



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Liturgical Calendar *Living Life Liturgically*

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

Advent - The four weeks of preparation leading to the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Christmas - Celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ and His manifestation to the world.

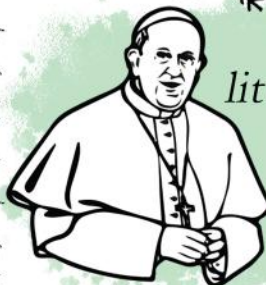
Lent - Six-week period of penance preparing for Easter.

Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, recalling the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter - Fifty days of joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and sending forth of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Ordinary Time - Divided into two parts (after Christmas and Easter), wherein we consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works.

The Liturgical Year begins on the **First Sunday of Advent** and ends on the **Solemnity of Christ the King**.



"I invite you to rediscover the meaning of the liturgical year... It is for us the possibility of growing in our knowledge of the mystery of Christ, immersing our life in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection, awaiting his return in glory."

Pope Francis, *Desiderio Desideravi*, Para. 63-64

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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 +

Monday, November 20

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Tom Spencer +

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Emily Butler +

Friday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Children of Tom & Becky Jackson

Saturday, November 25

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. Donnajeanne Wahman +

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., November 20 - Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/ Lk 18:35-43

Tues., November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10

Wed., November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr - 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/ Lk 19:11-28

Thurs., November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest and Martyr - Thanksgiving Day - 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44

Fri., November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/ Lk 19:45-48

Sat., November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr - 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40

Sun., November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Ez 34:11-12,15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26,28/ Mt 25:31-46

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

You are invited to join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23rd as we begin Thanksgiving Day by offering the very Sacrifice of Thanksgiving itself in the Most Holy Eucharist!

This weekend (Nov. 18th/19th), the Church celebrates the **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As our liturgical year is quickly coming to a close, so is our walkthrough of St. Matthew's Gospel from our lectionary-cycle. The *Parable of the Talents* heard today is the last parable that our Lord shares in St. Matthew's Gospel before entering into His Passion. It serves as one final urging His disciples, ourselves included, to be ready for His return.

Our liturgical year will conclude next weekend with the celebration of the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This celebration gives special recognition to the dominion that Jesus is to have over all aspects of our lives. And, quite fittingly, it will lead us into our **Forty Hours Devotion**. As we recognize Jesus as King and Lord, we, like the three kings of past, must "*come to adore Him*" (Matthew 2:1-6).

Last Advent, we took up a theme for the liturgical year: "*Lord, Teach Us To Pray*." And, as this year comes to a close, we follow in the example of the Apostles who first made this request to the Lord. During our **Forty Hours Devotion**, we, like them, can now find ourselves at the feet of the Master Himself. If adoration seems foreign or strange to you, if you are unsure how to spend this time before the Lord, kneel before him and simply make these words your own: Lord, teach me to pray.

After our devotion and as we move into a new liturgical year with the start of Advent, our theme for this coming year will be: Living Life Liturgically. Just as we asked the Lord to teach us to pray, now we place prayer at the center of our lives. The liturgical year is not meant simply a guide to the daily readings at Mass, but is to be a guide to our lives as we daily walk with Jesus through His life and, walking with Him, allow His life to change our lives.

LOCAL CHARITABLE AND SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Last weekend, we put out the **Karing for Kids** "Blessing Tree." Over half the angel tags have already been taken. This annual charity supports local families in need, ensuring that no children go without this Christmas season. If you haven't done so already, take an angel tag, which describes a needed gift for a local child in our community. Gifts need to be returned, unwrapped and with their angel tag attached, to the Parish Office by Monday, Dec. 4th.

Next weekend, our **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** after the Sunday morning Masses (Nov. 26th). A free-will offering will be taken up at the breakfast to support the local charitable program, **Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today**. This program is a **Wells County 4-H** initiative helping to ensure that local students in need will have food available to them each weekend. As the number in need has risen, all donations will greatly help to support this good cause.

Our charitable support must not only be material, but also spiritual. This is, of course, emphasized by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as taught by the Church. And, we, as a parish, will have the opportunity to pray for our entire community throughout our upcoming **Forty Hours Devotion** from **Monday, Nov. 27th, to Wednesday, Nov. 29th**. At last look, we have only four hours still in need of dedicated adorers. As a reminder, all are welcome to come and pray at any hour, regardless if you signed up or not.

Finally, throughout the upcoming **Advent season**, we will be hosting a gift drive to help support **The Closet**, a local program offered through **Family Centered Services**. **The Closet** provides free clothing and necessities for infants and children from our local community. We will have a full list of requested donations from **The Closet** posted next weekend and will start collecting donations on the first weekend of **Advent** through **Christmas Day**.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.



FAMILY ADVENTWREATH MAKING EVENT

Remember to bring your family to the Annual Advent Wreath Making Event on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall; supplies will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

*Please join us
for our Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph's*

Thanksgiving

Holiday Break



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th
Friday, November 24th - **Mass will be at 7:00 PM**
Sunday, November 26th there will be **NO**
Religious Education Class/Thanksgiving Break.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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 7:00 p.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** - Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.
- **Sun., Nov. 26** - No Religious Education Class / Thanksgiving Break.
- **Mon., Nov. 27** - *40 Hour Devotion* - Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 28** - *40 Hour Devotion* continues / Vespers 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Talk
- **Wed., Nov. 29** - *40 Hour Devotion* continues / 7:00 p.m. Mass for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus.
- **Thurs., Nov. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Nov. 30** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Dec. 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 2** - Advent food collection begins
- **Sun., Dec. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 4** - Bake cookies in the Parish Social Hall - 4:30 p.m. - Watch the bulletin for more information!

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 a.m.
Lector— Bruce Holland / Cantor Marita Crawfis

Weekend of November 25/26



5:00 Josie Andrews
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Teresa Smith



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Marita Crawfis



10:00 Kevin/Jessica Seago



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

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Nov. 11/12

Adult Envelopes- \$4,621.00
Loose- \$190.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$903.00
Votive Candles- \$611.15
Memorial Candles- \$30.00
All Saints Day- \$5.00
Funeral Donation- \$275.00
Total- \$6,635.15

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,379.86** ahead of our budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$401.01

*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>



- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** -
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, November 26th after 7:30 &
10:00 a.m. Masses.
Free will donation appreciated.
All proceeds to 4-H Association-Feeding

40 Hour Devotion

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

*"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you
desire to imitate Him." St. Clare of Assisi*



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**



Join us for Mass on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. as we bring to a close our 40 Hour Devotion honoring and praying for the deceased members of our Knights of Columbus

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

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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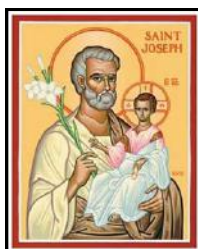


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