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CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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

HOLY DAY MASS (ASSUMPTION OF THE BEATED VIRGIN):

THURSDAY, AUG. 14TH: 7:00 PM (VIGIL MASS)

FRIDAY, AUG. 15TH: 7:00 AM, NOON, 5:30 PM

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

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BEATED VIRGIN MARY



Saturday, August 9

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. Larry Henry +

Sunday, August 10

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Heather Harnish

Monday, August 11

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 12

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Stephanie Robinson +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 13

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Barney Hickert +

Thursday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Paxton/Decker Families

August 14 - Assumption Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Parish Family
Noon Ron & Sally Smith
5:30 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Saturday, August 16

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. Denny Houlihan +

Sunday, August 17

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 11 - St. Clare, Virgin - Dt 10:12-22 / Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 / Mt 17:22-27

Tues., Aug. 12 - Weekday [19] - St. James Frances de Chantal, Religious - Dt 31:1-8 / (Ps) Dt 32:3-4b, 7-9, 12 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed., Aug. 13 - Weekday [19] - Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs - Dt 34:1-12 / Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 / Mt 18:15-20

Thurs., Aug. 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr - Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Ps 114:1-6 / Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri., Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Ps 45:10bc, 12-12ab, 16 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

Sat., Aug. 16 - Weekday [19] - St. Stephen of Hungary - Jos 24:14-29 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 / Mt 19:13-15

Sun., Aug. 17 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Ps 40:2-4, 18 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 10, 2025

This weekend (August 9th/10th), the Church celebrates the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Though we are just over the halfway point of this liturgical season, our readings this weekend make it seem that we are near the end. It is often only in November as **Ordinary Time** draws to a close when we begin to hear readings so seemingly focused on the coming of the Son of Man, that day and hour which no one knows when the world will be judged.

Though our readings seem a bit apocalyptic, their meaning is fairly clear: Always be prepared. The Christian life is one meant to be lived in vigilance, not just at the end but all the way through. This means that in our daily lives, we are called to live with our hearts ready to encounter the Lord. Whether Jesus comes at an unexpected hour or simply meets us in those around us, our task is the same: To live each day always ready to welcome Him.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Friday, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This day celebrates our belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” As this solemnity is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, we are offering several Mass times to assist in meeting this obligation:

Mass Times for the Solemnity of the Assumption

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14th at 7 PM

Mass on Friday, August 15th at 7 AM, Noon, and 5:30 PM

Though the dogma of the **Assumption** was only formally declared by Pope Pius XII seventy-five years ago, the roots of the teaching itself can be traced back to early centuries of the Church. By the fourth century, a church had been built to mark the ancient and empty “*Tomb of Mary*” at the foot of the Mount of Olives. A feast day celebrating this mystery was introduced in the East by the fifth century and spread to the West by the sixth and seventh century.

The testimony of the early Church, preserved in our liturgical celebration and theological reflection, underscores how deeply belief in Mary’s bodily **Assumption** was woven into the Church’s life and faith. Long before it was formally defined, this truth lived in the Church’s memory and imagination, passed down throughout the centuries. It was a belief universally honored in preaching, hymnody, and devotional practice.

This belief finds itself in seed form in Scripture and, over the centuries, blossomed into the dogma as professed today. In the Old Testament, we find two accounts of individuals being taken (*assumed*) into heaven. In Genesis 5:22–24, Enoch, a descendant of Seth, is described as one who “*walked with God*” before he was taken up to heaven. Likewise, in 2 Kings 2:11, the prophet Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, a dramatic sign of God’s favor.

In the New Testament, the Angel Gabriel greets Mary as “*full of grace*” (Luke 1:28), literally “*you who have been and always remain filled with grace*” in the Greek. This declaration forms the scriptural foundation for the dogma of the Immaculate Conception while also pointing forward to the Assumption. As St. Paul teaches, “*the wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:23); therefore, if Mary is preserved from all stain of sin, it follows that she would also be preserved from its consequence: Death.

In this way, the Assumption is the natural result of Mary’s being “*full of grace*.” Because she is “*full of grace*,” her body, too, shares fully now in the redemption won by Christ. At the end of her earthly life, it was only fitting that God would preserve her from bodily corruption and take her, body & soul, into heavenly glory. She who bore Christ in her womb and stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross does not suffer the corruption of the grave, but instead shares immediately and completely in the victory of her Son’s resurrection.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.

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

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

For their August meeting, G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will host a cookout on **Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM.**

We'll plan to gather outside of Church for the picnic; please bring a lawn chair & a side dish/dessert to share.

All women of the parish and their spouses are welcome.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship and get to know members of our wonderful parish groups!



Photos taken on:
August 13th—15th from 2-8:30 PM
August 16th from 10 AM - 4 PM
Only 12 Minutes per Photo Session
 Signs-up available in Narthex

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., August 9** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 12** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 13 - Sat., August 16** - New Directory Photos
- **Wed., August 13** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., August 14** - Vigil Mass of the Assumption - 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., August 15** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation - Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 5:30 p.m.
- **Sat., August 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 16** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 17** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 18** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 20** - Youth Group Led Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., August 20** - Youth Group Kick-Off following Mass.
- **Thurs., August 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar - Following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall
- **Sun., August 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 26** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 27** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16TH / 17TH



MASS Cantors
 5:00 p.m. Sam Smith
 7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
 10:00 a.m. Josie Andrews



LECTORS
 5:00 p.m. Martia Crawfis
 7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner
 10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
 7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
 10:00 a.m. Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



Servers
 5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
 7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Aug. 2nd & Aug. 3rd

Adult Envelopes- \$1,846.00
 Loose- \$227.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
 \$1,055.99

Donation/Bequest- \$50.00
 Assumption- \$55.00

Votive Candles- \$364.48
 NDFCU Elevate check- \$87.98

Total- \$7,291.45

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,175.05 ahead of
 our budget for the month
 of August 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$30.00

Online Giving for July - \$7,465.00.

We ended the month \$9,509.29
 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving for St. Vincent de
 Paul Fund for July - \$235.00

***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/giving/funds

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - JULY 2025

Housing - \$250.00

Charitable Donations - \$650.00

Total Donations for July 2025 - \$900.00

Thank you for helping us help others!

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August 23rd / 24th after ALL Masses

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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