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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He taught them as one having authority." Mark 1:22

Deposit of Faith

2 Timothy 1:14

Sacred Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Magisterium

Matthew 16:18-19

Sacred Tradition

2 Thessalonians 2:15

The Three-legged Stool of Church Authority

The relationship of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium (*Teaching Office of the Church*) is often referred to as the "three-legged stool" of Church Authority. The three, working together, hold up the Deposit of Faith, which is the divine truth that has been revealed and passed on by the Lord through His Church.

"In the supremely wise arrangement of God, Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 95

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

Saturday, January 27

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. Rita Blair +

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Josie Andrews

Monday, January 29

No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 30

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Barney Hickert +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, January 31

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Carol Leitner +

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Welling & Lengerich Families

Friday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Steve Hickert +

Saturday, February 3

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. Trent Patterson +

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Emily Butler +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., January 29 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Ps 3:2-7 / Mk 5:1-20

Tues., January 30 - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3 / Ps 86:1-6 / Mk 5:21-43

Wed., January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 6:1-6

Thurs., February 1 - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Ps 1 Chr 29:10-11, 11-12 / Mk 6:7-13

Fri., February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord - Mal 3:1-4 / Ps 24:7-10 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Sat., February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr / St. Ansgar, Bishop - 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Ps 119:9-14 / Mk 6:30-34

Sun., February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 147:1-6 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 28, 2024

This weekend (January 25th/26th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In today's Gospel, we hear of how Jesus preaches with authority. This authoritative preaching continues even today as our Lord continues to preach to us today in His Church, His Body here on earth. Truly, the Church is an extension of Jesus into the world. Our bulletin cover offers some insight into the means by which this authoritative preaching continues.

This coming Friday, February 2nd, will mark forty days since **Christmas Day**. On this day, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, when our Lord would have been presented in the Temple by our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in accordance with the Law of Moses. Highlighting the words of Simeon, who recognizes Jesus as a "light to the nations," this feast is also often known as **Candlemas**.

We are also now just two and a half weeks away from **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the **Lenten season**. For your planning purposes, we will offer Masses on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14th) at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM. With this beautiful penitential season so near, now is a good time to start preparing for it. I would encourage you to use these coming few weeks as an opportunity to prayerfully discern how you might approach this season.

Traditionally, **Lent** is a time where we focus in a more deliberate way on the practices of *Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving*. Incorporating these three pillars of the spiritual life into our own lives will aid us in deepening our relationship with the Lord. Each of these three call us to a deeper conversion as we strive to give our entire lives over to the Lord. Let us begin thinking now how we will incorporate these practices into our lives this **Lenten season**.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

St. Blaise served as the fourth century Bishop in Sebastia, known today as Silva in modern-day Turkey. Trained as a doctor, he served the people of his city faithfully in this vocation for a number of years. After the death of the local bishop, St. Blaise, with overwhelming requests from the local faithful, was appointed to succeed him. After his ordination and during the persecutions initiated under the Emperor Licinius, St. Blaise was imprisoned.

As he was being led to prison, St. Blaise was permitted to stop and save a nearby boy choking on a fish bone. Later that day, the boy's mother, filled with gratitude, brought candles to St. Blaise to light his cell at night. Refusing to renounce the Faith under torture, he was beheaded shortly after. Given these accounts, St. Blaise is known as the patron of those with illnesses of the throat and the blessing of St. Blaise is given with two candles.

In honor of the **Feast of St. Blaise**, we will offer our annual **Blessing of Throats** after all Masses this coming weekend (February 3rd/4th).

FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UP AND ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

Over the next two weekends, our Engagement Director, Nick, will be in the narthex after each Mass to take information for sign-ups with **Flocknote**. **Flocknote** is one of the most popular church communication tools available. You can sign-up with your email and/or cellphone number to receive updates by email and/or text. This tool will be used to help keep you informed about what is going on in the parish, just in time for the upcoming **Lenten season**.

In addition to **Flocknote** signups, we will also have members from our Finance Council available in the narthex after all Masses next weekend to share information about our online giving options. As of today, approximately 1/5 of our parish family utilizes online giving. If you would like to learn more or would like help arranging an online giving account, please make sure to speak with our Finance Council members next weekend.

A special "Thank You!" to our G.I.R.L's Night Out for sponsoring several of our parish Youth Group members who attended and represented our parish in Indianapolis last Monday for this year's statewide March for Life.

~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, February 2, 2024
 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. Mass.
 'Holy Hour' the best hour you will spend on earth.
 Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, February 6, 2024
 Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,
 and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Praise & Worship Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 7
 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Confession 6:00-6:45 p.m.
 Mass at 7:00 p.m.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Jan. 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 31** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 31** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 2** - First Friday Adoration - Mass 8:30 a.m. / *Candlemas; Blessing of Candles* following Mass / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3 & Sun., Feb. 4** - Blessing of Throats after all Masses.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Feb. 6** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 6** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Feb. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 8 - Thurs., Feb. 15** - Michelle will be out of the Parish office.

Weekend of February 3rd and 4th, 2024



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



5:00 Bruce Holland/Knights of Columbus
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer
10:00 Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Jan. 20/21

Adult Envelopes- \$4,941.00
 Loose- \$147.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$1,130.61
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00

Gym Rent- \$600.00

Funeral Dinner Donation- \$200.00

Total- \$7,143.61

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,104.02 ahead of our
 budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$528.00

*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>

The Women's Group of St. Joseph's

**3rd Annual
Mardi Gras
Fundraiser**

doors open at
5:30 - 10:00PM

\$25 per ticket

**Saturday,
 February 10, 2024**

ST JOSEPH BOLIVIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program began at St. Joseph's in 1985, with parishioners sponsoring children through scholarships to provide tuition, uniforms, school supplies and more, so they may receive an education at Santa Maria Mazzarello School in Bolivia. Because of the generosity of our sponsors, many children were able to attend school and have furthered their education by becoming professionals enabling them to help their parents financially and also give back to the poor communities they grew up in. The school year in Bolivia begins February 1st and concludes in October. Scholarships are still \$90 (\$10/month for 9 months) per child, plus an optional Christmas donation. You may pay by the month, for the year, or anywhere in between. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380 for more information.



**ASH WEDNES-
DAY**

**MASS SCHEDULE
 7:00AM / NOON / 7:00PM**

Please bring in your palms from last year to
 be burnt and used for ashes this year.
 There is a basket in the narthex on the desk
 to place them in. Thank you.

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



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Thursday's: 3pm-8pm
Friday's: 3pm-8pm
Saturday's: Noon-8pm

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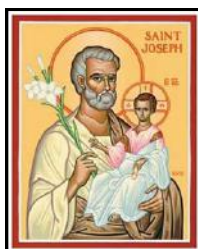
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