

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**"All Sacred Scripture is but ONE book, and this one book is Christ, "because all divine Scripture speaks of Christ, and all divine Scripture is fulfilled in Christ"**

- CCC 134 -

OLD TESTAMENT



He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

- GENESIS 22:2 -

NEW TESTAMENT

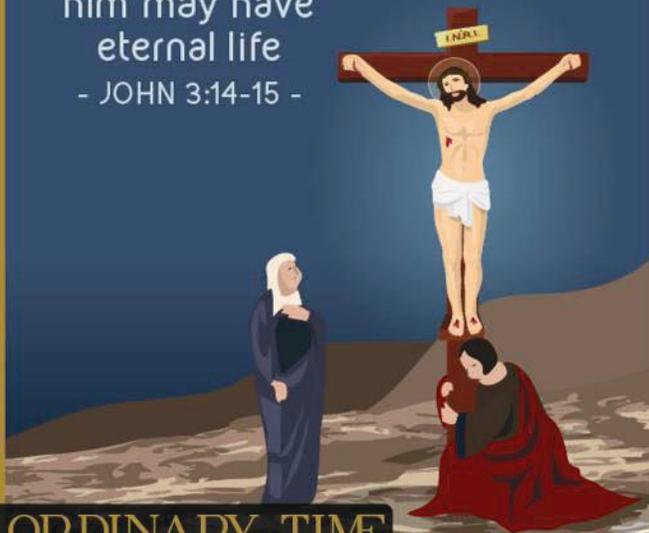


**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life

- JOHN 3:14-15 -



JESUS - THE CENTRE OF SCRIPTURE

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

## Saturday, September 28

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 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +

## Monday, September 30

*No Public Mass*

## Tuesday, October 1

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, October 2

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Steve Hickert +

## Thursday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

## Friday, October 4

8:30 a.m. Joseph Lautzenheiser +

## Saturday, October 5

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. Robert Bates +

## Sunday, October 6

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Sept. 30 - Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church** - Jb 1:6-22 / Ps 17:1-3, 6-7 / Lk 9:46-50

**Tues., Oct. 1 - St. Terese of the Child Jesus, Virgin** - Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Ps 88:2-8 / Lk 9:51-56

**Wed., Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels** - Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Ps 88:10b-15 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Thurs., Oct. 3** - Jb 19:21-27 / Ps 27:7-9, 13-14 / Lk 10:1-12

**Fri., Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi** - Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14 / Lk 10:13-16

**Sat., Oct. 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest** - Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Ps 119:66, 71, 91, 125, 130 / Lk 10:17-24

**Sun., Oct. 6 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Gn 2:18-24 / Ps 128:1-6 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

This weekend (Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings continue the theme of challenging us as disciples of the Lord. We are called to recognize how God is working both in our lives and in the lives of others. Once we recognize His presence in our lives, how committed are we to follow after Him in all things?

### PARISH PICNIC

Join us next weekend for the **Parish Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 6th, following the 10 AM Mass**. What a joyous time to join together in prayer and fraternity!

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

This past weekend, our **Knights of Columbus** and a number of volunteers helped set up our parish's annual Forty Days for Life display. Set on the north side of our parish campus, 300+ crosses have been placed as a memorial to the unborn and all those affected by abortion in Wells County. Throughout these next forty days, we are invited to pray and fast in a special way for an end to the evils of abortion in our county, our nation, and throughout the world.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STUFF-THE-TRUCK

Next weekend, we are partnering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Decatur for a "Stuff-the-Truck" event. This event is an opportunity for us to help support the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store ministry of our neighboring parish, St. Mary of the Assumption, in nearby Decatur. This ministry helps to provide those in need with clothing and furniture. Please see the flyer in this weekend's bulletin for more information.

### ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Having received a mailing from Bishop Rhoades earlier this month, we have "kicked-off" the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The annual appeal video is now available for viewing on our parish website, alongside an option for online donations. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex and can be returned either in the collection basket any weekend or to the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for prayerfully discerning how the Lord is calling you to support the appeal this year.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Following the joyful prayer of the Gloria, we join together in praying the Collect. This opening prayer, intoned by the priest, is meant to gather all the intentions of the people participating in the Mass and raises it up together as one prayer on behalf of the congregation. The word itself, "*collect*," comes from the Latin "*collecta*," which means "*the gathering of people together*." How appropriate for a prayer that 'collects' many into one!

As the Collect concludes, we move from the **Introductory Rites** into the **Liturgy of the Word**. Though, as we have seen, we have already turned to the Scriptures several times throughout the Introductory Rites, we now focus on them in a special way. The order of readings reflects the order of God's redemptive plan, ordinarily moving from the Old to the New – from Israel to the Church – with the Gospel serving as the pinnacle of our readings.

It is through the **Liturgy of the Word** that we are being prepared for the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. In hearing the word of God proclaimed, our hearts are being prepared to receive the very Word of God Himself, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. These two are so closely connected that they form but one single act of worship. Let us, then, listen attentively to these sacred readings so that our souls may be lit by the proclamation of the word of God.

In these readings, we hear the story of salvation, with Jesus at the center. May we always remember that we are not mere bystanders in this story of salvation history which climaxes in the person of Jesus. Each of our stories, our lives with its joys, pains, uncertainties and mysteries are part of His story. It is literally the best story you will ever read, and more than that, experience!



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne, and Al Gillig.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Recite the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church,  
and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.

All men in the Parish are welcome!



### PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, October 2nd - 6:00-7:00 PM

Confession 6-6:45 - Mass at 7:00 PM

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Adoration - October 4, 2024

Starts following 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)



Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and spend  
an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 28** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept 29** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 1** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 1** - *Knights of Columbus* - Rosary 6:40 p.m. / meeting in the Parish Social Hall 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - **Praise & Worship Holy Hour** - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Wed., Oct. 2** - Parish Council meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Thurs., Oct. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 3** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 4** - First Friday - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)**
- **Sat./Sun. Oct. 5 & 6** - St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Decatur - Stuff the Truck. See the bulletin for further details!
- **Sat., Oct. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 5** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - **Parish Picnic** following 10:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Everyone is invited!
- **Mon., Oct. 7** - **Book Study** - *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 8** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 8** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Oct. 9** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 9** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.

### Weekend of October 5th and 6th



**5:00** Mike Morrissey, Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** David Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



**5:00** Bruce Holland, Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Mike Dunn



**5:00** Knights of Columbus, Communion to Choir Loft  
**7:30** Twilla Herr, Communion to Choir Loft  
**10:00** Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Charlene/ Anna Lynn Felger, Annie Herr  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Luke Miller

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of September 28th & 29th

Adult Envelopes- \$2,614.00

Loose- \$203.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
\$120.73

Religious Education Fund-  
\$125.00

Religious Education Fees-  
\$40.00

**Total- \$3,102.73**

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40  
We are **\$26.89 behind** budget for  
the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$25.00

*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>

### STUFF THE TRUCK

Help us "Stuff the Truck" for the St. Vincent  
de Paul Thrift Store after all Masses on **Satur-  
day, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th.**

Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin  
for a list of all the items they **will** take and ones they **will not** take.

This is a wonderful time to relieve yourself of unwanted items while  
helping others in need.



### Honoring the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th)

The Annual Blessing of the  
Pets will take place under the  
canopy on Saturday,  
October 5th at Noon.

All pets and their  
caretakers are welcome!

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC**  
Sunday, October 6th  
Following 10:00 Mass  
In the Parish Social Hall



Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

# HELP St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Decatur, IN



The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be in the Parking Lot after all the Masses on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>

## The Thrift Store Accepts the Following Items

**\*The Thrift Store accepts new and gently used items that are clean and in good working order.**

- Accessories: Shoes, Belts, Scarves, Jewelry, Handbags, Luggage and Backpacks
- Appliances
- Artificial Christmas Trees and Seasonal Decorations
- Books: \*Must be clean, free of mold.
- Craft Items
- Clothing: All Sizes and styles. \*All clothing must be clean and free of any damage.
- Convalescent items: Walkers, Wheelchairs, Crutches, etc.
- Domestic: Linens, Curtains, Blankets, Towels, Sheets, Comforters
- Furniture: \*Must be clean and free of any damage.
- Home Décor items: Mirrors, Framed Artwork, Candlesticks, Lamps, etc.
- Household goods: Dishes, Serving Pieces, Flatware, Pots and Pans, etc.
- Office Furniture
- Office and School Supplies
- Records and CDs
- Toys and Stuffed Animals: \*Must be in working order, clean and complete.

## For Safety Reasons, the Thrift Store **DOES NOT** accept the Following items

**\*\* Any item that has been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Please check the Consumer Product Safety Commissions website if you have any questions about your donation.**

**\*\* Any item in need of repair or not in good working order.**

- Ammunition and weapons, including replicas Automotive Parts, Tires, Batteries or Motors
- Bowling Balls
- Building Materials
- Computers, Printers, and Small Electronic Items Fire Extinguishers Fluorescent Bulbs or Fixtures
- Hazardous Materials, Paints, Chemicals, Oils and Cleaning Products
- Industrial Copiers Pianos and Organs Pool Tables Propane Tank Televisions more than five years old Water Beds

# Annual Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Noon

Meet in front of the Church

All are welcome



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

### **The Divine Comedy Book Study**

Mondays, October 7th and 21st—Parish Conference Room at 6:30 PM

### **National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Memorial Prayer Service**

Sunday, October 13th—St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 2 PM

### **Youth Group Social (7th—12th Grade)**

Tuesday, October 16th—St. Joseph Catholic Church from 7 Pm to 9 PM

### **Theology on Tap—Angels and Demons**

Tuesday, October 29th—Parlor City Brewery at 6:30 PM

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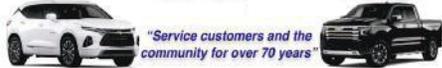

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Thursday's: 3pm-8pm  
 Friday's: 3pm-8pm  
 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?  
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak...  
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