

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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What is Halloween?



All Hallow's Eve is where the name of Halloween comes from. A **hallowed person** is another name for a saint. We call October 31st All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints Day on November 1st.

The Mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1st was called **Allhallomas**. This meant **Mass of All the Hallowed** or **Mass of All Saints**. This day was commonly called **All Hallows' Day**.



The night before November 1st became known as **Allhallowe'en**, short for the evening before All Hallows' Day. Eventually, it was shortened to **Halloween**.



Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?



November 1st is called the **Solemnity of All Saints**. On this day, the Church celebrates with all those who have died and are now in heaven with God.

Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a **Saint**. We do not know the names of all of the Saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that, after they died, the Church definitively proclaimed them to be in heaven.

November 2nd is called the **Commemoration of All Souls**.

On this day, we remember our departed loved ones and pray for all those who have died and are in need of our prayers. Throughout the month of November, we continue to pray in a special way for all those who have died.



How can we celebrate Halloween?



- ✦ Dress Like a Saint
- ✦ Pray for the Holy Souls
- ✦ Pray at a Cemetery
- ✦ Go to Mass

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

Saturday, October 28

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. Therese Gruss +

Sunday, October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Chris & Ray Hartman
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, October 30

No Public Mass

Tuesday, October 31

Vigil Mass for All Saints Day

7:00 p.m. Tom & Becky Jackson
40th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
Noon Parish Family
6:00 p.m. Joy Andrews +

Thursday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Holy Father
Noon All the Faithful Departed
6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery—
Bud & Sharon Miller +

Friday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Saturday, November 4

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. Rex Ehrhart +

Sunday, November 5

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Carolyn Flaugher +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 29, 2023

This weekend (Oct. 28th/29th), the Church celebrates the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Taking a cue from the world around us, we see how the weather is changing and know that harvest time is upon us. Similarly, in our liturgical life, we know that the end of the liturgical year is near. With this focus on the end of things, the Church has traditionally held the upcoming month of November as a time devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

This devotion to pray for those who have gone before us reminds us of a simple truth: “*Memento Mori*,” or “Remember your death.” Our prayer for the Holy Souls calls to mind our own mortality and the reality that, as is often said in the Mass of Christian Burial, “*for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended... When this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven*” (Preface I for the Dead).

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Wednesday, November 1st, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation**. This solemnity is rooted in the *Feast of All Martyrs* celebrated among our eastern Churches in the beginning of the 4th Century. It became recognized in the west with the dedication of the Roman Pantheon as the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs on May 13, 609. In the middle of the 9th Century, this celebration was transferred to November 1st and its observance placed on the universal calendar as we know it today.

To aide in our obligation to assist at Mass for this holy day, we are offering four different Mass times:



All Saints' Day Vigil Mass - Tuesday, Oct. 31st - 7 p.m.

All Saints' Day Mass - Wednesday, Nov. 1st - 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.



Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, you are invited to join us for our annual **All Saints' Day Party** in the Parish Social Hall. The parish is providing both the main entree and drinks and invites you to bring a side dish to share. You are invited to dress as your favorite Saint for our costume contest and there will be a number of children games hosted in the Parish Gym.

On Thursday, November 2nd, the Church marks the **Commemoration of All Souls**. Though this day is not a holy day, it is an important day where we remember and pray for all those who have died. We will offer **Masses for All Souls' Day on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, at 8 a.m., 12 p.m., and 6 p.m.** (*Note: The 6 p.m. All Souls' Day Mass will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Please bring your own chair for this Mass.*)

NEW FLAGPOLES

Thank you to all those who joined us for the re-dedication and blessing of the church bell this past Sunday. As you may have noticed, in addition to returning the church bell to our parish campus, we've also installed two new flagpoles alongside it thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. These flagpoles stand 30+ feet in the air and are fairly level with the highest peak of our building's roofline. Though the flagpoles are tall, the highest peak on our campus still remains to be the cross atop of the Church itself, which is, as we say in the preface dialogue during Mass, “truly right and just.”

As of this weekend, we are flying both the American Flag and the Vatican Flag on our campus during daylight hours. In the coming weeks, we hope to have several spotlights installed at the base of the flagpoles so that we will be able to fly the flags both day and night. As the Vatican Flag is the official flag of the Vatican City State, which is a sovereign nation, these two flags “*of approximately equal size*” shall be “*flown from separate staffs of the same height*” (as directed in 4 U.S. Code § 7, subsection g).

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. Bill Sullivan as the celebrant at all our weekend Masses. Thank you as always for welcoming Fr. Bill. I will be away for the weekend to celebrate the wedding of a close friend in Hyattsville, MD.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 30 - Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 31 - Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints Day - Rv 7:2-4,9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday, November 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) - Masses for the Dead

Friday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious - Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29/ Lk 14:1,7-11

Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mal 1:14b—2:2b,8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9/ Mt 23:1-12 **Daylight Savings Time Ends / National Vocation Awareness Week**

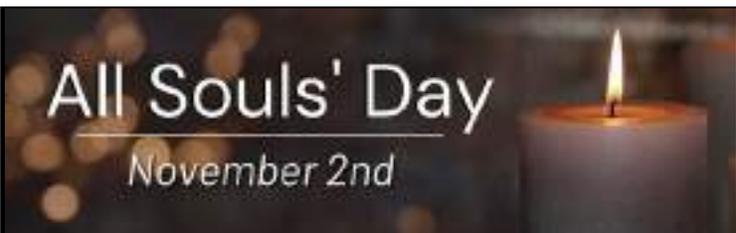


Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne, and Shawn Baxter.



Holy Day Mass Times

Vigil Mass—Tuesday, Oct. 31st—7:00 pm
Mass—Wednesday, Nov. 1st—7:00 am, Noon, 6:00 pm



All Souls' Day Mass Times

Mass—Thursday, Nov. 2nd—8:00 am, Noon, 6:00 pm*
 *6:00 pm Mass is at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
 3500 IN-124, Bluffton, IN 46714—Bring Your Own Chair

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, November 4, 2023
 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 "Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
 Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Oct. 28** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct.29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 29** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 31** - *Vigil Mass All Saints Day* - Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 01** - *All Saints Day, A Holy Day of Obligation* - Mass Schedule - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 6:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 01** - *All Saints Day Party* - following 6:00 p.m. Mass.
- **Thurs., Nov. 02** - *All Souls' Day* - Mass Schedule - 8:00 a.m. / Noon / 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery.
- **Fri., Nov. 03** - First Friday Adoration following Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 4** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 5** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 7** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 7** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and monthly meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 8** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 8** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 8** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 9** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.

Weekend of November 4/5



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



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Tammi Helm



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

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Oct. 21/22

Adult Envelopes- \$2,916.00
 Loose- \$211.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,110.53
 Paper Gator- \$24.40
 All Saints' Day- \$10.00
Total- \$4,271.93

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
 We are **\$5,350.25** behind our budget for the month of October.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$126.00

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>



FALL BACK
 Turn your clocks back one hour