this gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

Though beginning a new liturgical and entering a new season, we may notice that our readings seem to continue the same apocalyptic trend that we have heard throughout the past several weekends. This serves as a reminder that the **Advent Season** is meant to prepare us for the **two** comings of Jesus Christ: His Second Coming at the end of time and the historical Incarnation.

The first three Sundays of Advent will focus on the Lord's Second Coming, while the last Sunday (from Dec. 17th onward) will focus on our preparation to celebrate His birth on Christmas Day. The entire **Advent Season** is meant to challenge us and calls us to conversion. We are being tasked with preparing our hearts to truly be prepared to welcome Jesus Christ into the world and into our lives.

To assist in this call to conversion, we, as a parish, have several resources and opportunities available. Our **Little Blue Books** (available in English and Spanish) and a variety of Advent Calendars are available in the narthex. For charitable outreach, we are participating in both the **Blessing Tree** (which is already underway) and an **Advent Food Drive** to support the *Wells County Food Bank*. For prayer, join us this week for our **Praise and Worship Holy Hour** on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, from 6 - 7 PM and **First Friday Adoration** on Friday, Dec. 3rd, from 9 AM - 6 PM. What better way to enter into this **Advent Season** than by spending time with our Lord in Adoration!

DECEMBER PLANNING - HOLY DAYS AND CHRISTMAS

Though Advent is only beginning, it doesn't hurt to look ahead and plan for upcoming Holy Days and Mass obligations. The Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, a **Holy Day of Obligation**, on Wednesday, Dec. 8th. We will offer **four** different Mass times on this day: A vigil Mass on **Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at 5:30 PM** and Masses on **Wednesday, Dec. 8th, at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM*** (with Choir).

As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year, we find ourselves in a unique situation. Christmas is always a **Holy Day of Obligation** and, being one of the holiest days in our entire liturgical year, this obligation is never transferred to another day. This means that we are called to attend and assist at **two separate Masses between December 24th-26th**, one for our yearly Christmas obligation and the other for our weekly Sunday obligation. Please see the included handout with Mass times to help guide you in discerning how to best fulfill these two obligations for the Lord.

For **Christmas**, there will be several different Mass times offered to allow us to welcome guests and help prevent overcrowding at any individual Mass. **On Friday, Dec. 24th, the Vigil Masses will be at 4 PM, 6 PM, and Midnight, and, on Saturday, Dec. 25th, Mass will be at 9 AM.** At 4 PM, we will bless our Nativity Scene; At 6 PM, our Adult and Children Choir will lead us in song (*Join the Choir for Christmas Carols at 5:30 PM, prior to the 6 PM Mass*); At Midnight, Mass will be offered by Christmas lights and candlelight.

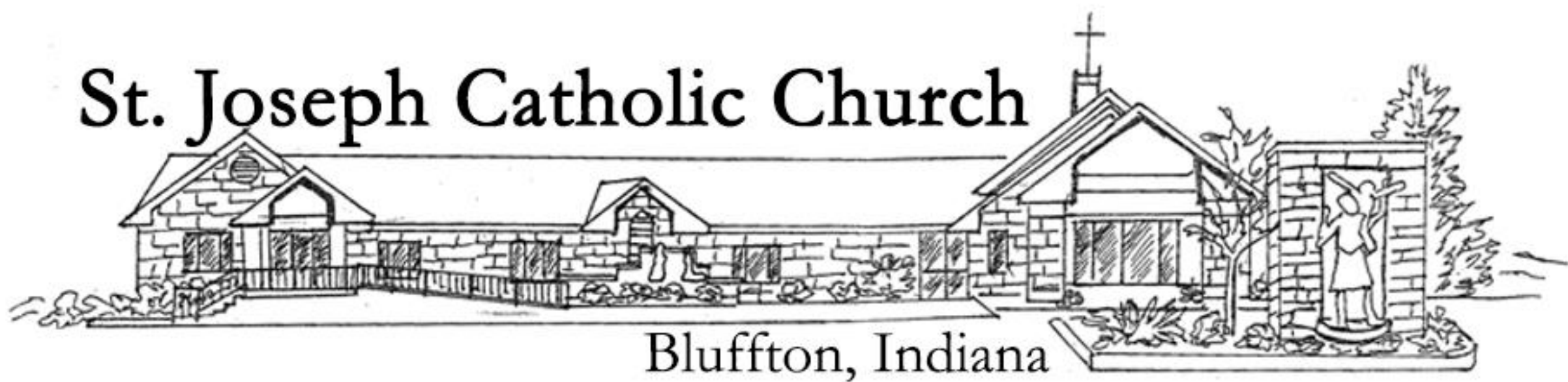
Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

***Please Note:** Incense may be used at these specific Mass times.



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feeback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys and Jean Johnson.

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Bluffton, Indiana

Planning for Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family

Back-to-Back Mass Obligations*

Two Obligations = Two Masses

Use this helpful planner:

1ST OBLIGATION (Christmas) <input type="text"/> (pick one from the right)	Friday, December 24 <input type="text" value="4:00 PM"/> <input type="text" value="6:00 PM"/> <input type="text" value="MIDNIGHT"/>
	Saturday, December 25 <input type="text" value="9:00 AM"/> <input type="text" value="5:00 PM"/>

2ND OBLIGATION (Feast of the Holy Family) <input type="text"/> (pick one from the right)	Saturday, December 25 <input type="text" value="5:00 PM"/>
	Sunday, December 26 <input type="text" value="7:30 AM"/> <input type="text" value="10:00 AM"/>

* PLEASE NOTE *

CHRISTMAS (December 25) falls on a Saturday this year and remains a Holy Day of Obligation. The next day – Sunday, December 26 (FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY) – also has its own, distinct obligation that calls for us to assist at Mass again. Thus, we have the obligation and opportunity to assist at Mass twice over the three days between December 24-26.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Fr. David.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, December 3

9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

(Sign up sheet is in the narthex.)

"Spend an Hour with me."- Jesus



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING -

Tuesday, December 7th - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m.
in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

*Tuesday, December 14th 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Conference Room*

REMINDER: Blessing Tree gifts need to be returned,
UNWRAPPED, to the Parish Office by December 5th so Karing for
Kids may pick them up Tuesday, December 7th. Thank You!!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., November 27 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., November 28 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., November 28 - No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break.
- Tues., November 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., November 30 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30
- Wed., December 1 - Holy Hour Praise & Worship 6-7 p.m. /
Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., December 1 - Parish Council meeting after Mass - 7:45
p.m.
- Thurs., December 2 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., December 3 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. (Following
8:30 a.m. Mass) Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., December 4 - First Saturday Confessions following 8:00
a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., December 4 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 5 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 7 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 7 - Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass - 5:30
p.m.
- Tues., December 7 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 - 6:30
- Tues., December 7 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the
Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall
at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., December 8 - Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Ob-
ligation - Masses 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., December 9 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., December 11 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 12 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., December 14 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Social Hall.

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4/5



5:00 Nick Boratenski
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 Beth Geisel, Phillip
Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

Trained Ministers Needed For

Liturgies:

December 7 & 8
Immaculate
Conception Masses

December 24-
Christmas Eve
Masses

December 25
Christmas Day
Masses

Please see signup
sheet in the narthex.

Thank you!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report November 20/21 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,106.00

Child Envelopes- \$3.00

Loose- \$235.25

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$210.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$81.00

Total- \$2,635.25

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,051.25 behind our budget
for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$449.00

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to St. Joseph's!*

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Join us for a
**PRAISE AND
WORSHIP
HOLY HOUR**



**Wednesday,
December 1st
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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