

St. Joseph Catholic Church

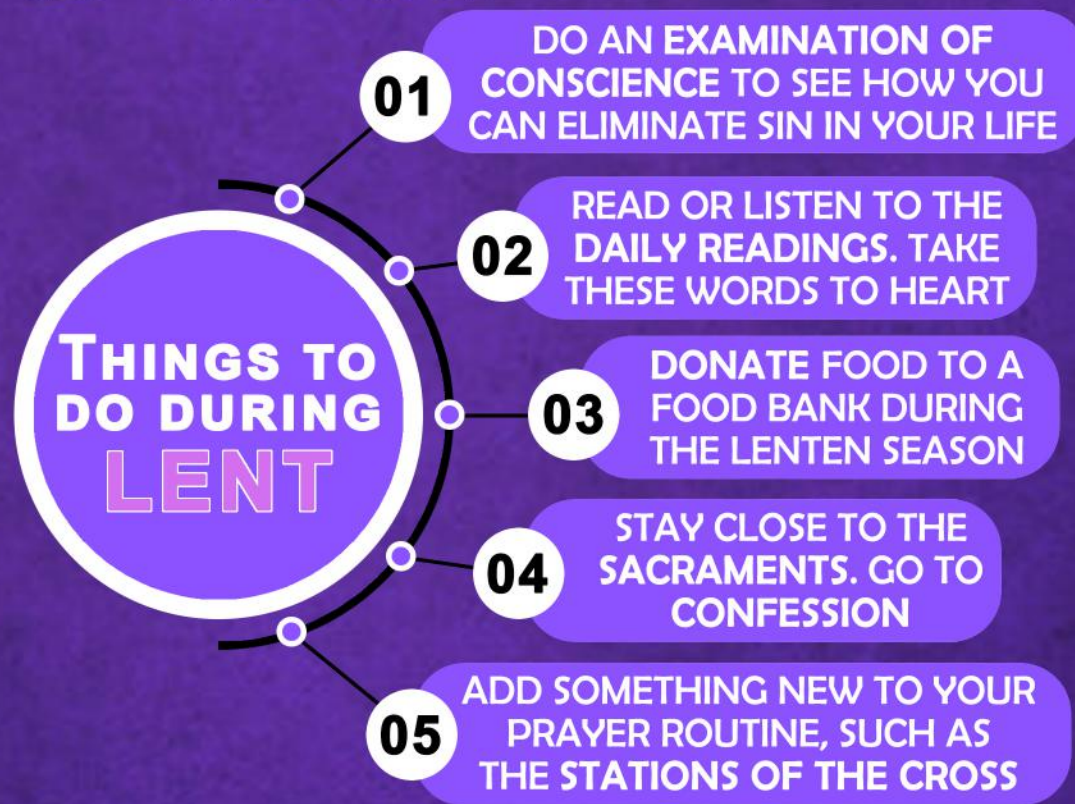
1300 N. Main St., Bluffton | (260) 824-1380 | stjosephchurch@adamswells.com | stjosephchurchbluffton.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

"Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year."

St. Francis de Sales

5tips
to help us live liturgically
this season



Pastor: Fr. David Violi

Fr. David's Email: frdavidvioli@gmail.com | **Sacramental Emergency Number:** (260) 296-0511

Administrative Assistant / DRE: Michelle Paxton | **Director of Sacred Music:** Teresa Smith

-(cut here)-

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

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

Saturday, February 24

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, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Raymond 'Bud' Helm +

Monday, February 26

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 27

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Ryder Jackson
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Oscar Heyne +

Thursday, February 29

8:00 a.m. Kim Kunkel +

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, March 2

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. Steve Wagner +

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sander +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 26 - Lenten Weekday - DN
9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 / Lk 6:36-38

Tues., February 27 - Lenten Weekday -
St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church - Is 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 / Mt 23:1-12

Wed., February 28 - Lenten Weekday - Jer
18:18-20 / Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 / Mt 20:17-28

Thurs., February 29 - Lenten Weekday - Jer
17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 16:19-31

Fri., March 1 - Lenten Weekday - Gn 37:3-4, 12
-13a, 17b-28a / Ps 105:16-21 / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., March 2 - Lenten Weekday - Mi 7:14-15,
18-20 / Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun., February 25 - Third Sunday of Lent - Ex
17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 25, 2024

This weekend (Feb. 24th/25th), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday in Lent**. Over our three year lectionary cycle for Sunday liturgies, we hear from all three accounts of the Transfiguration in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) on the **Second Sunday of Lent**. Similar to the grace He bestows on the three who follow Him up the mountain, the account of the Transfiguration is meant to prepare us all for all that lies ahead as we continue in our *Lenten journey* and walk these forty days with the Lord.

HOLY HOUR - FAMILY TIME

We have added a new addition to our normal **First Friday Adoration** schedule. From 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, this hour-slot is now marked as a **“Young Family Holy Hour.”** Though open to all, this time is specifically designed for families with younger children. As it may be difficult at times for younger children to sit in quiet prayer throughout a full holy hour, this hour anticipates an open environment where our young parishioners are able to freely move about and give them the chance to call out to the Lord as joyously as they would like.

This addition to our schedule comes from the suggestions of a number of our young families. That being said, it is worth remembering that all, regardless of age, are always welcome at any hour to spend time with our Lord during our monthly **First Friday Adoration** and our weekly times of adoration (*Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 AM; Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM*). Going even further, please keep in mind, especially during this Lenten season, that the Church is open at all hours, both night and day, for personal prayer.

How beautiful it is that all of us, God's beloved children, can come before Him in prayer. As I've shared before, it was a great joy to learn while studying our parish history that our parish motto is: *“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”* (Matthew 19:14). May we continue doing all that we can as a parish family to be open and supportive of one another and rejoice as we see and hear our parish continuing to grow and our Faith continuing to be spread from one generation to the next.

UPDATES FROM THE PILGRIMAGE

By the time that you are reading this, our pilgrims and I will have just traveled from Assisi to Florence. As we departed Assisi, we made a short stop at the Assisi War Cemetery. This cemetery is the final resting place of over 900 allied soldiers who gave their lives during the liberation of Assisi in the Second World War. Here we had the opportunity to offer prayers in gratitude for our veterans and ask the Lord's blessing for peace in the world.

Following this brief stop, our pilgrimage continued as we arrived in Florence later in the evening. As the 10 AM Sunday morning Mass is beginning here at St. Joseph's, we will be gathered at the same time (4 PM in Italy) at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Florence to offer Mass. Though we may be apart by distance, we remain united as one in prayer: Our Mass at the Church of the Holy Trinity is being offered for our entire parish family.

Monday will see us depart Florence for stops in Siena and Orvieto as we visit the sites of two different eucharistic miracles. In the evening, we will find ourselves back in Rome for the remainder of our trip. On Tuesday evening, we hope to be joined by our two diocesan priests and two seminarians currently studying in Rome for our final evening in Rome before beginning our journey back home to Bluffton early Wednesday morning.

Once we have returned, I hope that we can offer an evening with our pilgrims to share their experiences with our parish family. Part of the joy of a pilgrimage is not only the experiences that were had, but the chance to share these experiences with others. I look forward to hearing the graces that our pilgrims received at these eucharistic sites as a way of helping our entire parish grow in excitement for the ongoing eucharistic revival. ~In Christ, Fr. David

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



Lenten EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
Soup Supper
6:00—6:45 PM
 Parish Social Hall
Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM
 Church

Soup & Stations of the Cross



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, March 1, 2024
 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. Mass.
 'Holy Hour' the best hour you will spend on earth.
 Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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

Thank you to all who supported our

3rd Annual Mardi Gras Party!

With 98 tickets sold, we raised \$4,234 to donate needed safety equipment for our local WOW Buses and to send members of our Youth Group to a Catholic Summer Camp this July.

Euchre Tournament Winners

1st Place: John Huseman

2nd Place Nancy Bates

3rd Place Tie: LeeAn Mayer and Steve Bates.

MARDI GRAS

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 24** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 25** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Tues., Feb. 27** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 28** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 1** - Soup Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
- **Fr., Mar. 1** - *Stations of the Cross* - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 3** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall (Last Weekend)
- **Tues., Mar. 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 6** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 6** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.

Weekend of March 2 & 3, 2024



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



5:00 Bruce Holland/Knights of Columbus
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Monica Harris



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 **Volunteer**
10:00 Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Diana Cole



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer
10:00 Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Feb. 17/18

Adult Envelopes- \$2,754.00

Loose- \$271.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$5.00

Total- \$3,030.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$129.54 ahead of our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$410.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.

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

FORMED

FORMED.ORG
 Our Parish Code: 7N68MY



The Best Catholic content.
 All in One Place.

MOVIES
 BOOKS
 AUDIO
 PROGRAMS

Confession
Thursday, March 7th
6:00—8:00 PM

Offered at Every Parish in the Diocese

The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Mangen, sister-in-law of David Mangen, who passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2024.

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.

Mariachi LOCO
MEXICAN GRILL

1595 HARRISON PLZ
BLUFFTON, IN 46714
PHONE: 260-827-0616
FAX: 260-827-0625

Francisco Sanchez, Parishioner



Knights of Columbus
Father Aloysius
Phillips
Council 7555



Daniel's JEWELERS

(260)824-9643

2155 N. MAIN ST., BLUFFTON, IN

www.daniels-jewelers.net

STRONGER TOGETHER
HELPING HANDS
PREGNANCY • FAMILY • COMMUNITY

116 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton
260.824.4263
Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday 9am-5pm

Serving All Surrounding Areas

GOODWIN - CALE & HARNISH
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

3320 East State Road
124
Bluffton, IN 46714
260-824-3852
Douglas L. Cale

GORDON & ASSOCIATES,
P.C., Attorneys

Dan Gordon, Tony Crowell
Michelle Adler, Matt Hayes, and
Brigitte Washburn
260-824-9377
Dan Gordon, Parishioner
Matt Hayes, Parishioner at
St. Vincent de Paul

El Camino Real

Authentic Mexican Food
2185 Commerce Dr.,
Bluffton - 565-3300

Juan & Rosa Ortiz,
Parishioners

DUNWIDDIE

Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Inc.

702 W. Washington St. Bluffton, IN

(260) 824-1999

• HEATING & COOLING (Service All Brands)
• PLUMBING • RADIANT FLOOR HEAT
Free Estimates • Insured • License No. - CP 89100065

ARMSTRONG AIR The Professional's Choice

Sam Haiflich & Lisa Haiflich: The Haiflich Team
Brokers/Agents

Sam's Cell: 260-740-7293
Lisa's Cell: 260-438-2437

BKM REAL ESTATE

sam@bkmrealestate.com
lisa@bkmrealestate.com

105 N Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777
Office: 260-622-1000

Sam & Lisa Haiflich, Parishioners
St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, IN

The Grover Company

Property Management
Fully Licensed and
Insured

260-820-0638
Bret Grover

H&K CHEVROLET
Family Auto

www.hkfamilyauto.com

624 IN-930, New Haven, IN 46774
260-748-1000

Eric Perrine - Service Manager
Parishioner

"Service customers and the community for over 70 years"

**ABORTION KILLS...
PERIOD!**



**FAIRWAY FLOOR
COVERING**
Residential and
Commercial

1503 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton
Charles Thompson
260-824-3049
Open- Monday - Friday, 8a-5p

Kris Thompson- 260-820-2333
Kent Thompson- 260-307-6584
Bekkee Thompson- 260-273-6354
Kris Thompson, Parishioner

EXPERIENCE
audiology

"Hear what you've been missing."

2035 Commerce Dr., Suite 201
Bluffton, IN 46714

Phone: (260) 706-2558

Dr. Jennifer L. Wagner, Au.D.
Parishioner

Country Road Primitives
Gifts & Home Decor
2446E - 350 N, Bluffton

Everything rustic, primitive and
country for your home. Visit
the bereavement shop for ceme-
tery saddles, vases, lanterns
wind chimes, throws, stepping
stones and other bereavement
items.

Hours: Friday & Saturday
10 am to 4 pm.
Or by appointment:
260-273-0222

HOTT
FAMILY DENTISTRY

Bartholome L. Hott
706 N. Main St, Bluffton, IN 46714

* Taking New Patients
* Emergency Exams Available

P: 260-824-2442
F: 260-824-8101

Before you speak...
THINK!
T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



dash90wines.com

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

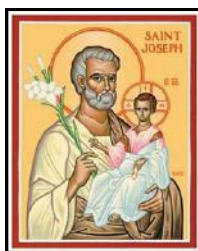
See us on Facebook &
Instagram!

The Herr Family
Parishioners

Thoma/Rich, Lemler
Funeral Home



Proud to be Family Owned & Operated
Building Upon the Thoma Tradition for Over 170 Years!
260-824-3850 • www.thomarich.com



Pray for Us!



Colin Z. Andrews

Parishioner

Tel: (260) 824-4049
Fax: (260) 827-5099
candrews@andrewsandcrell.com
www.andrewsandcrell.com
Bluffton: 116 S. Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714
Fort Wayne: 7617 W Jefferson Blvd., Suite F
Fort Wayne, IN 46804