

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**BLESSED JANE WAS BORN IN 1451, A PORTUGUESE PRINCESS. SHE WANTED TO BECOME A DOMINICAN NUN, BUT HER FATHER WOULDN'T LET HER.**

Here's a little picture of Our Lady!

**SHE AGREED TO NOT LEAVE UNTIL HER BROTHER HAD A CHILD, BUT STILL HER FATHER MADE IT HARD.**

Our family must have an heir!

I understand.

**AFTER 12 YEARS SHE WAS FINALLY ALLOWED TO JOIN THE DOMINICAN NUNS.**

Jane is needed at a meeting.

Alright-you may go!

**BUT THE FAMILY STILL KEPT CALLING HER BACK TO THE ROYAL COURT.**

JANE WAS SICKLY AND DID THE WORST JOBS IN THE CONVENT.

**ONCE WHEN SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE COURT, SHE WAS POISONED BY A WOMAN THAT SHE HAD ONCE CORRECTED.**

Ha! She thinks she can tell me what I can or can't do!

**AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF SUFFERING, BLESSED JANE DIED AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-NINE.**

BL. JANE OF PORTUGAL

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## Saturday, May 10

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Janis Lindzy +

## Sunday, May 11

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +

## Monday, May 12

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, May 13

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

8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, May 14

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. The Leo & Florence Gillig Family

## Thursday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

## Friday, May 16

8:30 a.m. Georgia Johnson +

## Saturday, May 17

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. Patty Makowski

## Sunday, May 18

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lucila Santanilla +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 12 - Easter Weekday [4] -**

**Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;**

**Saint Pancras, Martyr - Acts 11:1-18 /**

**PSS 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Jn 10:1-10**

**Tues., May 13 - Easter Weekday [4] -**

**Our Lady of Fatima - Acts 11:19-26 / Ps**

**87:1b-7 / Jn 10:22-30**

**Wed., May 14 - Easter Weekday [4] - St.**

**Matthias, Apostle - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 /**

**Ps 113:1-8 / Jn 15:9-17**

**Thurs., May 15 - Easter Weekday [4] -St.**

**Isidore - Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,**

**25, 27 / Jn 13:16-20**

**Fri., May 16 - Easter Weekday [4] - Acts**

**13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-11 / Jn 14:1-6**

**Sat., May 17 - Easter Weekday [4] - Acts**

**13:44-52 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14**

**Sun., May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter -**

**Acts 14:21-27 / Ps 145:8-13 / Rv 21:1-5a /**

**Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35**



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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 11, 2025

This weekend (May 10th/11th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, affectionately known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This latter name is taken from the Gospel reading, which always includes an account of Christ as the Good Shepherd on this weekend. This reading marks a shift in our Gospel readings. Having focused on concrete events in Jesus' Resurrection accounts, our emphasis now moves to Jesus' teachings about his impending Ascension and sending forth the gift of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost.

We also celebrate **Mother's Day** this weekend. We wish a **Happy Mother's Day** to our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all women who have reflected a motherly love to us throughout our lives. In the words of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis: *"Mothers are always witnesses of tenderness, dedication, and moral strength... Dearest mothers, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."*

After Mass this weekend, we have a special gift of carnations to give to the women of our parish as a sign of our love and gratitude for you. Thank you for your presence in our lives and for how you live out, in your own God-given way, the great gift of motherhood in your lives. These carnations also support women throughout our area as a fundraiser for **Northeast Indiana Right to Life**, which our parish supports through our **St. Vincent de Paul Fund**.

### HABEMUS PAPAM—WE HAVE A POPE!

Following the start of the Papal Conclave this past Wednesday, the Cardinal Electors elected Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., as the 267th Roman Pontiff to ascend the Chair of St. Peter. A native of Chicago, Cardinal Prevost has taken the papal name Leo XIV as he undertakes the Petrine Ministry. Starting with our Mass of Thanksgiving offered this past Thursday, we will once again hear the name of the Pope mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer, now praying for "Leo, our Pope," as a sign of our communion with the universal Church under his pastoral leadership.

### PARISH COUNCIL

This past Wednesday, our Parish Council held its final meeting of the year. We will take our annual break over the summer months before we resume monthly meetings in August. We extend a heartfelt *"Thank you!"* to Chris Hartman and Sarah McCorkle who have completed their three-year term on the Council. Their leadership and dedication to our parish have been deeply appreciated. Nominations to fill these two vacancies will open in June.

### SACRISTY PAINTING

A special *"Thank You!"* to parishioners Twilla Herr and Nancy Wagner for their work in helping to paint and beautify the Sacristy. As I often highlight in our annual Teaching Mass, (1) every aspect of a church building itself is meant to help draw us to prayer and (2) our prayer begins long before the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass. The Sacristy serves as a place of prayer for the priest, altar servers, and various ministers as we prepare for Mass.

To aid in this preparation, the very Sacristy itself should help to draw our hearts up to the heavens. The stars on the ceiling serve this purpose, drawing our gaze to the Kingdom of God." On the beam, Psalm 43:4 is written: *"I will go to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth."* This psalm similarly is meant to draw our minds and hearts towards that heavenly mountain and help prepare our "ascent" to the altar of God.

~In Christ, Fr. David



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

Our **GIRL's Night Out** Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



"We are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Savior. Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: *'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'* (Mt 16:16)." ~From Pope Leo XIV's First Homily

## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 10** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 13** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 13** - GIRL's Night Out Women's Group monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., May 14** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 17** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 19** - New Lector Training - 6:00 p.m. - meet in the narthex.
- **Tues., May 20** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 23** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 24** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 24** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 27** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

## Weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



**5:00 p.m.** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30 a.m.** Teresa Smith  
**10:00 a.m.** Adult Choir



**5:00 p.m.** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30 a.m.** Carol Butler  
**10:00 a.m.** John Vanderkolk



**5:00 p.m.** Volunteer  
**7:30 a.m.** Dale or Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00 a.m.** Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris



**5:00 p.m.** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30 a.m.** Phillip/Angela/James Mayer  
**10:00 a.m.** Grant Reifsteck, Luke Miller, Dominic Bedwell

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$3,156.99  
 Loose- \$226.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
 \$1,391.00  
 Easter Offering- \$25.00  
 General Bequests- \$260.00  
 Hall Rent- \$200.00  
 NDFCU elevate check- \$13.89  
**Total- \$5,272.88**

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

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$156.48 ahead of our budget for the month of May 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$55.00

Online Giving for April - \$7,305.00. We ended the month \$9,371.83 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de Paul Fund for April - \$335.00

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - April 2025

**Housing - \$1,180.00 | Utilities - \$390.15**

**Charitable Donations - \$1,370.00**

**Total Donations for April 2025 - \$2,940.15**

*Thank you* for helping us help others!



### NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Feel called to proclaim the Word of God at Mass?

Join us for **Lector Training** on

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Narthex.

Call the Parish Office to sign up & learn more!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS





# Pope Leo XIV

## POPE LEO XIV

### *First Augustinian Pope from North America*

*“Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.”*

Pope Leo XIV— May 8, 2025

Pope Leo XIV was born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín of Port Charlotte, Florida and John Joseph of New Lenox, Illinois. He spent his early childhood and formative years with his family on Chicago’s South Side before entering the Augustinian Order in 1977. He was ordained a priest in Rome in 1982, having studied at both the Catholic Theological Union and the Angelicum.

Sent as a missionary to Peru in the 1980s, Fr. Prevost served for over a decade in the city of Trujillo as prior, formation director, professor, and parish pastor. He later served as the Provincial Prior of the Augustinians in Chicago before being elected Prior General of the Order for two terms (2001–2013). In 2014, Pope Francis named him as the Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo, Peru, and ordained him a bishop. He became Bishop of Chiclayo in 2015 and served as vice president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference until 2023.

In 2023, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Prevost as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, elevating him to Archbishop. He was made a cardinal-deacon on September 30, 2024, receiving the Diaconate of Saint Monica, and was later named a member of numerous key Vatican bodies within the Roman Curia. On February 6, 2025, he was promoted to the Order of Bishops with the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

As a bishop, Cardinal Prevost took the episcopal motto, *In Illo uno unum* (“In the one Christ, we are one”), reflecting his Augustinian spirituality. As Cardinal, he has played a major role at various synods and papal events, including leading prayers for his predecessor, Pope Francis, during his hospitalization and celebrating papal Masses during the 2025 Holy Year. Elected as the 267th Pope on May 8, 2025, he has taken the papal name Leo XIV and begins his pontificate with a deep commitment to evangelization, unity, and service to the Church.



## SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD

*Alice von Hildebrand*

I never had the incredible privilege of having children of my own, yet last year I was bombarded with Mother's Day cards and wishes. If you don't have children, for goodness sake don't believe that you have to give up motherhood.

Motherhood is not only biological maternity. It is spiritual maternity. There are hundreds of people all around who are desperately looking for a mother. A number of people have come to me to tell me about their problems. I listen to them. And I love them. And I say very little. But they know that I care for them. In this sense, I have become their mother.

Therefore, it's not a matter of either having biological or legally adopted children, or being childless. No! A mother is the very essence of femininity. We have got to be mothers! It's interesting that sometimes even little girls already understand this in the way they help their little sister or brother. I totally reject the idea that you are not a mother unless you have children of your own.


Last year, I was kept busy answering all the good wishes for Mother's Day. Your vocation is the same. If you are married that is wonderful. And if you are not married but one day God sends you the right man, gladly and gratefully accept him. But your motherhood should come long before that. Pray to God that he sends you spiritual children.

Spiritual motherhood is more important than biological motherhood. There are plenty of women who are biological mothers and yet are not mothers at all. Some consider their child to be a nuisance and an accident, saying "I didn't want it." Take for instance women who have an abortion for convenience's sake. God offers them a tremendous gift but they say, "No, I don't want it; it's going to disturb me."

From now on your daily prayer should be, "God, send me spiritual children and I will never turn any one of them down. The more the better." Simple as that. Pray for the gift of spiritual children. It might very well be that in your beautiful desire to be a biological mother you have overlooked cases where you could have become a spiritual mother. Many of my students became my spiritual children, even though they were young adults already.

You are called to motherhood right now. Not next week, not next month. I'm absolutely convinced that God has placed people in your path and called you to motherhood. Your task is to love those that are weak, unhappy, helpless, and unloved. Sometimes you can do this just by saying one word. At other times you'll just have to listen. In every life there is suffering; most people keep it inside. When they feel loved, they will open up and tell you about their suffering. Then you will find that by carrying other people's suffering your own suffering becomes lighter.

*Dr. Alice von Hildebrand was a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Catholic philosopher and theologian. She taught philosophy at Hunter College for four decades and wrote several books before her passing in January of 2022. This article is based on an interview that Dr. Von Hildebrand gave to Vivian Warren, Shannon McPherson, and Erna Albertz on May 5, 2015.*



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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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