

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Annual Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7th at Noon
Meet in front of the Church



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

Saturday, September 30

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, October 1 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Laura Berry +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, October 2

No Public Mass

Tuesday, October 3

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased
Priests of our Diocese
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, October 4

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Thach +

Thursday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Friday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Joseph Lautzenheiser +

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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 2 - Twenty-Sixth Week
in Ordinary Time - The Holy Guardian
Angels - Zec 8:1-8/ Mt 18:1-5,10

Tuesday, October 3 - Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest - Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/ Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin - Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 1, 2023

This weekend (September 30th/October 1st), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As we continue to pray through the Gospel of St. Matthew, we have transitioned from his fourth discourse on Church Order into his fifth narrative. Within the narrative, we continue to be taught in parables, but will see that these parables, which were addressed to His disciples, are, for the next month, now addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Intermixed between these parables, we find our Lord engaged in a series of controversies with the Jewish religious leaders. This narrative culminates in Jesus' denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees and His lament over Jerusalem. It then transitions into the fifth and final discourse of the Gospel as Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and His final coming. These predictions will be matched with parables extolling us to live in readiness for these times.

Liturgically, we still have eight weeks of **Ordinary Time** left. The parables we are hearing will ultimately bring us to the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** at the end of the liturgical year. Though it is still far away, this solemnity can still be seen off in the distance. We should not hear our readings over these next many weekends without keeping in mind the truth born by this solemnity: Jesus Christ is King! He is our King! He is King of **all the universe!**

This truth has a deep meaning. Our personal relationship with Jesus cannot remain only within ourselves. Instead, it is to be lived out everyday, reflected in how we treat one another. Every one of us are united as subjects to the one King.

ONGOING PARISH PROJECTS AND BEYOND

You most likely noticed some of the construction work being done on the campus over the past two weekends. If everything comes together, you should be greeted next weekend by a new slab of concrete alongside our handicap parking in the parking lot. Once the concrete is set, we will move forward with installing the old church bell and our two new flag poles. A special "*Thank You!*" to parishioners Andy and Clayton Vachon and Rick Singer for their work to help guide this project to completion.

As previously mentioned, with both this project and the altar at the cemetery nearing completion, we are now in a place to begin moving forward with our upcoming Church renovations. Our first step in this project involves consulting with a church architect for a professional opinion of what is needed and what can be done. In addition to updates in flooring and painting, a noticeable need, very evident at our 10 AM Mass, will be to consider ways to increase our seating capacity as our parish family continues to grow.

Earlier this week, I contacted Bill Heyer of William Heyer Architect out of Columbus, Ohio. Bill is a church architect who comes highly recommended by our diocesan offices. Within Fort Wayne alone, some of his recent work includes the renovation at St. Charles and the building of both the St. Mary Magdalene Oratory at St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Francis Oratory at the University of St. Francis. He is also currently consulting with St. Rose of Lima in nearby Monroeville for their renovations.

Having spoken previously with Bill, he had the opportunity to visit our parish last year to see the Church and meet with some of our staff and parishioners. I look forward to starting our conversations with him to learn what possibilities there are open for our parish to consider. Once this process begins, we will open conversations for input and feedback. As this will be the first major renovation of the Church in many years, I hope you are as excited as I am and invite your prayers throughout this entire process.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - MONTH OF OCTOBER

With Michelle out of the office this month, please see the altered Parish Office Hours listed on the next page of the bulletin. A special "*Thank You!*" to those volunteers who are helping to cover office hours throughout October. We will resume normal hours at the end of the month when Michelle is back in the office.



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023
Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,
and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.



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.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th
12:00PM * Under the canopy at
the front entrance of the Church.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 30** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 1** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 1** - *Parish Picnic* following 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Tues., Oct. 3** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 3** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Oct. 4** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 4** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Oct. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 5** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Oct. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Oct. 6** - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 7** - *Blessing of the Animals* - Noon under the canopy.
- **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 Sunday.*
- **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

Weekend of October 7/8



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 John Vanderkolk



10:00 Diana Cole, Dan Geimer



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/James Mayer
10:00 Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Ellie Coyne

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of Sept. 23/24
Adult Envelopes- \$4,633.00
Loose- \$234.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$939.07
Religious Education Fees- \$720.00
Total- \$6,526.07

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$1,202.42 behind our
budget for the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$675.00

*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>

Butterflies symbolize the
Resurrection and Hope.



"Butterfly Memorial Garden"
Memorial Butterfly Ornaments will be provided

Please Join us on
Sunday, October 15th at
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery,
(2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton)
for a Memorial Prayer Service
for those who have lost a child.

The Memorial Prayer Service
will begin at 2 PM and is open
for all in our community.

37th Annual Bishop's Appeal

Every year we strive for
100% participation
from our Parish Family.

Pledge Cards can be returned by mail,
to the Parish Office,
or in the offertory basket at Church.

Thank you.

All overage returns to St. Joseph



DIocese of
FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

Our goal this year is
\$37,243.71.



Parish Office Hours

October 3rd to October 24th

Mondays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesdays: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursdays: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fridays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

After Hours Sacramental Emergency Line: 260-296-0511