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VOCATION IS BY INVITATION

The word “vocation” comes from the Latin *vocare*, which means “to call.” God calls you to a particular vocation: Single life, Marriage, Priesthood, or Consecrated Life.



GOD CALLS YOU PERSONALLY

God is interested in and calls you personally. “In call us, God says to us: ‘You are important to me, I love you, I count on you.’” (Pope Francis)

YOUR VOCATION IS WHO YOU ARE

“Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire” (St. Catherine of Siena). Your vocation is not something you do, but who you are.



A VOCATION IS DIFFERENT FROM A CAREER

When we speak of a Christian vocation, we don’t simply mean a job or a career. Your vocation is the way God invites you to love and give yourself to others.

EVERY VOCATION IS A CALL TO LOVE

On the surface, the vocations of Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage, and Single Life seem very different. Although there is a beautiful diversity present in how these vocations are lived, at their heart, each shares a common commitment to love.



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[] We’ve Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29

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 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Alice Pearson
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary Helm +

Monday, May 1

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 2

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. John & Eileen Rickord Family
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, May 3

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Agnes Herr

Thursday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Friday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

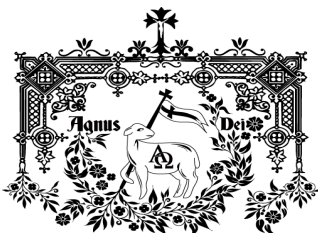
Saturday, May 6

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. Tony Mangen +

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. First Communicants



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 1 - Easter Weekday - St. Joseph the Worker - Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:11-18 or for the Memorial, Gn—1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15,17,23-24/ Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday, May 2 - Easter Weekday - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 3 - Easter Weekday - Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles - 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4 - Easter Weekday - National Day of Prayer - Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 5 - Easter Weekday - Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 6 - Easter Weekday - Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 30, 2023

This weekend (April 29th/30th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Throughout all three years of our Lectionary-cycle, we always hear one of the Gospel readings of the Good Shepherd on this Sunday. Acknowledging that we are members of Jesus' flock, we are reminded that each and everyone one of us belongs to the family of God: Like sheep, we are a part of His fold.

This imagery is not only one that is pleasant, but also reveals much about the life of the Church. As we are called to be *one flock* with *one Shepherd*, this means that evangelization is at the core of the Church's mission. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are able to give witness to the generous love of our Father in heaven. This love is given willingly through the sacrifice of His Son, which is perpetuated in the ministry of our bishops and priests and made present to us every time the sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

For this reason, this weekend was also declared by Pope St. Paul VI in 1964 to be the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to: "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). In his own message to mark this day, Pope Francis described each vocational calling as a "symphony", where every vocation is both distinct yet united, working together to form a beautiful harmony that emphasizes how we are "*created by love, for love, and with love, and made for love.*"

Congratulations to our **8th Grade Confirmandi**, confirmed by Bishop Rhoades this past Saturday! Having received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit this great Sacrament, our Confirmandi have now received all three Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation*). This does not mean, however, that their call to conversion and growth in relationship with our Lord has ended. As with all of us, it continues now throughout the rest of our lives.

Next weekend, our **2nd Graders** will be receiving their first Holy Communion at our 10 AM Mass. As they prepare for this wonderful day where they will first approach the Lord in the Eucharist, may we pray that their hearts may be completely inflamed with love for Jesus and that we all might be inspired by their example of devotion. How beautiful is a child's faith in the Real Presence of our Lord. Such faith invites the rest of us to deepen our faith and commit ourselves to receiving Christ in the Eucharist as often as possible.

Along with the Mass for our First Holy Communicants, we will also celebrate our annual May Crowning. This celebration will entail the statue of the Blessed Mother in the Church being crowned with a wreath of flowers. This serves as a symbol of Mary being the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. This simple ceremony, however, carries deep meaning for the Catholic Faith.

While Mary is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate her as the "Queen of Heaven." May as "Mary's month" can be traced back to the Middle Ages, where an entire month was set aside for daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

There are many reasons why Mary is honored as the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ and is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

CATCHEISM CHAT - WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

Due to both our Easter Schedule and the general Parish Calendar, I was not able to schedule a **Catechism Chat** for this month. Next month, our **Catechism Chat** will be on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:45 PM (*following the 7 PM evening Mass*) in the Parish Social Hall. During this session, we will cover paragraphs 527 to 1011 from the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** as we follow along with the **Catechism In A Year** Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 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.

Please join us for a
Praise and Worship Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 3 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Praise & Worship
Holy Hour

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

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, May 5, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
There will be NO Confession or Mass this evening.
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus Saturday, May 6th for the recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary beginning at 4:35 p.m. Everyone in the Parish is invited to participate. Please join us in praying for these unborn children, and for assistance and care for their mothers.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Apr. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 29** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 30** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 2** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 2** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., May 2** - Knights of Columbus - 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.
- **Wed., May 3** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 3** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., May 3** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Fri., May 5** - First Friday Adoration (following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **There will be NO confession or 6:00 evening Mass.**
- **Sat., May 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., May 6** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / First Holy Communion Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 9** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 9** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., May 9** - GIRL's Night Out Monthly Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room

Weekend of May 6/7 Weekend



5:00 Josie Andrews
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp - Adult Choir - First Holy Communion & May Crowning



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Kevin/Jessica Seago, Rick Singer (Choir)



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/Jacquelyn Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Isaiah Bedwell, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 22/23

Adult Envelopes- \$2,600.00
Loose- \$192.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$804.97
Votive Candles- \$119.60

Rental Income- \$250.00
Total- \$3,966.57

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,335.49 behind our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$667.00

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

If you would like to set up Online Giving, please use this website...
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Findlay Perpetua, daughter of Nick and Hannah Boratenski, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Sunday, April 23, 2023, by Fr. David Violi.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for TOTUS TUUS! - July 23-29



Totus Tuus is for those students who will be entering Grades 1-6, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12 for the 2023-2024 school year, and those students who will be graduating in 2023 are also invited to attend.
We will once again need host homes for the missionary teams and adult and student volunteers.
Further information will be coming soon!

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Abortion does not make
you "un-pregnant", it
makes you the mother
of a dead child.

Before you speak...
THINK!
- is it true?
- is it helpful?
- is it inspiring?
- is it necessary?
- is it kind?



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

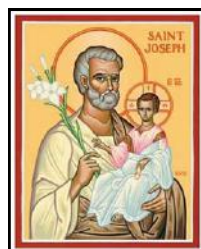
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