



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD 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

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Saturday, September 5

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, September 6

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 7

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 8

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

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Joan Scheidler +

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory +

Saturday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Jim Timmerman +

Sunday, September 13

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Virginia Sympson Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON., SEPTEMBER 7 | *Weekday (23rd)*

• 1 Cor 5:1-8 • Ps 5:5-7, 12 • Lk 6:6-11

TUES., SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

• Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 • Ps 13:6

• Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

WED., SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

• 1 Cor 7:25-31 • Ps 45:11-12, 14-17

• Lk 6:20-26

THURS., SEPTEMBER 10 | *Weekday (23rd)*

• 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 • Ps 139:1-3,

13-14, 23-24 • Lk 6:27-38

FRI., SEPTEMBER 11 | *Weekday (23rd)*

• 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 • Ps 84:3-6, 12

• Lk 6:39-42

SAT., SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

• 1 Cor 10:14-22 • Ps 116:12-13, 17-18

• Lk 6:43-49

SUN., SEPTEMBER 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Sir 27:30—28:7 • Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

• Rom 14:7-9 • Mt 18:21-35

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

This weekend (September 5th/6th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today continues to establish His disciples as guardians of the new Israel and house of God, the Church (cf. Gal. 6:16).

Ezekiel also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on the rules of discipline as prescribed by Moses for Israel (cf. Lev. 19:17–20; Deut. 19:13). The heads of the new Israel in the Church, however, receive extraordinary powers, similar to those given to Peter (cf. Matt. 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (cf. John 20:21–23).

These powers given by our Lord to the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples can only perform these mighty deeds by acting in His name. Just as we all are to gather in His name and to pray and seek out the will of our heavenly Father, how much more so must the leaders of the Church do so when acting *in persona Christi capitis* (in the person of Christ the head).

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

We had a wonderful turn out and introduction to our **Discover Catholicism** series this past Thursday. As a reminder, this weekly series on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room** is open to all. Even if you may not be able to join us every week, feel free to join whenever you can.

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.

PARISH RENOVATION UPDATES

The end is... getting closer! On Tuesday, members of our parish and finance councils joined Shawnee Construction for what was scheduled as a “*punch list*” walk-through. A “*punch list*” highlights any remaining or incomplete tasks to be fixed before a project is finished. When we began, however, the team let us know that, despite being scheduled as such, we are not yet at the “*punch list*” stage. Instead, we reviewed the progress so far.

Regarding our progress, after having several pieces re-milled multiple times, we have only this past week received the last of our woodworking package from *Big-C Lumber* in Fort Wayne. This woodworking will be installed as work on the sanctuary flooring is completed over the next week. Once the sanctuary flooring is done, scaffolding will be rebuilt to allow any remaining woodworking in the sanctuary that needs it to be stained and sealed.

Once this work is complete, we will then hopefully be at the true “*punch list*” stage as finishing work begins. Thankfully, many “*punch list*” items can be addressed after our sanctuary has been reopened for use. After our progress meeting this past Tuesday, Shawnee Construction is preparing an updated timeline. As of our talks this past Friday, we hope to be back in the sanctuary for our weekend Masses by the end of the month.

Thank you for your patience during this project! When this project began in January, I thought we had built in a number of safeguards to account for all possible delays and issues. As we now enter our ninth month of work, I've learned many lessons that'll be useful for my pastoral ministry and future building projects. Though it may be taking longer than desired, the end result for our parish family and the glory of God will be more than worth it. ~Fr. David

“The construction is done with toil; the dedication is carried out with joy.”

St. Augustine, *Sermon 336 on the Dedication of a Church* (AD 425)



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Matt Norris, and Michael Abercrombie.

G.I.R.L's Night Out

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Tuesday, September 8th at 7 P.M.
Parish Conference Room

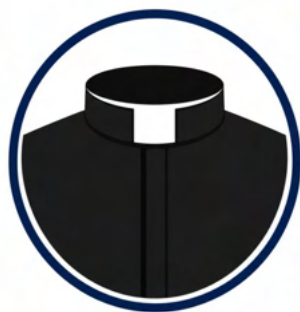
Join us as we introduce our new book for the year,
Thirst for Truth: From Mohammad to Jesus,
following the conversion story of author
Nikki Kingsley from Islam to the Catholic Church.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

— RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — CLASSES BEGIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 8:30–9:45 A.M.

Contact the Parish Office to register your
children (K—12th Grade) today!



ASK FATHER?

YOUR QUESTIONS. FAITHFUL ANSWERS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 6:00 P.M.

PARISH CONFERENCE ROOM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 5** - Confession 4:00–4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 7** - No Public Mass
- **Mon., Sept. 7** - Parish Office closed for Labor Day Holiday
- **Tues., Sept. 8** - Adoration 7:00–8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 8** - G.I.R.L's Night Out 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Wed., Sept. 9** - Adoration 6–7:00 p.m. / Confession 6–6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 10** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at River Terrace Retirement Community, Bluffton
- **Fri., Sept. 11** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH



MASS Cantors

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



LECTORS

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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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



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 - \$2,449.00
Loose - \$159.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$372.86
Religious Ed. Fund - \$150.00

Weekend Total - \$4,171.95

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

Aug. Online Giving - \$6,820.00

We ended **\$5,352.05** ahead of
our budget for August 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$66.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT—AUG. 2026

Utilities - \$35.00 | Housing - \$1,971.00

Charitable Donations - \$1,000.00

Total Donations for August 2026 - \$3,006.00



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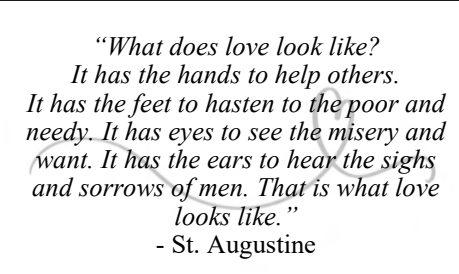
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want. It has the ears to hear the sighs
and sorrows of men. That is what love
looks like."*

- St. Augustine



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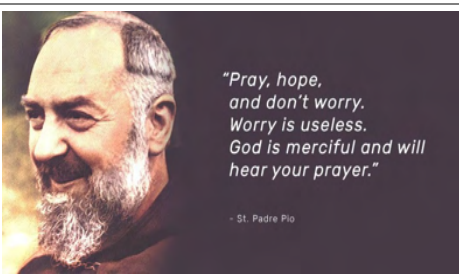
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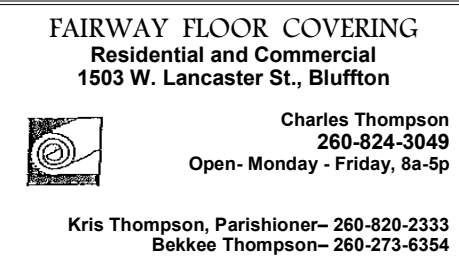
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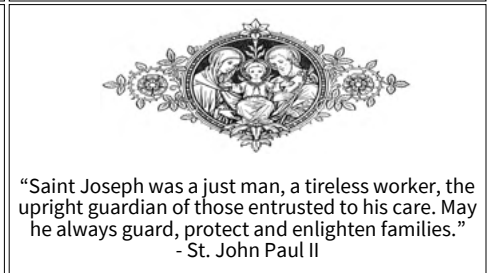
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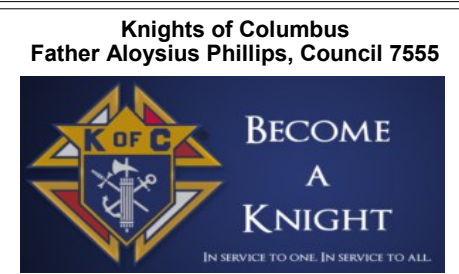
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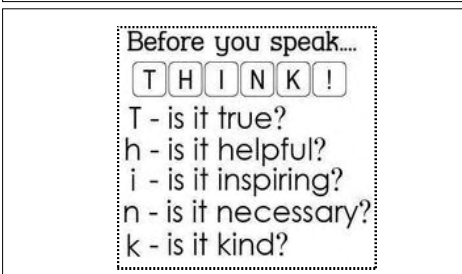
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