



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

HOLY DAY VIGIL: DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 PM

HOLY DAY: DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 AM, NOON, 7 PM

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

#### CONFessions:

TUES.: 8:30-9 AM & WED.: 6-6:45 PM

SAT.: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

#### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:

STARTING MASS MONDAY, DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM

ENDING MASS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM

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**"HE COMES TO US  
NOW IN GRACE,  
SILENTLY AND  
LOVINGLY, IF WE  
WILL OPEN THE  
DOOR OF OUR  
HEARTS TO HIM."**

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN  
PAROCHIAL AND PLAIN SERMONS, VOL. 5, SERMON 22



## Saturday, December 6

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, December 7

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Connie Herr +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +

5:00 p.m. (*Holy Day*) Parish Family

## Monday, December 8

### *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 a.m. Virginia Lenart

Noon Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

## Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Jackie Hazelton Family

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

## Wednesday, December 10

7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

## Thursday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests of Our Diocese

## Friday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +

## Saturday, December 13

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. Leonard Smythe +

## Sunday, December 14

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Gonzalo Riveros +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tues., Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday [2] - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin - Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wed., Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday [2] - Our Lady of Loreto - Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thurs., Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday [2] - St. Damasus I, Pope - Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1, 9-13ab / Mt 11:11-15

Fri., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sat., Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun., Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent - Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 7, 2025

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is a **holy day of obligation** and falls tomorrow (*Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*). As our nation's patronal feast day, we rejoice in how God preserved the Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of sin so that she might be truly free to embrace her mission as *Theotokos*, Mother of God. To aide in our obligation to assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass for this holy day, we will offer four Mass times for the Holy Day.

**Vigil Holy Day Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**

**Holy Day Masses on Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM**

*Please Note: We have an obligation to assist at Masses for both the Second Sunday of Advent and the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. The special Sunday Vigil Mass at 5 PM can count for ONE of these obligations, NOT both.*

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION & ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION

Join us for the start of our third annual **Forty Hours Devotion** with our opening Mass celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. Our Eucharistic Speaker, Dcn. Rob Lortie, will offer the homily at our opening Mass. He will also lead our eucharistic reflection on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** and offer our homily at the closing Mass on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**.

The closing Mass on Wednesday will conclude our parish's **Consecration to St. Joseph**. At the end of Mass, we will pray the Act of Consecration together; Those who cannot be with us are encouraged to do so privately.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:00-7:00 PM

Our Advent Penance Service will be on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church**. We will be joined by three priests to help with hearing confessions. I would encourage you to join us, especially if it may have been some time since you've last had a chance to avail yourself of this wondrous Sacrament. What better way to prepare our hearts for **Christmas Day** than to give it over entirely to the Lord in Confession.

### RENOVATION STARTING DATE - MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

"*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus principium!*" Paraphrasing the script that announces the election of the Holy Father, *I announce to you great joy: We have a start date!* **Shawnee Construction** has set **January 5, 2026** as the official start date for the general construction of our parish renovation project. We are anticipating twenty weeks for total construction, with a tentative completion date of **Pentecost Sunday** (May 24, 2026).

In preparation for renovations, our last weekend Masses in the Church will be on the **Feast of the Holy Family** (December 28<sup>th</sup>). After December 28<sup>th</sup>, our weekend Masses will move to the **Parish Social Hall**. We will use the week before construction starts to begin removing the pews from the Church and moving furniture and statuary to the **Parish Social Hall** as we transform the hall into a fitting sanctuary for our weekend Masses.

After the flooring has been laid and the repaired pews returned, the majority of work in the body of the Church will be completed. This means that, though construction in the sanctuary will be ongoing during the weekdays, we will be able to return to the Church for our weekend Masses before our renovation is completed. We are hoping to be back in the Church for weekend Masses before the start of **Holy Week** (March 29, 2026).

For our weekday Masses, we will transform the **Parish Conference Room** into a daily Mass chapel for the full duration of our renovations. This means that, throughout the week, the **Blessed Sacrament** will also be reserved in the **Parish Conference Room**, which will remain open at all hours as a place for prayer. As our project start date nears, we will transition the conference room into a suitable chapel while also trying to maximize available seating. ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



**Vigil Mass - Sun., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**  
**Mass - Mon., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM, Noon,  
and 7 PM**



Our Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues  
**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
 downstairs in the Parish Social Hall.



**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

**Opening Mass (Holy Day Mass)**

Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM

**Eucharistic Speaker: Dcn. Rob Lortie**

Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM

**Closing Mass & Consecration**

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Dec. 6** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 7** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 7** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 7** - *Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception* - Vigil Mass Time 5:00 p.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 8** - *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception* - Mass Times 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 8** - **40 Hours Devotion following 7:00 p.m. Mass**
- **Tues., Dec. 9** - **40 Hours Devotion continues - Mass 8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Speaker at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wed., Dec. 10** - **Conclusion of 40 Hours Devotion - Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Consecration.**
- **Thurs., Dec. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 11** - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Dec. 11** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Dec. 12** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 13** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 14** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 14** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 15** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Dec. 16** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Dec. 16** - *GIRL's Night Out Christmas Party* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Dec. 17** - *Advent Penance Service* - 6-7:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 18** - Adult Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>Cantors</b>
5:00 p.m.	Mike Morrissey
7:30 a.m.	Donna Geisel
<b>CANTORS</b> 10:00 a.m.	Jay Crisp
<b>Lectors</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Bruce Holland-Knights of Columbus
7:30 a.m.	Christie Felger
<b>LECTORS</b> 10:00 a.m.	John Vanderkolk
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Jill Morrissey
7:30 a.m.	Beth Geisel
10:00 a.m.	Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris
<b>Servers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
7:30 a.m.	Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m.	Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
for the Weekend of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes - \$2,045.00

Loose - \$110.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$229.99

Votive Candles - \$333.02

Bulletin ad- \$175.00

Total- \$2,893.01

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

We are **\$1,805.32** ahead of  
our budget for the month  
of November 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$5.00

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

To set up **Online Giving**  
through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:  
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Scan the QR Code on the right.



Our Annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER** will be  
supporting **Helping Hands Pregnancy Center**  
**Donations collected through December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Requested Items**

Pull ups | Wipes | Diapers size 4, 5, and 6 | Aquaphar  
Clothes sizes 2T+ | Sippy cups | Baby Shampoo/Wash

Items can be placed in the playpen in the narthex.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

The **GIRL'S Night Out** will have their  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
on **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
in the Parish Social Hall.

*Bring an appetizer & enjoy a time of fun & fellowship!  
All women of the Parish are Welcome!*

**Advent  
PENANCE  
SERVICE**

**Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM**

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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