



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### THIRD 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

#### ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

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### OLD TESTAMENT (46 Books)

#### PENTATEUCH [TORAH] (5)

Creation, the Patriarchs, and the Law of Moses

#### HISTORICAL BOOKS (16)

History of Israel: Rise, Fall, & Exile

#### WISDOM BOOKS (7)

Poetry, Psalms, & Practical Advice

#### PROPHETIC BOOKS (18)

Prophets calling Israel back to God

### NEW TESTAMENT (27 Books)

#### GOSPELS (4)

Jesus' Life, Death, & Resurrection

#### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (1)

History of the early Church

#### PAULINE EPISTLES (14)

Letters attributed to St. Paul

#### CATHOLIC EPISTLES (7)

Letters to the universal Church

#### REVELATION / APOCALYPSE (1)

Vision of the heavenly liturgy

## Saturday, January 24

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Steve Coulardot +

## Sunday, January 25

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert  
Bates +

## Monday, January 26

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, January 27

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

8:00 a.m. Ron and Sally Smith Family

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

## Wednesday, January 28

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

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Sullivan

## Thursday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Bill Nichter +

## Friday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

## Saturday, January 31

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. Lucila Santanilla +

## Sunday, February 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Lawrence Robinson +  
Bates +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops** - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

**Tues., Jan. 27 - Weekday [3] - St. Angela Merici, Virgin** - 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Ps 24:7-10 / Mk 3:31-35

**Wed., Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church** - 2 Sm 7:4-17 / Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 / Mk 4:1-20

**Thurs., Jan. 29 - Weekday [3]** - 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 / Mk 4:21-25

**Fri., Jan. 30 - Weekday [3]** - 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 / Mk 4:26-34

**Sat., Jan 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest** - 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Ps 51:12-17 / Mk 4:35-41

**Sun., Feb. 1 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / Ps 146:6-10 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 25, 2026

This weekend (January 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, also known as **Word of God Sunday**. Instituted by Pope Francis I in 2019, this celebration at the very beginning of **Ordinary Time** is meant to help us “*grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures.*” (*Aperuit illis, Paragraph 15*) By doing so, we are able to receive His Word and better allow it to shape our minds and hearts as His disciples.

In honor of **Word of God Sunday**, our bulletin cover this weekend presents a brief overview of the 73 books of the Bible. As we saw in Jimmy Akin’s *The Bible Is A Catholic Book*, the Bible did not fall from heaven fully formed nor was it assembled by chance. It was received, preserved, and canonized by the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and entrusted to her care.

The same Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures did not abandon the Church once the canon was established; Instead, He continues even now to guide the Church in faithfully handing on, proclaiming, and interpreting the Word of God. Sacred Scripture never stands alone, but lives within the Church through which Christ continues to speak to His people today.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD - OPENING MASS FOR THE PARISH SESSION

This **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**, we will host our **Opening Prayer Session** in preparation for our **Parish Synod Session**. At this Mass, we will invite the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts as we begin this synodal journey together as a parish. In two weeks, on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM**, we will have the opportunity to gather for our **Parish Synod Session\*** as our participation in the preparation for the upcoming **Diocesan Synod**.

These two sessions are an opportunity for the Faithful of our diocese to prayerfully reflect together on one central question: *How is our local Church called to live the mission of Christ today and in the years to come?* Our **Parish Synod Session** will allow each of us to share our voices, prayerful reflections, and experiences as a unique and irreplaceable part of our local Church. The parish synod will, in turn, help guide the larger **Diocesan Synod**.

At the end of the **Parish Synod Session**, the various insights shared will be compiled and submitted to Bishop Rhoades as a faithful representation of the parish’s voice. With our contributions, and those of the other parishes of our diocese, Bishop will set the broader synodal questions for reflection at the **Diocesan Synod** in November. I encourage you to join us for these sessions.

College students away from the parish are also invited to prayerfully participate in a special college synodal session and share their perspective on faith and life on campus. Participants are asked to watch a short video message from Bishop Rhoades, pray and reflect on five themes, and submit their reflections online by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. To learn more and participate in the special college session, visit [diocesefwsb.org/college-synod](http://diocesefwsb.org/college-synod).

*\*Note: Childcare will be provided for the Parish Synod Session on February 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### VOTIVE CANDLES

One of the most common questions received since the start of renovations is whether votive candles are anywhere in the building available for use. While we had hoped to make our small votive candle racks available in the **Parish Social Hall** for weekend Masses, space limitations and fire-alarm restrictions make this too impractical throughout the renovation period. Our votive candles will return once we return to the church proper.

If you’ve ever wondered about votive candles, they have a storied history in both Scripture and tradition. The light of the candle symbolizes God’s presence with us, manifested in Christ, who is “*the Light of the world.*” When lighting a candle, we petition our Lord in prayer, asking the Saints to join in prayer both with and for us to the Lord. The burning candle remains lit in the Church, even after we’ve gone, as a sign of our continuous prayer before God.





DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

# SYNOD 2026

SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

## OPENING PARISH PRAYER SESSION

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 –7:00 PM

## PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 –8:00 PM

*Note: Childcare Provided for Listening Session  
Location: Parish Social Hall / Temporary Church*

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING SESSION

Training for *new* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on:

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*Note: Please plan to attend both training sessions.*

**Please call the Parish Office for more information.  
Volunteers needed for all Mass times.**

**G.I.R.L.'s Night Out**  
**5th Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, February 14th**  
**6:00-9:30 PM**  
**Tickets \$25**  
**On sale after weekend Masses**  
*Proceeds to benefit:*  
**Our Youth at Damascus Summer Camp**  
**Grace and Mercy**  
**Wells County Food Bank**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sun., Jan. 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 25** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 27** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Wed., Jan. 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Thurs., Jan. 29** - Discover Catholicism - 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.
- **Fri., Jan. 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- **Sat., Jan. 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
- **Sat., Jan. 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Juice & Donuts after 7:30 am / 10:00 am Masses
- **Sun., Feb. 1** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

### WEEKEND OF JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> & FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



**MASS**  
**5:00 p.m.** Sam Smith  
**7:30 a.m.** Donna Geisel  
**10:00 a.m.** Adult Cchoir



**CANTORS**  
**5:00 p.m.** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30 a.m.** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00 a.m.** Mike Dunn



**LECTORS**  
**5:00 p.m.** Larisa Sudhoff  
**7:30 a.m.** None needed  
**10:00 a.m.** Monica Harris, Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**5:00 p.m.** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Danny Decker  
**7:30 a.m.** Angela/James Mayer, Liam Harris  
**10:00 a.m.** Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report The Weekend of Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$3,900.00  
 Loose - \$180.00  
 Repair / Rainy Day - \$475.00  
 Votive Candles- \$147.66  
**Total- \$4,702.66**

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$766.19** ahead of our budget for the month of January 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$1,193.00

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

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### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Petra (Bayne) Webber, daughter of Judy and the late Robert "Bob" Bayne, who passed away January 18, 2026.



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

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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