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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 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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Saturday, August 16

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. Denny Houlihan +

Sunday, August 17

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, August 18

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 19

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 20

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Youth Group Led Praise & Worship Holy Hour*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

Thursday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Greg & Louise Mayer Family

Friday, August 22

8:30 a.m. Dan Runyon +

Saturday, August 23

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. Darlene Coulardot +

Sunday, August 24

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Ed Bushee +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 18 - Weekday [20] - Jgs 2:11-19 / Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 / Mt 19:16-22

Tues., Aug. 19 - Weekday [20] - St John Eudes, Priest - Jgs 6:11-24a / Ps 85:9, 11-14 / Mt 19:23-30

Wed., Aug. 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church - Jgs 9:6-15 / Ps 21:2-7 / Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., Aug. 21 - St. St. Pius X, Pope - Jgs 11:29-39a / Ps 40:5, 7-10 / Mt 22:1-14

Fri., Aug. 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Ps 146:5-10 / Mt 22:34-40

Sat., Aug. 23 - Weekday [20] - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin - Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Ps 128:1b-5 / Mt 23:1-12

Sun., Aug. 24 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 66:18-21 / Ps 117:1b-2 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30



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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 17, 2025

This weekend (*August 16th/17th*), the Church celebrates the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In our Gospel, Jesus does something seemingly extreme: He reminds us that there is a commitment higher than our family bonds, that is the commitment to God himself. Sometimes, the commitment to God and family are mutually supporting. Other times, however, these two commitments can be opposed to one another and cause conflict.

Ultimately, the truth of the Faith are not things that can be negotiated in order to avoid family friction. Even within the Jewish understanding, familial ties could be morally repudiated for the sake of God. This means that Jesus is essentially claiming His own divinity by stating that following after Him will cause familial division and that is acceptable because of who He is: God.

Many of us know that this Gospel is not simply a thing of the past. We may have faced the very reality proclaimed here in our own lives when choosing to live out our Catholic Faith. Many of our family members and friends may not understand our choices or might even respond to it with outright hostility. This is a form of the very division that our Lord is speaking of.

All these forms of conflict need to be borne in union with Christ, who suffered the Cross for us. Ultimately, the family of God trumps even our natural family: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." (Luke 8:21) Our Gospel reminds us that, as good as peace is, Jesus's primary mission was not to establish social peace in this life. Instead, His mission was to reveal the "narrow gate" that leads to salvation. (Matt 7:13-14)

MINISTRY FAIR

Next weekend, there will be representatives from our many ministries in the narthex after all our Masses. I encourage you to speak with the different representatives and learn about the ministries offered here at St. Joseph. After you have a chance to learn about them, **join one!** As St. Paul reminds us, "*God loves a cheerful giver!*" (2 Cor. 9:7) This giving is not only about treasure, but also time. **Find a ministry that interests you and give it a try!**

In addition to our various ministries, there will be representatives of both our Parish Office and Finance Council present. For the Parish Office, this will provide you an opportunity to update contact information or to register with the parish if you haven't done so already. For our Finance Council, if you'd like to learn about or register for online giving, they will be able to provide you with further information on how to do so.

STREET FAIR - OPENING DAY PARADE

As a part of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations, we will be registering to walk as a parish family in this year's **Street Fair Opening Day Parade**. This year's **Street Fair** theme is "*Let's Have a Ball.*" Our contingent in the parade will have a banner with our parish name and logo, as well as matching t-shirts for those marching. If you would be interested in marching, there will be a sign-up sheet available during next weekend's **Ministry Fair**.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council met this past week following our summer hiatus. We welcome our two newest Parish Council Members (*Kim Dreiband and Eric Mechling*), joining our four returning Members (*Lori Bender, Tyler Hoffacker, Tom Jackson, and Kevin Seago*). The Parish Council will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month after the 7:00 PM evening Mass in the Parish Conference Room.

As a reminder, these meetings are always open. You are welcome to join us for all meetings or pass questions/comments along to myself or our Parish Council Members to be shared at the monthly meeting. The Parish Council serves as an advisory board to the pastor, offering guidance and helping to identify any pastoral needs that may be seen to be arising in the parish. ~Fr. David



Youth Group Kick-Off following Mass



ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY FAIR
August 23rd / 24th after ALL Masses

**Get to know our many ministries
and see how YOU can get involved!**

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., August 16** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 17** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., August 19** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 20** - Youth Group Led Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., August 20** - Youth Group Kick-Off following Mass.
- **Thurs., August 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., August 23** - Ministry Fair following 5:00 Mass
- **Sat., August 23** - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar - Following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall
- **Sun., August 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., August 24** - Ministry Fair following 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses
- **Tues., August 26** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., August 27** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., August 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., August 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., August 30** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., August 31** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., September 1** - Labor Day - Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- **Mon., September 1** - Labor Day - Office Closed Today
- **Tues., September 2** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., September 3** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., September 3** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23RD / 24TH



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



LECTORS Lectors
5:00 p.m. Patti Clark-Johnson
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Bruce Holland



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson, Rick Singer, Volunteer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Aug. 9th & Aug. 10th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,124.00

Loose- \$341.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$1,186.71

Donation/Bequest- \$4,050.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00

Total- \$9,826.71

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$6,885.36 ahead of
our budget for the month
of August 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

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

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

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION PIZZA/SUNDAE BAR

Saturday, August 23rd following the
5:00 PM Mass in the Parish Social Hall.

Register for Religious Education
and meet your children's catechists.

Religious Education Classed begin
Sunday, September 7th 8:30-9:45 a.m.



SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Bishop Rhoades has called for a
Special Collection to be taken up
on the weekend of Aug. 23rd/24th
to aid all those suffering in Gaza
and throughout the Middle East.
Proceeds will support the work of
Catholic Relief Services and the
Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Before you speak....
THINK!
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