

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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WHAT IS PURGATORY?

CCC 1030-1031 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.



SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

2 Macc. 12:39-46: "For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead... Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin."

Matthew 5:25-26: "...truly I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny."

1 Cor. 3:10-15: "...If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."



EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

St. Gregory of Nyssa *"If, then whether by forethought here, or by purgation hereafter, our soul becomes free from any emotional connection with the brute creation, there will be nothing to impede its contemplation of God."*
AD 335- AD 395

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

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 Flaughner +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, November 6*No Public Mass***Tuesday, November 7**7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

8:30 a.m. *Confession***Wednesday, November 8**6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Charles Beckman +

Thursday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Friday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Sue Meyer +

Saturday, November 11

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. June Gazdik +

Sunday, November 12**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Bernice Parsons +

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, November 6 - Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time** - Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14**Tuesday, November 7** - Rom 12:5-16b/ Lk 14:15-24**Wednesday, November 8** - Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33**Thursday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** - Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22**Friday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** - Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8**Saturday, November 11 - St. St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veterans Day** - Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/ Lk 16:9-15**Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Mt 25:1-13**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

A special "Thank You!" to all those who assisted with our Masses and events throughout the week for both **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day**!

A wonderful evening all around, it was especially joyful to be joined by all of our little Saints in the procession at Mass on Wednesday evening. Our little Saints serve as a visual reminder of the relationship that we are called into with the Saints. They are not separated from or beyond us; Instead, we are all united as one in the Body of Christ. As part of our **All Saints' Day Costume Contest**, you can vote for your favorite Saint in the narthex this weekend.

On the holy day, we also had the opportunity to vote for the winners of our **Youth Group's Pumpkin Carving Contest**. With many masterful designs, the voting was very close. Congratulations to this year's winners: (1st) , (2nd), and (3rd) .

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

Our parish's **Forty Hours Devotion** will be held at the end of this month. Beginning on Monday, November 27th, with Mass at 7 PM, our parish family is being called into an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration. On Tuesday, November 28th, we will have the opportunity to join together for sung Vespers (*which is the evening prayer of the Church*) at 6:30 PM and hear an exhilarating eucharistic conference at 7 PM. Finally, we will conclude with a closing Mass on Wednesday, November 29th, at 7 PM.

Between these events, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church throughout all hours of the night and day. As meaningful as our scheduled events will be, it is this time between the events that are perhaps most important. It is in these moments that you are being invited to spend time before our Eucharistic Lord Himself. It is here, in these special moments of silence before Him, where the Lord will speak to our hearts and we will be most prepared to hear His voice.

I encourage you to give of an hour of your time and sign-up for an hour of adoration with the Lord throughout our Forty Hours. I know that this will be difficult to do, especially as the hours are scheduled throughout the weekdays. Yet, part of this devotion means making a sacrifice of our time for God. It means recognizing that, as busy as we might be, we need God in our day and that we, in turn, are willing to give even just a small part of our day to Him.

How important is it to make this sacrifice of time and spend an hour with the Lord? In the Sacred Scriptures, the only time that our Lord asked His Apostles for anything was when He pleaded with them to watch with Him for but one hour (cf. Matthew 26:40-45). That plea continues even unto our own day. We must ask ourselves: Are we willing to respond to this request and spend an hour before Him to watch and pray?

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

A special "Thank You!" to Fr. Bill Sullivan for offering our Masses this weekend while I am away to celebrate the wedding of a friend in Maryland. Though a "short" trip (Friday-Sunday), I look forward to visiting with a number of friends and our diocesan seminarians studying in Maryland.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,
and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

37th Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your Annual Bishop's Appeal Pledge Cards. If you have not yet turned your card in, please do so as we are striving for 100% participation.



Our goal this year is \$37,243.71



Save the Date!

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Social Hall; supplies will be provided. Sign up sheet in the narthex.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **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.
- **Fri., Nov. 10** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 11** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 12** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 14** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 14** - G.I.R.L.'S Night Out meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- **Wed., Nov. 15** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 15** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 16** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Nov. 17** - Mass 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of November 11/12



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer



5:00 2 - Volunteers to assist Fr. Bill
10:00 Monica Harris, Rick Singer



5:00 Alex or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Oct. 28/29

Adult Envelopes- \$3,282.00

Loose- \$95.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$5,388.07

Religious Education- \$100.00

Memorial Candles- \$90.00

Pfeifer Donation- \$250.00

Donation- \$2,000.00

Total- \$11,205.07

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$848.42** ahead of our budget for the month of October.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,440.00

*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>



SAVE THE DATE

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Monday, Nov. 27th to Wednesday, Nov. 29th

Mon., Nov. 27—7 PM Mass

Tues., Nov. 28—6:30 PM Vespers
7 PM Talk

Wed., Nov. 29—7 PM Mass

Sign Up in Narthex

ANNUAL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection." If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities.

If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a member of the clergy or anyone ministering on behalf of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, Rev. Mark Gurtner, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.