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SEVENTEENTH 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

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

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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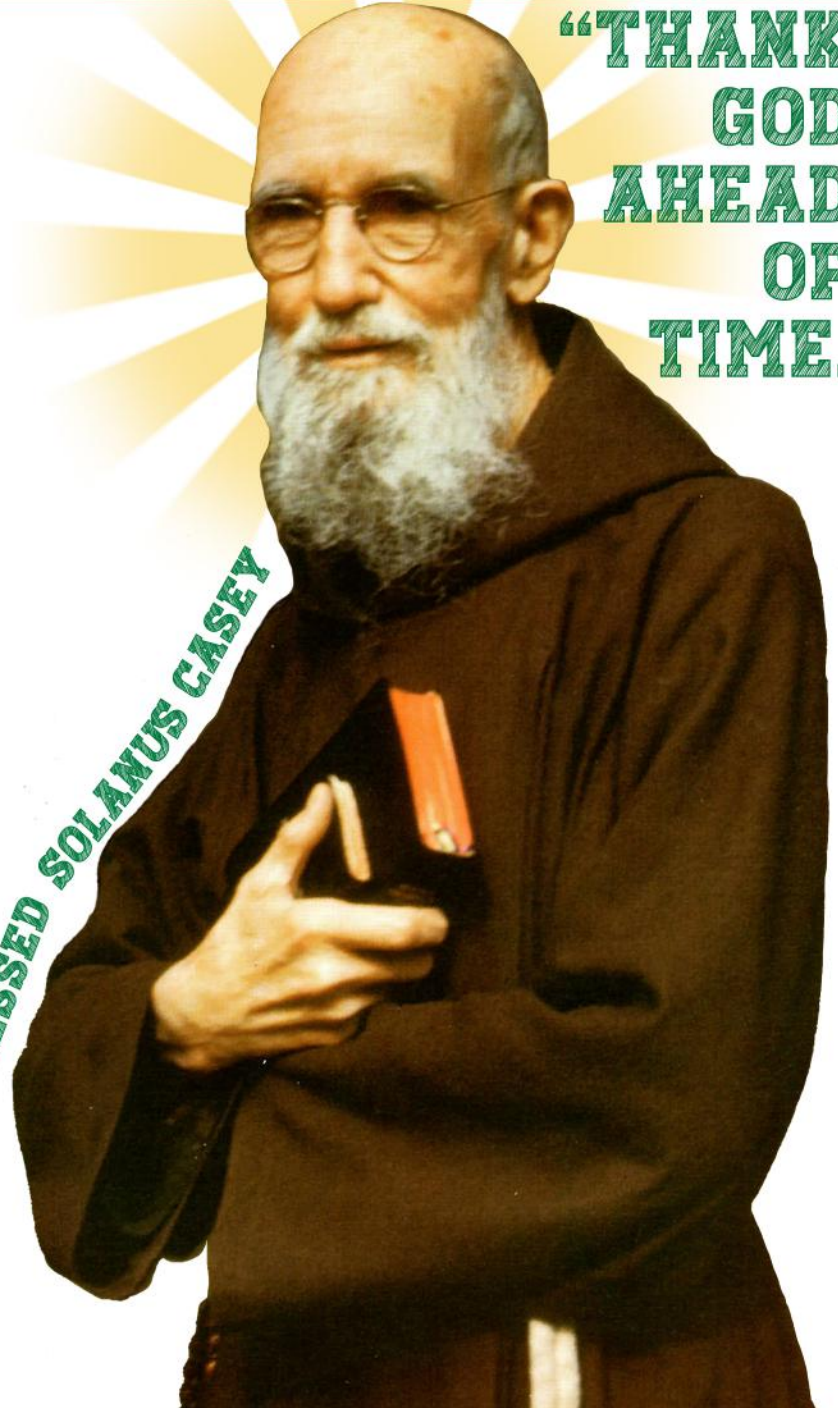
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**"THANK
GOD
AHEAD
OF
TIME."**

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY



Saturday, July 26

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, July 27

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Cletus & Marie Geels

Family

Monday, July 28

No Public Mass

Tuesday, July 29

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

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

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

Wednesday, July 30

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

6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Friday, August 1

8:30 a.m. Gene Gillespie

Saturday, August 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. Parish Family

Sunday, August 3

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the James Hill Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Ben Cruz



MASS READINGS

Mon., July 28 - Weekday [17] - Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Ps 106:19-23 / Mt 13:31-35

Tues., July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary and

Lazarus - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Ps

103:6-13 / Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wed., July 30 - Weekday [17] - St. Peter

Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Ex 34:29-35 / Ps 99:5-7, 9 / Mt

13:44-46

Thurs., July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola,

Priest - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Ps 84:3-6a,

8a, 11 / Mt 13:47-53

Fri., Aug. 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Lv 23:1,

4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Ps 81:3-6, 10-

11b / Mt 13:54-58

Sat., Aug. 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli,

Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest -

Lv 25:1, 8-17 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 / Mt 14:1-12

Sun., Aug. 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 / Ps 90:3-

6, 12-14, 17 / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 27, 2025

This weekend (July 26th/27th), the Church celebrates the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Following last weekend, our Gospel focuses on the love of God through the powerful theme of persistence in prayer. Jesus not only teaches His disciples the **Our Father**, a prayer rooted in trust, praise, and surrender, but also encourages them to pray with perseverance and confidence.

Utilizing the parable of the friend knocking at midnight, the Lord reminds us that He desires that we come to Him continually. In doing so, we are called to bring our needs, hopes, and struggles to Him without losing heart. Placing all these things at His feet, prayer gently draws our hearts into harmony with His divine will. As we surrender our deepest desires into His loving hands, our hearts are slowly shaped to beat in unison with His own.

This week, may we consider the areas in our lives that require persistent prayer, whether it's with our family, work, health, or important decisions. Like St. Monica, who prayed tirelessly for decades for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, we are invited to pray without ceasing. No matter what we face, may we pray consistently and persistently. Don't give up and don't be afraid; Keep praying with great tenacity and boldness.

UPDATE ON CHURCH RENOVATIONS

This past Monday, I sat down with Bill Heyer and his architectural team. We reviewed and have now approved the "bid set" being prepared for construction drawings. These drawings contain much of the technical work, prepared by a team of architects, that will actually guide the contractors in their work. This "bid set" will be sent to the three firms that will be bidding to serve as our primary contractor for renovations.

Once sent out, there will be a three-week "bid window" where each contractor will have the chance to ask questions regarding the project and submit their bid for our review. Once the three bids are returned, we will review them with the **Diocesan Finance Council**. The council's guidance will help us in determining which contractor to work with. Once this is decided, we will be able to begin setting a timetable for the renovation work.

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

Over the past many weeks, we've had a number of inquiries from those interested in learning more about the Faith or even becoming Catholic. Our **Discover Catholicism** program will begin on **Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room** for all those interested in encountering or learning more about the Faith. I encourage you to consider joining us for these evenings and inviting others to do so as well.

This weekly program is an open forum walk-through of the basics of Catholicism, starting first with a look at the Creed. Each week, we will move through the various elements of the Creed, one of the most basic proclamations of the Faith, leaving much time for questions and discussion. This allows for a no-pressure environment where participants are invited to freely explore what the Church teaches and why.

This weekly gathering is perfect for those returning to the Church, exploring the Faith for the first time, or simply curious. All are welcome. As mentioned in the homily, there are informational cards available in the Narthex with details about this program. I encourage you to take at least one of these cards with you and personally invite someone to join us. Your invitation might be the very moment the Lord uses to touch a heart and change a life.

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

On Wednesday, July 30th, our diocese will be one of only a handful in the world that will celebrate the feast day of Bl. Solanus Casey. As this humble Franciscan friar lived at St. Felix Friary in nearby Huntington from 1946 to 1956, we are able to celebrate him on our diocesan-wide liturgical calendar. I encourage to read the insert about Bl. Solanus' life and learn more about him.



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.

ST. JOE COOKS

Copies of our newest parish cookbook are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

Cost per Book: \$15



CORRECTION TO A COOKBOOK RECIPE

At the top of **Page 163** of the *St. Joe Cooks Cookbook*, the recipe for “**Potato Chip Cookies**” by Becky Jackson is missing an ingredient. Please add “**2 eggs**” to the list of ingredients. We apologize for the oversight and appreciate your understanding!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—August 1, 2025

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.



Sign up sheet in the narthex.







The **Parish Office** is closed on Thursday, July 31st and Friday, August 1st.

It reopens on Monday, August 4th. For Sacramental Emergencies, contact Fr. David at (260) 296-0511.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 26** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 27** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 29** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., July 30** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., July 31** - Parish Office Closed
- **Fri., August 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Fri., August 1** - Parish Office Closed
- **Sat., August 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 2** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 5** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 6** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 8** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of August 2nd & 3rd

	MASSES	Cantors...
	5:00 p.m.	TBD
	7:30 a.m.	TBD
CANTORS	10:00 a.m.	TBD
	LECTORS	Lectors...
	5:00 p.m.	Stacey Coulardot
	7:30 a.m.	Sarah McCorkle
	10:00 a.m.	Mike Dunn
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion...	
	5:00 p.m.	Dan Geimer
	7:30 a.m.	Dale McCorkle
	10:00 a.m.	Monica Harris, Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm
	Servers...	
	5:00 p.m.	Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
	7:30 a.m.	Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr
	10:00 a.m.	Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Ellie Coyne

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of July 19th & July 20th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,011.00

Loose- \$190.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$541.00

Bulletin Ad- \$175.00

Donation/Bequest- \$50.00

Hall Rent Donation- \$75.00

Camp Damascus Reimb.- \$85.00

Total- \$5,127.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,255.79 ahead of our budget for the month of July 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$699.00

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>

2025 PARISH DIRECTORY

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



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Smith, mother of David (Teresa) Smith and Kathy (Tim) Pedro, who passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis Gruss, mother of Dave Gruss and Steve (Amy) Gruss, who passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 and was laid to rest on Friday, July 18, 2025

May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless their families and all those who miss them.

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



BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY, OFM CAP.

SERVANT OF THE SICK AND THE POOR

Fr. Solanus Casey was born on a farm, in 1870, to an Irish immigrant family of Oak Grove, WI. He was given the name, Bernard Francis, and was the sixth of Bernard and Ellen Casey's sixteen children. They were Catholics of a deep and simple faith, a faith that would animate him all 87 years of his life. At the age of 17 he left the farm to take a series of jobs - lumberjack, hospital orderly, prison guard, street car operator - to help the family back home. One day while driving the street car, he witnessed a brutal murder that led him to re-evaluate what he should do with his life. He resolved to dedicate his life to a steadfast and enduring ministry of bringing God's care to this hurting world. He would become a priest.

Although past the age to enter minor seminary, he was permitted to begin his studies there because of his very limited education. Classes were taught, however, in German and Latin, neither of which he could speak or read, and he was soon advised to leave and join a religious order. In December of 1897, he entered the Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin in Detroit. There, he was given the name Solanus after St. Francis Solanus. Professed into the Order in July of 1898, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1904. As he had not performed well in his studies, however, he was limited in what he could do. He was assigned as a "*simplex priest*," one who could preside at Mass, but could not preach publicly or hear confessions. He accepted this decision as God's will and never questioned it.

Following ordination, he was immediately transferred to a busy friary in Yonkers, NY. He was assigned to care for the sacristy, train the altar boys, and answer the front door. It was that position as doorkeeper, or porter, that would be a defining character of Fr. Solanus' ministry throughout his life. His simple trust in God, his certainty that every prayer is answered in God's own way, his gentle listening to each person who came, whether Catholic or non-Catholic, led to his quickly becoming known wherever he was assigned. His heart went out to all. He would listen, pray with them, suggest some "work" they could do for others as a way to "*thank God ahead of time*" for His help. Like Jesus, he saw each person as an individual loved by God and called to share in God's life for all eternity.

THE LIFE OF BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

Nov. 25, 1870: Born as Bernard Francis Casey in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, he was one of ten boys and six girls. His parents were Irish Catholic immigrants who had come to America following the Great Famine of Ireland in the 1850s.

1873: The Casey family moved to a larger farm in Wisconsin. He and his siblings enjoyed fishing, swimming, skiing, and skating. But Bernard, nicknamed 'Barney' at the time, didn't like boxing because "inflicting pain on another person was not aligned with his values."

1878: When he was 8 years old, Bernard contracted diphtheria, which had already led to the death of two of his siblings. Though he recovered, he was left with a speech impediment.

1883: At the age of 12, Bernard spent time at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Hudson, Wisconsin, receiving lessons for his first Holy Communion. It was during this time that he first felt called to be a priest. He spent the next several years, however, in a variety of jobs, including lumberjack, street car operator, prison guard, and hospital orderly.

1892: At the age of 21, Bernard entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee.

1896: Bernard faced great difficulty in his studies at the seminary. Eventually, it was recommended that he consider entering religious life. Discerning this call, he said he heard the Blessed Mother tell him "*Go to Detroit*," where the Capuchin Friars were based.

1897: Invested as a Capuchin Novice, Bernard received the name Francis Solanus after the 17th Century saint, St. Francis Solanus. Both he and his namesake loved to play the violin.

1904: After making vows as a Capuchin Friar, Solanus was ordained as a priest. Due to his limited studies in seminary, he was assigned to serve as a "*simplex priest*," meaning that he could not preach formal sermons or hear confessions.

1904-21: Fr. Solanus served at several churches in New York, in Yonkers and New York City, where he drew crowds seeking his prayerful advice and spiritual blessings.

1924-45: Fr. Solanus arrived at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, where he would serve for 20 years as the monastery's porter. On Wednesday afternoons, he conducted services for sick people, offering them his priestly blessing. Many claimed to have been cured by him.

November 2, 1929: As the Great Depression struck, Fr. Solanus helped start the *Capuchin Soup Kitchen* in Detroit. As unemployed workers came to the Friary begging for food, they encountered Fr. Solanus, who greeted them with large sandwiches and cups of coffee.

1946-1956: As Fr. Solanus health began to decline, he was sent to St. Felix Friary, in Huntington, Indiana, to rest and recover. There, he once again served as the monastery's porter, greeting all those who came to the monastery and local chapel.

July 31, 1957: Having returned to Detroit in 1956 as his health worsened, Fr. Solanus was admitted to St. John's Hospital following an infection in July of 1957. He passed away peacefully at the hospital at the age of 86 after softly speaking his final words to his fellow friars surrounding his hospital bed: "*I give my soul to Jesus Christ*."

July 11, 1995: Fr. Solanus was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.

November 18, 2017: Blessed Solanus Casey was beatified by Pope Francis.

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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