

ST JOSEPH



at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton

<p>HOLY MONDAY (April 14th)</p>	<p>The Seven Last Words - 6:00 p.m. Parish Conference Room</p>
<p>HOLY TUESDAY (April 15th)</p>	<p>Mass - 8:00 a.m. Adoration - 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Confession - 8:30-9:00 a.m. Chrism Mass with Bishop Rhoades - 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne</p>
<p>SPY WEDNESDAY (April 16th)</p>	<p>Adoration & Confession - 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Group-led <i>Praise & Worship</i> during Adoration Mass - 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>HOLY THURSDAY (April 17th)</p>	<p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 5:00-6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. Adoration in Parish Conference Room until Midnight Confession - After Mass until 9:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline) - 11:45 p.m.</p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th) <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:30 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 p.m. Confession - 5:00-6:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words - 6:00 p.m. Parish Conference Room Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>HOLY SATURDAY (April 19th)</p>	<p>Morning Prayer (Lauds) - 8:00 a.m. Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY (April 20st)</p>	<p>Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.</p>

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 13, 2025

Saturday, April 12

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 13
(Palm Sunday)**

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
the Deb Blinn Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Holy Monday, April 14

No public Mass

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Spy Wednesday, April 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration & Confession*
Youth Group-led Praise & Worship
during Adoration

7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Thach +

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)
5:00-6:30 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Bill & Georgia Johnson +
Confession after Mass until 9:00 p.m.
11:45 p.m. Night Prayer (*Compline*)

Good Friday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)
1:00 p.m. *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
5:00-6:00 p.m. *Confession*

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)
8:30-10:00 a.m. *Confession*
9:00 p.m. All Living & Deceased Priests

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
the Tom & Ann Reifsteck Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 14 - Holy Week [6] - Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11

Tues., Apr. 15 - Holy Week [6] - Is 49:1-6 / Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed., Apr. 16 - Holy Week [6] - Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 / Mt 26:14-25

Thurs., Apr. 17 - Holy Thursday [6] - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Fri., Apr. 18 - Good Friday [6] - Is 52:13—53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 / Heb 4:14-16:5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat., Apr. 19 - Holy Saturday [6] - (1) Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a / Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22 (2) Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 16:5, 8-11 (3) Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 (4) Is 54:5-14 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b (5) Is 55:1-11 / (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8-11 (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Pss 42:3, 5bcd; 43:3-4; or (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 (8) Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-6, 16ab, 17, 22-23 (9) Lk 24:1-12

Sun., Apr. 20 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

This weekend (April 12th/13th), the Church celebrates **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. Joining with the crowds in Jerusalem, we greet the Lord with palm branches held high. Though His enemies are focused on His destruction, today is a day of triumph for the Lord entering into Jerusalem. He, who is to be nailed to the cross, is first proclaimed as King by the people of the great city and greeted with cries that echo "*Hosannas to the Son of David!*"

This triumphant entry into the holy city was first prophesied by Zechariah to Israel returned from exile: "*Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*" (Zech. 9:9). The hour is coming and is now here as the prophecies are fulfilled and we usher in together this great week, known simply as **Holy Week**.

Our **Holy Week** Schedule is this weekend's bulletin cover. I encourage and invite you to enter into this week of prayer as much as you are able, most especially throughout the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. As a reminder, outside of the many opportunities we will have for prayer together as a parish throughout this whole week, the Church itself remains open at all hours for private prayer.

A special "**Thank You!**" to all those who joined us for the informational presentation regarding parish renovations last weekend. With nearly fifty people in attendance, we had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Bill Heyer, our lead architect, looking at the various rules that help guide church architecture. Following his presentation, we then had an opportunity for a number of insightful questions and great discussions.

As of this weekend, our renderings have received approval from our diocesan *Sacred Art and Architecture Committee*. This committee will forward their recommendation to Bishop Rhoades for his approval. Once we receive Bishop's approval, we will be able to move forward with design development and commission construction documents, both of which are necessary steps before we can begin discussions and quoting bids with general contractors.

In addition to this committee, we have also prepared a presentation for our *Diocesan Finance Council* that reviews the financial scope of the project. Though we had hoped to present to the council this month, the presentation has been delayed till next month for scheduling purposes. This council helps to ensure that parishes are being financially responsible on projects throughout the diocese and offers support and guidance throughout this entire process.

THE CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

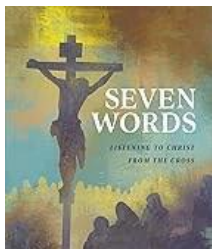
Have you ever attended the **Chrism Mass**? It is the annual celebration of the institution of the priesthood, one of the two principal mysteries of **Holy Thursday** (*along, of course, with the institution of the Eucharist*). At the Chrism Mass, the Bishop consecrates the **Sacred Chrism**: the oil used for the ordination of priests, anointing after Baptism, and for Confirmation. He also blesses the **Oil of the Sick** and the **Oil of Catechumens**.

These oils will be sent out to the parishes of the diocese and presented to each parish at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday** for use throughout the year. In addition to the blessing of oils, it is also the evening on which the priests of the diocese renew our priestly promises. It is truly a unique and beautiful Mass. If you have never attended before, I encourage you to do so: Tuesday, April 15th, at 7 PM at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

At the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday**, the Church enters into the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. At the end of this Mass, there is no closing blessing; No blessing is given again until the close of the **Easter Vigil**. In this way, the three days from **Holy Thursday** to **Holy Saturday** are united as one continuous liturgy as we spend this time with the Lord. Just as quickly as these days have come, so will they pass. Let us truly enter into this sacred time.



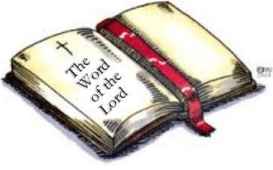


LENTEN DEVOTION:
“The Seven Last Words”
 Our Lenten Devotion continues on
Mon., April 14th and **Fri., April 18th**
 from **6:00 - 7:00 PM** in the Parish
 Conference Room.

SPY WEDNESDAY

April 16th - 6:00-7:00 PM
Adoration & Confession
Youth Group-led
PRAISE & WORSHIP
during Adoration.

MASS - 7:00 PM



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PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Apr. 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Palm Sun., Apr. 13** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Palm Sun., Apr. 13** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Holy Mon., Apr. 14** - Children’s Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Holy Mon., Apr. 14** - *Lenten Devotional, “7 Last Words”* - 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Holy Tues., Apr. 15** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
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- **Easter Sunday, Apr. 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Easter Sunday, Apr. 20** - No Religious Education Class
- **Mon., Apr. 21** - Parish Office Closed

Weekend of April 19th & 20th (Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday)

CANTORS
 9:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
 10:00 a.m. Children’s Choir

LECTORS
 9:00 p.m. Mike Dunn, Volunteer
 7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
 10:00 a.m. Bruce Holland

Psychiatric Assistants
 9:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper, Jill Morrissey
 7:30 a.m. Laurisa Roper, Kevin Seago
 10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Monica Harris, Laurisa Roper

Altar Servers
 9:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Abby/Adrienne Wagner
 7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
 10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Angel Soto, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of
April 5th & 6th
 Adult Envelopes- \$4,295.00
 Loose- \$259.25
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
 \$1,258.00
 Easter Flowers- \$25.00
 Easter Offering- \$15.00
Total- \$5,852.25

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
 We are ahead \$735.85 of our
 budget for the month of
 April 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

Online Giving for March -
 \$6,175.00. We ended the month
 \$1,557.52 ahead of our budget.

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

*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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - March 2025
 Housing - \$931.67
 Utilities - \$379.40
Total Charitable Donations - \$1,311.07
Thank you for helping us help others!



SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. JOSEPH’S ANNUAL
 EASTER EGG HUNT
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27th**
**Following 10:00 Mass
 In the Parish Social Hall**



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul
 of Patricia Schaefer, sister of Diane (Schaefer) Humphrey,
 who passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2025 and was laid
 to rest on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

May God welcome her home,
 fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
 upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through
 the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*

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



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