



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

TWENTY-FOURTH 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: 7:30 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

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

STAFF

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**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4**
AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS

**Food • Games •
Fellowship • Fun**



Saturday, September 124:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Jim Timmerman +

Sunday, September 137:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Virginia Sympson Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, September 14*No Public Mass***Tuesday, September 15**7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Ed & Tina Schmit Family

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession***Wednesday, September 16**6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Karl Paxton

Friday, September 188:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
Ron & Kathy Marshall Family**Saturday, September 19**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
Steve & Sherry Makowski Family**Sunday, September 20**7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**MON., SEPTEMBER 14***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

• Nm 21:4b-9 • Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38

• Phil 2:6-11 • Jn 3:13-17

TUES., SEPTEMBER 15*Our Lady of Sorrows*

• 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a • Ps 100:1-5

• Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

WED., SEPTEMBER 16*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Martyrs*• 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 • Ps 33:2-5, 12,
22 • Lk 7:31-35**THURS., SEPTEMBER 17 | Weekday (24th)**• 1 Cor 15:1-11 • Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,
28 • Lk 7:36-50**FRI., SEPTEMBER 18 | Weekday (24th)**• 1 Cor 15:12-20 • Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15
• Lk 8:1-3**SAT., SEPTEMBER 19***St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*• 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 • Ps 56:10-14
• Lk 8:4-15**SUN., SEPTEMBER 20***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*• Is 55:6-9 • Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
• Phil 1:20c-24, 27a • Mt 20:1-16a**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

This weekend (September 12th/13th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings focus on one of the most difficult demands of Christian discipleship: forgiveness. Jesus tells us of the parable of the servant who refuses to forgive the small debt of another after he has been forgiven a great debt. Sirach likewise warns that we cannot ask God for mercy if we are unwilling to show mercy ourselves. The lesson is clear: *the mercy we seek from God must become the mercy we extend to others*.

Each of us stands before God like the servant whose unpayable debt has been erased. Every time we approach Confession, we receive an act of mercy greater than we can comprehend. How, then, can we accept such forgiveness while withholding it from others, including those who have hurt us? Forgiveness does not excuse wrongdoing or erase every consequence, but it does surrender our desire for revenge and entrust justice to God. The forgiven Christian must become a forgiving Christian.

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

As a reminder, this weekly series on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room** is open to all. If you or someone you know is interested in this series and in joining the Catholic Church this coming year, but our Thursday time does not work for their calendar, please have them contact me through the Parish Office. We will do everything possible for those desiring to formally enter the Church to make sure their preparation can move forward.

UPCOMING EVENTS

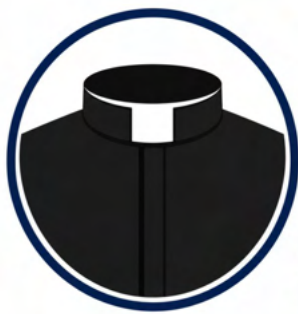
Though it often seems that September “slows” down as we enter into the Fall and schools resume, we actually have a number of special events quickly coming up. This **Tuesday, September 15th**, you are invited to join us at **6 PM**, either for our “**Ask Father**” Series in the Parish Conference Room or to be **trained as a Lector** for our weekend Masses in the Church.

The following week, we join our community in celebrating the annual **Bluffton Free Street Fair**. As in past years, our parish will have our annual informational table out in the streets. If you are interested in helping to “staff” the table at any time throughout the week, please let me know. It’s always a wonderful opportunity to be present amount of community, pray with visitors, and answer questions about our Catholic Faith.

The week after Street Fair will (hopefully!) be a time of a transition as we prepare for the long-awaited re-opening of our sanctuary for the following weekend. During this time, we will need volunteers to help clean, move and rearrange our liturgical furnishings, and restock our sacristies for liturgical use. Watch for volunteer sheets in the coming weeks to help with this work.

Entering into October, we have a number of events all in a row. For the first weekend of October, we will have: Stuff-the-Truck to support the St. Vincent de Paul Thriftstore in nearby Huntington (*donations accepted on our campus Saturday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 4th*), our annual St. Francis Blessing of Animals (*Saturday, October 3rd at Noon*), and our annual **Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 4th following the 10 AM Mass**.

Our Knights of Columbus are once again leading our local “Days of Caring” in mid-October. This event welcomes a number of local churches coming together and volunteering at several charities right here in our community. We’ll also have several fun fraternal events, from a parish Board Game Night to an Open Gym to a Trivia



ASK FATHER?

YOUR QUESTIONS. FAITHFUL ANSWERS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 6:00 P.M.

PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

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THURSDAYS 6:30 | 8:00 PM | PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM

LECTOR TRAINING

Interested in becoming a lector?

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15TH • 6 PM • IN THE CHURCH

Contact the Parish Office to participate.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi



SATURDAY, OCT. 3RD • NOON

IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Sept. 12 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 13 - Religious Education Begins 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 14 - No Public Mass
- Tues., Sept. 15 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 15 - Ask Father 6:00-7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Wed., Sept. 16 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 16 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 17 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 17 - Mass 10:30 a.m. - Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton
- Fri., Sept. 18 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 19 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 19 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept. 20 - Mass 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Pointe Retirement Center in Warren, Indiana with the Sisters of Victory Noll

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH



CANTORS

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



LECTORS

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Marita Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel
10:00 a.m. Wendy Stout

Servers



Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Angel / Zoe Soto, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Charlene / Anna Lynn / Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Sam / Andrew Smith, Volunteer

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of August 29th & 30th

Adult Envelopes - \$2,949.00

Loose - \$249.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$911.00

Various Donations - \$180.00

Weekend Total - \$4,289.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We ended **\$812.40 behind** our budget for the week.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$30.00

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needy. It has eyes to see the misery and
want. It has the ears to hear the sighs
and sorrows of men. That is what love
looks like."*

- St. Augustine

**Dan Gordon, Tony Crowell, Michelle Adler,
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