

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Stan, Mark & Dustin Makowski +

### Sunday, July 18

#### - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

### Monday, July 19

No morning Mass

### Tuesday, July 20

5:30 p.m. Maurice Harvey +

### Wednesday, July 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

### Thursday, July 22

5:30 p.m. Gertie Wyss +

### Friday, July 23

5:30 p.m. Employees of Peyton's Northern

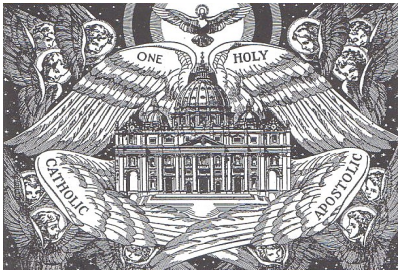
### Saturday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Sunday, July 25

#### - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Cletus & Marie Geels +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., July 19 - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time** - Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42

**Tues., July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr** - Ex 14:21—15:1/ Mt 12:46-50

**Wed., July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church** - Ex 16:1-5,9-15/ Mt 13:1-9

**Thurs., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene** - Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Jn 20:1-2,11-18

**Fri., July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious** - Ex 20:1-17/ Mt 13:18-23

**Sat., July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest** - Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30

**Sun., July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - 2 Kgs 4:42-44/ Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 18M 2021

This week, we welcomed our four *Totus Tuus* missionaries to lead our summer youth program. Some moments of fun from throughout the week are captured on this weekend's bulletin cover. A special "Thank You!" to Michelle in the Parish Office for her hard work in program planning and to all those who volunteered for our *Totus Tuus* program. It was a great week of prayer, activities, fraternity, and learning for our youth! We are already beginning to plan for next year's date.

### Coming Soon - St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Nearly two years ago, one of our monthly discussion forums provided a variety of information on end-of-life care and funeral planning. At that forum, I mentioned several discussions that had been ongoing regarding the creation of a Catholic cemetery here in Bluffton (*preceding even my arrival at St. Joseph's*). Many individuals stated that there would be an interest if a Catholic cemetery was created. At the end of this month, that discussion will begin to take physical form! Ground will soon be excavated to begin work on **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery** along IN-124.

Working with Jeff and Jaime Lehmler of locally-owned *Thoma-Rich & Lehmler Funeral Home*, our parish has been offered the chance to create a Catholic cemetery. This cemetery will be located alongside the existing *Elm Grove Cemetery* on IN-124. We have received approval from the diocese to move forward with this joint venture and, as of two weeks ago, from the local Bluffton Cemetery board. With this dual-approval, an undeveloped portion of Elm Grove Cemetery has now been set apart to take shape and become **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**.

*What is a Catholic cemetery?* A Catholic cemetery is a sacred area with blessed ground that has been set apart as a place of prayer for our beloved deceased. (*When a person is buried outside of a Catholic cemetery, the priest blesses the individual grave as a part of the committal ceremony at the graveside.*) Often, a Catholic cemetery will also have both statuary and monuments that serve as a visual reminder of our faith in Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the body.

It is my hope that, as we move forward with this project, our parish family will provide the cemetery with an outdoor altar. This will allow us, on special occasions such as All Souls Day, to gather together and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass surrounded by and for our beloved deceased who are now awaiting the resurrection of the body. This is, of course, a spiritual work of mercy: To pray for the dead.

In addition to this spiritual work of mercy, we can also use this newfound opportunity to focus on the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead. One way that this can be accomplished is for our parish to set aside plots for those who have no one to bury them. Those plots can then be made available to offer a proper burial for such individuals. This is just one of many ways that we can seek to perform such works of mercy as a parish family.

In the coming weeks and months, we will be working with Jeff Lehmler to put together informational packets regarding the cemetery. These packets will include how to purchase plots in the cemetery, if and how existing plots in other local cemeteries may be transferred to **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**, and a variety of other useful information. We are also planning to hold informational sessions in the Parish Social Hall for those who are interested in learning more in the foreseeable future.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney and Leanne Lee.

## DISCUSSION FORUM: ANGELS & DEMONS

Fr. David's next Discussion Forum Topic: Angels & Demons will be

**Sunday, July 18** from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and

**Wednesday, July 21** at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.



If you are unable to attend in person, the Discussion Forum will also be live-streamed via our FaceBook page or website at [stjosephchurchbluffton.org](http://stjosephchurchbluffton.org).

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

If you forgot your baby bottle this weekend, please bring it to Mass next weekend July 24/25 or you may drop it off in the Parish Office anytime during the week.

Thank you again for supporting Helping Hands; Stronger Together!



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**  
Religious Education Registration  
Pizza & Sundae Bar  
6:00 PM  
(Following the Saturday evening  
Mass in the Parish Social Hall)

Come and register your child(ren) for Religious Education Classes and meet the Catechists! Our Religious Education Classes will resume Sunday, September 12– 8:30–9:45 a.m.

Registration Packets will be mailed out sometime the week of August 9th.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 17** - Confession from 4-4:45 p.m./Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 18** - Mass at 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., July 18** - Discussion Forum: **Angels & Demons** from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., July 20** - Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- **Wed., July 21** - Adoration at 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession from 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., July 21** - Discussion Forum: Angels & Demons from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Thurs., July 22** - Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 22** - Summer Bible Study, *Beginning with the End*, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sat., July 24** - Confession from 4-4:45 p.m./Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 25** - Mass at 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., July 27** - Parish Office Closed. (*Michelle will be out of the office to attend DRE training at Sacred Heart in Warsaw.*)
- **Tues., July 27** - Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- **Wed., July 28** - Adoration at 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession from 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 29** - Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., July 29** - Summer Bible Study, *Beginning with the End* at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

### WEEKEND OF JULY 24/25

#### CANTORS:

**5:00** Marita Crawfis  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Bruce Holland

#### LECTORS: (Process In)

**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Ben Wagner  
**10:00** **VOLUNTEER**

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

**5:00** Nathan/Missy Huss  
**7:30** Al/Mary Porrata  
**10:00** Dan/Larisa Sudhoff

#### SERVERS:

**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling  
**7:30** Beth Geisel, Spencer McCorkle  
**10:00** Raphael Souza, Quinn Dreiband, and Charles Andrew

Thank you for being involved in a Ministry position at St. Joseph's

Next week, I will start to prepare the Minister's Schedule for August. If you know of specific dates you are not available within the month, please let me know.

Minister's of Hospitality: we will not be taking up a monthly second collection. However, when there is a need for a second collection, you will be notified ahead of time.

If you are interested in volunteering for any ministries, please contact the Parish Office at 824-1380 for more information.

# thank you!

A Special **Thank You** to my Youth Helpers, Jacquelyn and Phillip Mayer, Sam Smith, and AnneMarie Haiflich and my Adult Helper, Lori Bender, who helped make, prepare and serve lunch to all those who attended *Totus Tuus* this past week. I could not have done it without YOU!!! Thank you so much!! Michelle

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

#### July 10/11 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$4,241.00  
Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
Loose- \$329.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$931.97  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$285.00  
Hall Rent- \$150.00  
**Total- \$5,939.97**

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

We are \$802.17 ahead of budget for the month of July.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$660.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
to St. Joseph's!*

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### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Alice Singer mother of Rick (Sue) Singer, who passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021 and was laid to rest Thursday, July 15, 2021.

May God welcome Mary Alice 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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