

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**"THE TIME YOU SPEND WITH JESUS IN THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE BEST TIME
THAT YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH."**

ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

MONDAY, NOV. 27TH

OPENING MASS - 7 PM

TUESDAY, NOV. 28TH

SUNG VESPERS - 6:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC SPEAKER - 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29TH

CLOSING MASS - 7 PM

ADORATION ONGOING ALL DAY AND NIGHT

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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☐ New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

☐ We've Moved, here is our new information

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-Second 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 +

Monday, November 13

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 14

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 15

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Dorothy Witwer +

Thursday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Carol Leitner +

Friday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Rodney Pierce +

Saturday, November 18

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. Felix Andrews

Sunday, November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 13 - Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14 - Wis 2:23—3:9/ Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Wis 6:1-11/ Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin - Wis 7:22b—8:1/ Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious - Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin - Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Congratulation to our All Saints' Day Contest Winners: (1st) St. Nicholas (Felix), (2nd) St. Therese (Katie Jo), and (3rd) St. Philomena (Kylie).

This weekend (Nov. 11th/12th), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As a nation, we also celebrate **Veterans Day**. This annual celebration, originally known as *Armistice Day*, is a day in which we show our gratitude for those who have defended our country and kept peace throughout the world. May we continue to implore the Lord to protect the men and women serving our country and for peace in all places of strife.

In last weekend's Gospel, we heard the Lord's admonishment to "*call no man father*." This verse often raises the question of why we as Catholics call priests "Father." To understand this verse, we look at the whole passage and see that our Lord is speaking in hyperbole to His disciples. He is cautioning them to avoid the hypocrisy and, ultimately, pridefulness of the Pharisees.

Understanding this hyperbole, we can then see how St. Paul is able to call himself the father of the Corinthians (1 Cor. 12:28) without contradicting our Lord. Catholic priests, like St. Paul, are called "Father" because we, through our ordination, share in Jesus' spiritual fatherhood. This spiritual fatherhood is as real of an identity to the Priest as it to any man who becomes a father in the birth of his first child. In this way, "Father" is not a title, but an identity.

ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Earlier this year, we began the search for a part-time Engagement Director to assist at the parish. This position is meant to help with the organization of events and volunteers and our outreach to our local community. As of this past week, we are happy to welcome Nick Boratenski into this role for our parish. He has quickly stepped into the role, taking on several organizational needs for our upcoming Forty Hours Devotion.

Nick brings a wealth of experience into this position, having previously worked in marketing and development for Redeemer Radio and local Helping Hands. He and his wife, Hannah, have served as the heads of our Pro-Life Committee this past year and, with their children, are actively involved in the life of our parish. Thank you for your continued prayers that this new position will help us to continue our parish's ongoing growth and outreach.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

During this past week, you may have noticed some work being done near the rectory. Alongside the rectory garage, which is located on the lower level of the rectory, is a high retaining wall. A few years ago, the safety railing running along the retaining wall broke apart due to rust and age before falling from the wall. Though the area is a low traffic area, we have always intended to replace the railing and close off the area as a general safety precaution.

An opportunity to move forward with this safety project recently came about and was started this past week. In addition to a new safety railing that will be placed on the retaining wall, a small deck is being added alongside the upper portion of the retaining wall next to the rectory. This improvement has the benefit of making the outside area near the rectory more usable while also forming a physical barrier to keep foot traffic away from the retaining wall.

OUTDOOR ALTAR AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The outdoor altar at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery was set this past Friday. A special "*Thank You!*" to the family of late-parishioners Wayne "Bud" and Sharon Miller, who have generously donated the outdoor altar in memory of their parents. In the coming months, a crucifixion scene will be set on the top of the altar (*with room left for Mass to be offered on the altar*). A special Mass of dedication to bless the new altar will be set for later in the Spring.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

A special "Thank You!" again to Fr. Bill Sullivan for offering our Saturday vigil Mass this weekend while I am away on Saturday for a celebration with one of our parish families.



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.

37th Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your Annual Bishop's Appeal Pledge Cards.

Please turn in your pledge cards as we are still striving for our 100% participation, even if your pledge is zero dollars. We would like all pledge cards to be in by November 30th. Our goal this year is \$37,243.71. Remember, anything over our goal comes back to St. Joseph's! **Thank you!**



G.I.R.L.'s NIGHT OUT

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Conference Room. If you are in need of a ride to the meeting, please contact the Parish Office at 260-824-1380. All women of the Parish are Welcome!



FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Bring your family to the **Annual Advent Wreath Making Event** on Tues., Nov. 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall; Supplies will be provided by the Parish. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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.
- **Sat., Nov. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 19** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 21** - *Advent Wreath Making* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Nov. 22** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 22** - *Volunteer* Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., and Fri., Nov. 23 & 24** - Parish Office Closed
- **Thurs., Nov. 23** - *Thanksgiving Day* Mass 9:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Nov. 24** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - No Religious Education Class / Thanksgiving Break.
- **Mon., Nov. 27 - Wed., Nov. 29** - **40 Hour Devotion** - Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to spend time with Jesus in quiet prayer.

Weekend of November 18/19



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 John Vanderkolk



10:00 Tammi Helm, Jeff Miller, Kevin Seago



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Isaiah or Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Nov. 4/5

Adult Envelopes- \$3,711.00
 Loose- \$217.44
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,957.07
 Religious Education- \$125.00
 Memorial Candles- \$110.00
 All Saints Day- \$857.00
Total- \$6,977.51

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,861.11** ahead of our budget for the month of November.

Online Giving for October- \$6,570.00
 We ended the month \$7,418.42 ahead of our budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$125.00
 Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul for October- \$235.00

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - October

Housing- \$375.00
 Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00
 Total Charitable Donations- \$1,875.00

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



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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

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship." ~Ven. Fulton J. Sheen