

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**Gaze upon him.
consider him.
contemplate him.
as you desire to
imitate him.
St. Clare of Assisi**

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New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

We've Moved, here is our new information

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Saturday, September 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. Lynn Gustin

Sunday, September 17 Twenty-Fourth 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 Mary Helm +

Monday, September 18

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 19

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Tom Thompson +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 20

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. John & Heather Hoffstetter
(15th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Cecilia Andrews

Friday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, September 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. Parish Family

Sunday, September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Theresa Gruss +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 18 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr - 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs - 1 Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22 - 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrclina, Priest - 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

This weekend (Sept. 16th/17th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. For our local community, it is also the time that we are gearing-up towards Street Fair. Similar to last year, our parish will have a table setup on Washington St. near the Library. I'm hoping to be out at the table most evenings to provide information about our parish to all those interested. Make sure to stop over and say "Hi!" if you see me as we will have a number of things to hand out.

Last weekend was the first weekend for our new year of Religious Education. Our Kindergarten through High Schoolers met to begin the year together in prayer. Our high schoolers led all of our students in the Holy Rosary and I was able to offer a special blessing as we began this new year of learning. On this Sunday, often referred to as Catechetical Sunday throughout the country, please remember to offer a prayer for our 103 students and 27 catechists and aides at the start of this new year.

We welcome the return of our Adult Choir at the 10 AM Mass this weekend. Our Adult Choir will assist us in praying the Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month at the 10 AM Mass and also on special solemnities and feast days, such as Christmas Eve and the Easter Vigil. If you are interested in learning more about or joining the choir, make sure to stop by for their practice time every Wednesday evening following the 7:00 PM evening Mass.

At the 10 AM Mass this weekend, we will hear the choir sing the Communion Antiphon prior to the distribution of Holy Communion. As a parish, we have heard this antiphon recited at every Mass since we resumed public Masses back in May of 2020. The Communion Antiphon, along with the Entrance Antiphon and the Offertory Antiphon, is itself a text or, truly, a hymn provided by the Church to be used on specific days throughout the year.

Each antiphon is itself a hymn in that it not only has the refrain that we have heard over the past few years, but also has verses. Both *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Para. 30) of the Second Vatican Council and the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM, Para. 48, 87) encourage parishes to utilize these texts in the liturgy. Realistically, due to a delay in their translation following the council, their use in the liturgy has, over the years, been replaced by general hymnody.

Part of the beauty of these antiphonal hymns is their rich scriptural content. Both refrain and verses are taken from the Scriptures that pertain to the specific Mass that we pray that very day. It is because of such things as these that we can say: *The Mass is one long biblical prayer - a tapestry woven from a fabric of biblical passages, phrases, and allusions. This is no accident. In the Mass, the story of salvation told in the Bible continues in our lives* (Dr. Scott Hahn).

When we enter into the Christmas Season, we will hear our choir lead us in prayer not only through our hymnody, but also in these antiphonal hymns. By incorporating these hymns into our normal liturgical use, as encouraged by the Church Herself, we will be able to continue fully surrounding ourselves with the Sacred Scriptures. Many of the verses, taken from the Psalms, will ideally settle into our hearts and souls as the antiphonal hymns themselves reveal the mystical content of that which they musically bring to our ears.

CEMETERY ALTAR NEARING COMPLETION

The grounds of our cemetery will soon have an altar at its very center, serving as a constant reminder of the prayers that we offer up for our deceased loved ones. Prepared by Fynders Keepers out of Stilwell, Kansas, the altar is here pictured. The center panel will have three lilies behind a t-square, both symbols commonly connected to St. Joseph.



~In Christ, Fr. David

Please Note: Due to Street Fair, there will be no Catechism Chat this month. Our October session, on Wednesday, October 18th, will cover both months.



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.



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!
 There will be a meeting on Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. We will be sharing the "outline" of the days events and assigning positions based on where you signed up to help. If you are available to help, but didn't sign up, please join us! Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 824-1380.

ASK FATHER

Thursday, September 28th—5:30 PM—Parish Conference



37th Annual Bishop's Appeal St. Joseph Goal: \$37,243.71

ABA Mailings from the diocese will be arriving to all parishioner homes in the next two weeks.
To donate now, scan this QR Code.
 All overage returns to St. Joseph

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 16** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 17** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 17** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 19** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 20** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 20** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 20** - *Catechism Chat* - Canceled tonight (enjoy the fair!)
- **Thurs., Sept. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 21** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Sept. 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 23** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 24** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 26** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 27** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 27** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - *Ask Father* - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Sept. 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 30** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.

Weekend of September 23/24 Weekend



5:00 Teresa/David Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Sam Smith



5:00 Michelle Paxton
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer



10:00 Kevin/Jessica Seago



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

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Sept. 9/10
 Adult Envelopes- \$2,959.00
 Loose- \$268.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$859.07
Total- \$4,086.07

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
 We are \$962.66 behind our budget for the month of September.
 St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$100.00

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>



Fall Events Coming...

- ♦ Sunday, October 1 - Annual Parish Picnic– signup sheets in the narthex.
- ♦ Saturday, October 7 - Blessing of the Animals - Noon under the Portico
- ♦ Saturday/Sunday, October 7 & 8 - 37th Annual Bishop's Appeal Kick-Off Weekend

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, October 6, 2023
 (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. Mass
 "Spend an Hour with me."- Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Any Youth ages 7-17 interested in singing in choir, please contact Teresa Smith, Director of Sacred Music at teresasmith2000@yahoo.com



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Flaughter, mother of Jill (Mike) Morrissey, who passed away Tuesday, September 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.