

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes His Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic and it is He who calls Her to realize each of these qualities. (CCC 811)



### ONE

Just as God is one in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so the Church is also one.

### HOLY

The Church is holy because the Church lives in union with Jesus, the source of holiness.

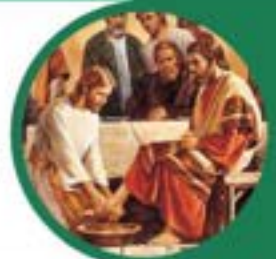


### CATHOLIC

The Church is for all the baptised as She brings Christ to all the human race.

### APOSTOLIC

The Church traces Her tradition directly from the Apostles, making the Church apostolic.



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

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

### Saturday, September 9

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 10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Joan Scheidler +

### Monday, September 11

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, September 12

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Booth +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, September 13

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Doug Lilley +

### Thursday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

### Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Colin Andrews

### 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 +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 11 - Twenty-Third  
Week in Ordinary Time - Col 1:24—2:3/ Lk  
6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12 - The Most Holy  
Name of Mary - Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13 - St. John Chrys-  
ostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church -  
Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14 - The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross - Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn  
3:13-17

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sor-  
rows - 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk  
2:33-35

Saturday, September 16 - St. Cornelius,  
Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs - 1 Tm  
1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 17 - Twenty-Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sir 27:30—28:7/  
Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

This weekend (September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Having spent the past six weekends working through the fourth narrative of St. Matthew's Gospel, we are now prepared to enter into his fourth great discourse. The fourth discourse of St. Matthew's Gospel is often referred to as the discourse on "Church Order and Practice," focusing on how the community of the faithful are to live.

This focus emphasizes the great importance that was found in the preceding narrative regarding Church authority. As we have seen, Peter and the Apostles have been set as the leaders of the earthly Church (*ἐκκλησία* in Greek). And, amongst these leaders, Peter is elevated by our Lord to serve as the Vicar of the Church, holding the same power and authority of other vicars of the Davidic kings of Judah (Isaiah 22:20-24).

### 38TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a mailing from the diocese to announce the start of our **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Appeal**. This yearly fundraising campaign helps to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, funding roughly half the central diocesan operation budget. **Our appeal goal this year is \$37,243.71.** All donations above this parish goal will be returned to our parish.

As with past years, our focus this year will be on obtaining 100% of parish participation. To participate in this annual appeal, all you need to do is return the pledge card you will receive in the mail. It can be returned in the mail or be filled out online or dropped in our weekly collection basket. Even if you are not in a position to donate financially this year, please still return your pledge card. This will not only help us move towards 100% participation, but will save the parish costs in regards to required follow-up mailings.

As mentioned, anything raised over our set goal will be returned to our parish. This year, we will be putting any overage towards our parish renovation. This renovation will include such discussions as painting in the nave and sanctuary, updating flooring to replace our well-worn carpet, and needed repair work and re-staining of our pews. Though mentioned a number of times throughout the past many years, we are finally nearing a point for our planning and discussion phase to start as many of our other parish projects are brought to completion.

### THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. This feast marks two important events in the life of the Church: the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher and the finding of the true Cross by St. Helen in the fourth century. The original basilica was built and dedicated in AD 335, before being damaged by local wars in the seventh century. It was rebuilt and rededicated on this day in AD 1149.

Tradition has long held that this basilica marks not only the burial tomb of the Lord, but also Mount Calvary and the anointing stone where the Lord's body was prepared for burial. It was at the base of Mount Calvary itself, contained now within the basilica, where St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, was said to have found the relic of the True Cross in AD 320. It is said she found its location with the assistance of St. Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem, and many local Christians.

This day is also called the Triumph of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. Heard in the first reading, when Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it foreshadowed the salvation to come through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross by our daily death to self. It is for this reason that we so often make the Sign of the Cross so frequently in our own prayer life, to keep on our minds the Holy Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.



## G.I.R.L.'s night out

Come and see what the GIRL's Night Out group has planned for you! Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 in the Parish Conference Room. All women of the Parish are Welcome!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help with the Parish Picnic! We would still like to have a few more to help monitor the games. We will have a meeting before the picnic to communicate the timeline for the day with all the volunteers. If you are able to help in any capacity, please sign up on the sheets that are provided in the narthex. **THANK YOU!**



### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS**

Don't forget to sign up for the Cornhole Tournament at the Parish Picnic

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Sept. 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 9** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 10** - Religious Education Classes Resumes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 12** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 12** - GIRL's Night Out - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Sept. 13** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 13** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 14** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Sept. 15** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **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.

### **Weekend of September 16/17 Weekend**



**5:00** Teresa Smith  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp/Adult Choir



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Barb Ault  
**10:00** Bruce Holland



**10:00** Diana Cole, Jeff Miller, Monica Harris



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Melanie Bedwell  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Luke Miller, Sam Smith

### **St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Sept. 2/3**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,004.00  
 Loose- \$390.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,190.07  
 Votive Candles- \$100.00  
 Gym Rent- \$500.00  
**Total- \$5,184.07**

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

### **Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$67.67 ahead of our budget for the month of September. Online Giving for August - \$6,870.00. We were \$5,630.58 ahead of our budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$30.00

August Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$235.00

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

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - August**

Utilities- \$310.24  
 Housing- \$550.00  
 Charitable Donations- \$2,964.50  
 Total Charitable Donations- \$3,824.74

*Thank you* for helping us help others!

### **BOLIVIAN MISSION REMINDER**

If you are sponsoring a child in Bolivia through our Bolivian Mission Program and have not yet sent your contribution, please do so before Sunday, October 1st. Final tuition funds will be mailed by October 15th. If you are interested in sending a separate Christmas Donation, please do so by the 15th. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program.

If you are interested in hosting a child(ren) the school year in Bolivia begins February 1st through October 1st. The tuition is \$10 per month for 9 months. By hosting a child, you are helping parents who are otherwise unable to financially afford to send their child(ren) to school. Some of these children further their education and are able to help their families with their financial needs. Please call the Parish office 260-824-1380 for more information or to host a child.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Annual Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 7th at Noon*

