



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS: (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

WEEK OF TOTUS TUUS (JULY 21TH-25TH)

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11:15 AM

SATURDAY: 8 AM

CONFESSIONS: (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

WEEK OF TOTUS TUUS (JULY 21TH-25TH)

TUESDAY: 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION: (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

WEDNESDAY: 7:15-8:15 PM

THURSDAY: 1:25-2:25 PM

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Saturday, July 19

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. Emily Butler +

Sunday, July 20

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Jim Cole +

Monday, July 21

11:15 a.m. All Priests, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, July 22

11:15 a.m. Maurice Harvey +

Wednesday, July 23

11:15 a.m. Jeanette Ault +
7:15-8:15 p.m. *Youth Group led Praise & Worship Holy Hour/ Confession*

Thursday, July 24

11:15 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith
1:25-2:25 p.m. *Adoration*

Friday, July 25

11:15 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh

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



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 21 - Weekday [16] - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church - Ex 14:5-18 / Ps Ex 15:1b-6 / Mt 12:38-42

Tues., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene - Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed., July 23 - Weekday [16] - St. Bridget, Religious - Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 / Mt 13:1-9

Thurs., July 24 - Weekday [16] - St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest - Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 / Mt 13:10-17

Fri., July 25 - St. James, Apostle - 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Ps 126:1b-6 / Mt 20:20-28

Sat., July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Ex 24:3-8 / Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 / Mt 13:24-30

Sun., July 27 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 20, 2025

This weekend (July 19th/20th), the Church celebrates the **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We continue our journey through the Gospel of St. Luke where, last Sunday, we heard that to inherit eternal life we have to love God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Parable of the Good Samaritan offered a powerful example of what loving our neighbor as ourselves truly means.

Today, as Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary, we receive Jesus' teaching on loving God. Though Martha welcomed the Lord to her home, her attention was elsewhere. Mary, on the other hand, is sitting at His feet as a devoted disciple, listening. Jesus gently corrects Martha, reminding her that Mary had chosen the better part: Centering her day first around Him rather than trying to fit Him in after the busyness of the day has died down.

The correction shown to Martha is one that we should use within our own lives: May we put Jesus at the center of our lives, even amidst the busyness of the everyday. For, when we build our lives around Jesus in prayer and the Eucharist, we can begin to live even now the life of heaven that will one day, please God, be fulfilled forever. Our Lord will continue this theme of loving God next weekend, focusing specifically on prayer (Luke 11:1-13).

After five months of bulletin covers highlighting the lives of the Saints, we're trying out a new "default" bulletin cover for the summer months. This new cover combines both old and new elements from our parish in this anniversary year. At the top, our new parish logo is highlighted. Central to the cover is a drawing of St. Joseph and the Christ-child that first appeared on our bulletin covers in the 1980s.

The practice of preserving older bulletins was fairly common in the mid-to-late twentieth century, especially when our bulletins were published through a publishing house. At the end of each year, the publishing house would send the parish a bound collection of the past year's bulletins. Depending on what these annuals might contain, you may see a few other "throwback" images on the bulletin covers for a bit of variety.

When the need arises, we will still make use of the bulletin cover for both educational material and promotion of events. As such covers have been prepared through our parish office, however, they require more time and effort to create. Having a "default" cover helps to ensure that we'll always have a bulletin cover ready for print and help to make our bulletin look more familiar and easily identifiable.

TOTUS TUUS - WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note, our weekday Mass schedule will be fairly different this week to better accommodate the Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program. Daily Mass will be offered Monday through Friday at 11:15 AM this week. Adoration will be offered on Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 PM and Thursday from 1:25-2:25 PM. Confessions will be offered on Tuesday following the 11:15 AM Mass and is available by appointment.

Following the conclusion of Totus Tuus on Friday evening, our weekday Mass schedule will return to normal with Mass at 8 AM on Saturday with Confessions offered after the 8 AM Mass. Our weekend Mass schedule remains unchanged, with Confessions offered from 4-4:45 PM on Saturday afternoon before the 5 PM Vigil Mass and our Sunday morning Masses at 7:30 AM and 10 AM. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

2025 PARISH DIRECTORY

We are partnering with *Universal Church Directory* to create a new parish pictorial directory for our 150th parish anniversary. This directory won't be complete without YOU! Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Photos will be taken on Wed., Aug. 13th to Fri., Aug. 15th from 2 PM to 8 PM and Sat., Aug. 16th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Photo sessions should take ~12 minutes.



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



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



YOUTH GROUP LED PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, July 23
7:15-8:15 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 19** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., July 20** - Totus Tuus - Hs/Ms - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- **Mon., July 21** - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m.
- **Mon., July 21** - Totus Tuus - Grades 7-12 - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
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- **Wed., July 23** - Totus Tuus - Youth Group led Praise & Worship Holy Hour 7:15-8:15 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**
- **Thurs., July 24** - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m. / Adoration 1:25-2:25 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**
- **Thurs., July 24** - Totus Tuus - Hs/Ms - 6:45-8:30 p.m.
- **Fri., July 25** - Totus Tuus - Grades 1-6 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. / Mass 11:15 a.m.
- **Fri., July 25** - Parish Potluck & Swimming at the Wells Community Pool - 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. Swimming will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring own table service, drinks and a dish to share. Entrée will be provided. **Everyone is welcome!**
- **Sat., July 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of July 26th & 27th



CANTORS

MASSES

5:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.



LECTORS

5:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.



5:00 p.m.

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10:00 a.m.



5:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Cantors...

Dan Lautzenheiser

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Teresa Smith

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Barb Ault

John Vanderkolk

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion...

Dan Geimer

Jill Morrissey

Rick Singer, Jacque Johnson, Kevin Seago

Servers...

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Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger

Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Ellie Coyne

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of July 12th & July 13th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,372.00

Loose- \$215.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$230.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00

Bulletin Ad- \$350.00

Donation/Bequest- \$210.00

Total- \$3,502.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,245.19 ahead of our budget for the month of July 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$265.00

**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>

We Need Your Help



We are in need of people to help check in families at their scheduled appointment times for the new Parish Directory.

If you can help, there is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU!



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KIRK CAMERON

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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