

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, October 7

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. Larry Dustman +

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

Monday, October 9

No Public Mass

Tuesday, October 10

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Alan Jaffe +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, October 11

No Public Mass

Thursday, October 12

No Public Mass

Friday, October 13

(rescheduled from October 11th)

8:30 a.m. Bernadette Kinzer +

& Rose Robinson +

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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 9 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest - Jon 1:1—2:2,11 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10 - Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope - Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12 - Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 13 - Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr - Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 15 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14,19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 8, 2023

This weekend (October 7th/8th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We continue in the fifth narrative of St. Matthew's Gospel as we hear the *Parable of the Tenants*, which offers an allegory of both the relationship of Israel to Christ and how we are "tenants" to the gifts of God.

The **Parish Picnic** proved to be a great afternoon last Sunday! With wonderful weather and **150+** in attendance, this was one of our largest parish social events in recent memory. Congratulations to our **Chili Cook-Off Winners**: (1) Kevin Stout, Sr., (2) Carol Butler, and (3) Christie Felger; Our **Cornhole Tournament Champions**: Thiago and John Calduro; And our **Door Prize Raffle Winners**: Twilla Herr, Greg and Stacy Lehman, and Lauren Andrews.

A special "**Thank You!**" to Michelle Paxton and Stacey Coulardot from our parish staff for planning this year's event, as well as the many volunteers who helped make everything possible! One aspect of living out our Faith is not only going out into the world, but also building up relationships from within. An event like this helps to strengthen bonds between parishioners and invites individual families into a deeper connection with our entire parish family.

Our next upcoming parish celebration will be our **All Saints Day Party on Wednesday, November 1st, following the 6 PM Mass** for the Holy Day. Mark your calendars and make sure to join us for this annual celebration of the Saints!

PRAYER SERVICE - DAY FOR PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE

Since 1998, next Sunday has been nationally observed as the annual Day for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance. To commemorate this day, we are partnering with the two local funeral homes in Bluffton and offering a service to where we remember and support those affected by pregnancy and infant loss. We will be hosting this **Memorial Prayer Service on Sunday, October 15th, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 2 PM**. This service is open to all parishioners and all those from throughout our county.

The **Memorial Prayer Service** will include the opportunity to place memorial "butterfly" ornaments at the cemetery that will remain through **All Souls Day** (November 2nd). These memorial "butterfly" ornaments will be available in the narthex and at both of our local funeral homes throughout this week. This will afford those who may not be ready to attend a public service the opportunity to place their own "butterfly" ornaments at the cemetery privately.

Memorial Prayer Service - Sunday, October 15th at 2 PM
Address: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton

37TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

This weekend marks our kick-off for the **37th Annual Bishop's Appeal**. This yearly collection helps to support a variety of ministries and outreaches offered by our diocese throughout northern-Indiana. Your support of this appeal also aids our own parish as anything raised above our yearly goal is returned directly to the parish. Pledge cards can be returned to the Parish Office or placed directly in the weekend's collection basket. As a reminder, this year's appeal video is available for viewing on the parish website.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DAYS

This week, the priests of our diocese gather at Pokagon State Park for our annual Continuing Education Days. This year's conferences will focus on our "human formation" with a series of presentations from the *Saint Paul Seminary Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation*. These presentations will focus on how our human character serves as the foundation on which the spiritual life is built (or, as theologians would say, "*grace builds on nature*"). Please pray that this week's conferences will help each of us to grow in our humanity so as to be better instruments for God's grace in and through our priesthood.

Please Note: Due to the Continuing Education Days, we will not have daily Mass this Wednesday (Oct. 11th) or Thursday (Oct. 12th).

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.

G.I.R.L.'s night out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 in the Parish Conference Room. If you are in need of a ride to the meeting, please contact the Parish Office at 260-824-1380. All women of the Parish are Welcome!

Memorial Prayer Service

Day for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance

October 15, 2023 – 2 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you."*



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Oct. 7** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat./Sun., Oct. 7/8** - 37th Annual Bishop's Appeal Kick-Off
- **Sun., Oct. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 8** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 10** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 10** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Oct. 11** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 11** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 12** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Oct. 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **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

Weekend of October 14/15



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Marita Crawfis/Adult Choir



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Tammi Helm, Rick Singer, Diana Cole



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

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

for the Weekend of Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Adult Envelopes- \$4,740.00
Loose- \$151.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$125.00
Religious Education Fees- \$40.00
All Saints' Day- \$5.00
All Souls' Day- \$5.00
Total- \$5,066.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$50.40 behind our budget for the month of October.

Online Giving for September was \$6,570.00. We ended \$5,367.58 ahead of our budget for the month of September.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$255.00

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

ST. VINDENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - September 2023

Utilities- \$386.78
Housing- \$1,025.00
Charitable Donations- \$1,290.00
Total Charitable Donations- \$2,701.78

Thank you for helping us help others!



Our goal this year is \$37,243.71.

37th ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Every year we strive for 100% participation from our Parish Family. Please return your pledge card, either by mail or placing it in the weekend offertory basket at Church. Thank you!

Extra pledge cards available in the Narthex.

Reminder: All overage returns to St. Joseph

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Hour Devotion

SAVE THE DATE

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