

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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October is *Respect Life Month*

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life—
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do
the will of God in all things.

Amen.



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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 15, 2023

Saturday, October 14

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, October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, October 16

No Public Mass

Tuesday, October 17

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Rose Ann Lautzenheiser +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, October 18

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Janette Whitman +

Friday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, October 21

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. Colin & Lauren Andrews
(Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, October 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Chris & Ray Hartman
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 16 - Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin - Rom 1:1-7/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Rom 1:16-25/ Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist - 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs - Rom 3:21-30/ Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest - Rom 4:1-8/ Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21 - Rom 4:13,16-18/ Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 22 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday - Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.

This weekend (October 14th/15th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The month of October is many things in the life of the Church. Nationally, our Bishops' Conference annually marks October as **Respect Life Month**. In this month, we are called by our bishops to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Universally, the Church has traditionally marked October as the **Month of the Most Holy Rosary**. This observance itself initially dates back to the 1500s and the establishment of the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, which we celebrated on October 7th. It was solidified by Pope Leo XIII at the end of the 19th Century as he strongly promoted a worldwide increased devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary in prayer.

These two focuses for October (*Respect of Life and the Holy Rosary*), though seemingly different, are intimately connected. In the words of Pope Pius XII, the Rosary serves as "*a compendium of the entire Gospel*." And, in the Gospel, we receive the Word of Life. In the Rosary, we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of His mother. And, through this contemplation, we are called to recognize Christ in the life of one another.

In these difficult times, especially as we see the great disregard for human life so present in the world, may we make prayer, especially the Holy Rosary, our weapon. For it is only such a weapon that can truly conquer evil and bring about that peace found only in the King of Peace Himself, Jesus Christ. In this prayer, following in the example of the Blessed Mother herself, we are led to hold the Word of God in our hearts (cf. Luke 2:19), which cannot leave us unchanged.

BLESSING AND RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELL

Immediately following our 10 AM Mass next Sunday (October 22nd), we will bless and re-dedicate the old church bell from Cherry Street. This bell, donated to our parish in 1902, has been beautifully restored by the Verdin Company. And, following our parish vote, the bell will be dedicated and "named" in honor of St. Gabriel the Archangel. As St. Gabriel first heralded the good news of Jesus Christ, so shall this bell do the same every time that it rings.

As famously described in the 19th Century poetic classic, "Song of the Bell," a church bell serves to "call the living and mourn the dead." The use of church bells dates back to as early as the 5th Century and have a very interesting history (*that we will hear of next weekend*). Through our church bell, we are reminded of how we are united to both this universal history and our own parish history.

Donated to our parish by the outgoing pastor of St. Aloysius in 1902, this bell reflects our parish's history of being a mission parish to St. Aloysius in Sheldon (*now Yoder*). Placed in the steeple of the old church on Cherry Street, it served as a reminder of God's presence in the world. And, now returned to our campus, it can continue to fulfill this purpose as it rings loudly for years to come.

A special "**Thank You!**" to the Goodwin family who have helped to facilitate the return of the bell in memory of their late parents, Carl and Melba Goodwin.

CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

As previously mentioned, our hot-water heating system in the Church has two settings: On and Off. Several weeks ago, we had our boilers serviced. During this annual maintenance, an order was placed for a replacement part needed before the boilers can be turned on. As of writing this column, we are still waiting on the replacement part to arrive. Once it does arrive and the maintenance can be completed, the system will be turned on for the season.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

As the month of November quickly approaches, we will begin collecting the All Souls Day Memorial Candles to be burned in the Church throughout the month. If you took your loved one's Memorial Candle home, please return it to either the desk in the narthex or the Parish Office. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Beckett Poper, son of Quinten and Brittany Poper, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 8, 2023 by Fr. David Violi.



NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sunday, October 22, 2023 Fall Break

Classes Resume Sunday, Oct. 29th

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Oct. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 14** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 15** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 15** - "Butterfly Memorial Garden" - Prayer Service 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.
- **Tues., Oct. 17** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 18** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 18** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 18** - Catechism Chat - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Oct. 19** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Oct. 20** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 21** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 22** - NO Religious Education Classes - Fall Break
- **Tues., Oct. 24** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 25** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 25** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 26** - *Ask Father* - 5:30 in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Oct. 26** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Oct. 27** - Mass 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of October 21/22



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Dan Geimer



10:00 Monica Harris, Jeff Miller



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Oct. 7/8

Adult Envelopes- \$2141.38

Loose- \$168.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$1880.00

Religious Education Fees- \$80.00

Total- \$4,269.38

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$2,049.44** behind our budget for the month of October.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$40.00

*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>

Catechism Chat
Wednesday, October 18 at 7:45 p.m.
Parish Conference Room
Bring your questions and insights from
your journey through the *Catechism*.



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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Emily Butler, daughter of Tom and Maureen Butler, who passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023



May God welcome her home,
fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

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

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Pfeifer, mother of Jenny Esmond, who passed away Thursday, October 12, 2023



May God welcome her home,
fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

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