



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM (CEMETERY)

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup> (ALL SAINTS' DAY): 8 AM & 11 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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## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SATURDAY, NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>

• 5:00 PM VIGIL

SUNDAY, NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>

• 7:30 AM

• 10:00 AM

• 1:00 PM (CEMETERY)\*

2980 E STATE ROAD 124, BLUFFTON



\*IF RAINING, THE CEMETERY MASS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH

## Saturday, October 25

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Lizzy & Vinnie Vuskalns

## Sunday, October 26

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Connie Herr +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

## Monday, October 27

*No public Mass*

## Tuesday, October 28

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

8:00 a.m. Joe Leitner +

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

## Wednesday, October 29

5:00-6:00 p.m. *Adoration*

5-5:45 p.m. *Confession*

6:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

## Thursday, October 30

8:00 a.m. Ron Smith +

## Friday, October 31

8:30 am Francis Gruss +

## Saturday, November 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

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

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Joy Andrews +

## Sunday, November 2

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

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Ron Smith +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

1:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Oct. 27 - Weekday [30]** - Rom 8:12-17 / Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21 / Lk 13:10-17

**Tues., Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles** - Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 19:2-5 / Lk 6:12-16

**Wed., Oct. 29 - Weekday [30]** - Rom 8:26-30 / Ps 13:4-6 / Lk 13:22-30

**Thurs., Oct. 30 - Weekday [30]** - Rom 8:31b-39 / Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 / Lk 13:31-35

**Fri., Oct. 31 - Weekday [30]** - Rom 9:1-5 / Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 / Lk 14:1-6

**Sat., Nov. 1 - All Saints (USA)** - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

**Sun., Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)** - Wis 3:1-9 / Ps 23:1-6 / Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40

## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 26, 2025

This weekend (October 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Entering into the last four weeks of Ordinary Time, our readings seemingly become more bleak as the liturgical year draws to an end. Next weekend will even appropriately continue this theme as we celebrate the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** and our readings are taken from those prepared for the Mass of Christian Burial.

This bleakness, however, is not meant to fill us with darkness, but light. In recognizing the fallenness of man and the pain of death, we are to be shaken free from any hold of this passing world and reminded of eternity. This is why these coming weeks, as sullen as they might be, ultimately culminate in the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. To quote that proverb first attributed to Thomas Fuller: "*It is darkest before the dawn.*"

### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

As we near the end of our 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary, we are approaching a pivotal moment for our parish family. To end our celebrations, I invite you to participate in our upcoming parish-wide **33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph**, our parish patron. In an act of consecration, we give ourselves to Jesus Christ by committing ourselves to respond to His grace through the guidance and care of a particular Saint, or, in this instance, St. Joseph.

In learning about the life of St. Joseph, we learn about the virtues that make him a "*just man*" (Matthew 1:19). In placing ourselves in his care, we imitate the Lord Himself who likewise entrusted Himself to the care and guidance of St. Joseph as His foster-father. We will begin our preparation on the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> and conclude with the public *Act of Consecration* at the end of our parish **Forty Hours Devotion** on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

In preparation, we will use the "*Consecration to St. Joseph*" by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. This work offers 33 days of reflections on the various titles associated with St. Joseph from the *Litany of St. Joseph*. Each reflection is itself only two pages, while also providing additional material for further reflection if desired. Finally, each day concludes with praying the Litany of St. Joseph.

### GENERAL CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

In addition to the current maintenance on our pews, we've had several other projects recently completed on our campus. This past summer, the portico in front of our main church doors was accidentally damaged when a vehicle over the clearance height attempted to drive underneath. *Ron Banter Plastering* of Poneto was able to repair the damage and repaint the portico this past week.

At the end of September, *Dunwiddie Heating, A/C & Plumbing* performed bi-annual maintenance on our heating system in anticipation of the cold. Much to my personal dismay, everything was in good order and our heating system is now turned on. Finally, a team from *Felger Electric*, led by parishioner Andy Vachon, "wired" our *Archangel Gabriel bell* in front of the Church, which now wonderfully rings out the Angelus hours throughout the week.

A special "*Thank You!*" to all those who assisted with these projects!

### CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS AND COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

As a reminder, the **Solemnity of All Saints** is not a holy day of obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday. We can still view it, however, as a ***holy day of opportunity*** to assist at Mass in celebration of the Saints in heaven. We will offer two Masses this Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM for the **Solemnity of All Saints**. Following the 11:00 AM Mass, join us in the Parish Social Hall for our annual **All Saints Day Party and Potluck!**

Falling on Sunday, the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** will take precedence over **Ordinary Time** this year. In addition to our normal weekend Mass schedule (*Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM; Sunday at 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM*), we will offer an additional Mass on Sunday (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) outside at **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 1:00 PM**. All are welcome to join us as we continue to pray for our dearly departed loved ones.

~In Christ, Fr. David



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.





The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues  
Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

## TRIVIA Night

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Parish Social Hall

**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:30 P.m.

### ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Masses at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

*All Saints Day Party & Potluck after 11:00 AM Mass*



### ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Masses at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 1:00 PM\*

*1:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery  
2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton 46714*

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Mon., Oct. 27 - Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles** - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Oct. 28 - Adoration** 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29 - Adoration** - 5-6:00 p.m. / Confession 5-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29 - Parish Trivia Night** - 6:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 29 - Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 30 - Mass** 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 30 - Discover Catholicism** - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 31 - Mass** 8:30 a.m. / 1
- **Sat., Nov. 1 - Mass** 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat. Nov. 1 - Mass** 11:00 a.m./All Saints Day Party 12:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 1 - Confession** 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 2 - Mass** 7:30 a.m./10:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. (*Cemetery*)
- **Sun., Nov. 2 - Religious Education Class** - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 3 - Children's Choir Practice** - 5:30 p.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 4 - Adoration** 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 4 - Knights of Columbus** - Rosary at 6:35 in Church - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Nov. 5 - Adoration** - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 5 - Parish Council Meeting** - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 5 - Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 6 - Mass** 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 6 - Discover Catholicism** - 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Nov. 7 - Mass** 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 8 - Mass** 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.

### WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup>



**MASS Cantors**  
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser  
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey  
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



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



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper  
7:30 a.m. Dale McCorkle  
10:00 a.m. Larisa Sudhoff, Kevin Seago, Tammi Helm



**Servers**  
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto  
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr  
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Isaiah Bedwell

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes- \$1,712.00

Loose- \$449.10

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$150

**Total- \$2,690.10**

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

We are **\$3,887.32** behind  
our budget for the month  
of October 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$379.00

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

To set up **Online Giving** through  
**Our Sunday Visitor**, scan this QR Code or visit:  
[www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds)



### NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please return any Memorial Candles to the  
Parish Office before October 29<sup>th</sup> for use  
in our November memorial shrines.

Candles can be requested in the Parish Office.  
*\$20 free will donation per candle is appreciated.*



### WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!

Through water and the word, Riley Scot William,  
daughter of Jonathan and Lori White, became a  
child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever  
through the Sacrament of Baptism on  
Sunday, October 19, 2025 by Fr. David Violi.



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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