

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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KATHARINE DREXEL WAS BORN TO A RICH FAMILY IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1858. HER PARENTS WERE KIND TO THE POOR AND KATHARINE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

KATHARINE READ ABOUT THE HARD LIVES OF THE NATIVES AND WANTED TO HELP THEM.

These poor people are not treated fairly!

ONCE SHE ASKED THE POPE TO SEND THEM MISSIONARIES...

Why don't you become a missionary, Katharine?

MISS DREXEL GIVES UP SEVEN MILLION

KATHARINE DECIDED TO BECOME A NUN AND USE HER MONEY TO HELP THE POOR.

SHE AND HER GROUP OF NUNS STARTED SCHOOLS FOR BLACK AND NATIVE PEOPLE.

SHE BEGAN FIFTY MISSIONS FOR THE NATIVES AND STARTED A UNIVERSITY FOR BLACK PEOPLE.

I never thought I'd be able to go to school!

WHEN SHE WAS 77, MOTHER KATHARINE HAD A HEART ATTACK. SHE SPENT ALMOST 20 YEARS IN RETIREMENT BEFORE SHE DIED IN 1955.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

E I G H T H S U N D A Y I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MARCH 2, 2025

Saturday, March 1

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, March 2

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, March 3

No public Mass

Tuesday, March 4

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Ron & Sally Smith
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Noon Bill Johnson +
7:00 p.m. Parish Family

Thursday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

Friday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Saturday, March 8

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. Dale Morrissey +

Sunday, March 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Jeff & Jennifer Burns Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 3 - Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin - Sir 17:20-24 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 10:17-27

Tues., Mar. 4 - St. Casimir - Sir 35:1-12 / Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 / Mk 10:28-31

Wed., Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18 / Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Mar. 6 - Dt. 30:15-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 9:22-25

Fri., Mar. 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs - Is 58:1-9a / Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 / Mt 9:14-15

Sat., Mar. 8 - St. John of God, Religious - Is 58:9b-14 / Ps 86:1-6 / Lk 5:27-32

Sun., Mar. 9 - First Sunday of Lent - Dt 26:4-10 / Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

This weekend (March 1st/2nd), the Church celebrates the **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This will be our last Sunday in **Ordinary Time** for several months as we begin our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving on **Ash Wednesday**. Following the penitential season of **Lent**, we spend fifty days rejoicing in the resurrection throughout **Easter tide**. Even when **Easter tide** concludes on **Pentecost**, several special weekend celebrations will follow.

Though it will quickly pass into **Lent**, we do not want to overlook this Sunday in **Ordinary Time**. For, through our readings this weekend, the Lord continues to offer us sound wisdom for how to live our lives. We not only seek others to emulate, such as the Saints, but must also live lives worth emulating ourselves. Holiness is a universal call to all people, ourselves included. We can embrace this wisdom and let it guide us as we begin our **Lenten journey**.

BEGINNING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY - ASH WEDNESDAY

As our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begin this Wednesday, we will offer three Mass times for **Ash Wednesday (March 5th) at 7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM**. As is custom in our country, we will offer the imposition of ashes during each Mass. Ashes have a long scriptural history as an outward sign of grief, humility, mourning, and penance. This outward sign is meant to steady our inward heart for the coming forty days of growing in Christ.

Please remember, **Ash Wednesday (March 5th)** is a day of **abstinence** and **fasting**. On this day, we abstain from meat (as we will also do every Friday throughout Lent) and limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. These biblical practices of fasting (Matthew 9:14-15) and abstinence (Daniel 10:2-3) strengthen our self-discipline and remind us of our true end, which is not here on earth but in heaven.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

In addition to our personal Lenten observances that we discern to follow this year, the parish is offering a number of additional opportunities for prayer throughout Lent. This not only includes our regular weekday Mass, Adoration, and Confession schedules, but also a number of special Lenten offerings added to the schedule. Make sure to follow along with the Parish Calendar in the bulletin each weekend for a full schedule of these offerings.

Starting this Friday (March 7th), we will begin our weekly **Soup Suppers from 6:00—6:40 PM** in the Parish Social Hall followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7 PM** in the Church. Our diocesan-wide **The Light is On For You** Campaign offers confession in every parish **next Tuesday (March 11th) from 6:00—8:00 PM**. Our parish **Lenten Penance Service will be on Wednesday, April 2nd from 6:00—7:00 PM**.

In addition to all this, we will also be hosting a seven-part series on “**The Seven Last Words**.” This series reflects on the seven last sayings uttered by our Lord from the Cross and will begin on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Every year, within the midst of **Lent**, we have a slight reprieve from our penitential journey with the **Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th)**. This year, we will celebrate this great solemnity of our parish patron on **Wednesday, March 19th** with an evening **Mass at 6:00 PM** and a **Parish Trivia Night to follow in the Parish Social Hall**. Parishioner-owned **Dash 90 Wines** has graciously offered to sponsor beer and wine for the evening.

Each trivia team can have up to four people (21+) per team. In addition to the beverages provided, there were also be a selection of sweets available at our annual St. Joseph Table. Each table is also welcome to bring their own food and snacks (*no outside adult beverages*) to share amongst themselves. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to register your team!

Reminder: Next Sunday (March 9th) is **Daylight Savings Time**; Don't forget to “*spring forward*” and move your clocks ahead one hour next Sunday.



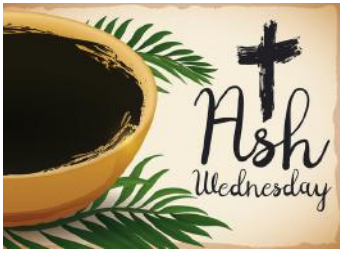
Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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

All men in the Parish are welcome!



MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

7:00 AM / NOON / 7:00 PM

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—March 7th

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass—9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sign up sheet in the narthex.

Join us for soup and fellowship
Friday's of Lent beginning
March 7th from 6:00-6:45 PM
in the Parish Social Hall.

Stations of the Cross at
7:00 PM in Church.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Mar. 1 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Mar. 2 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Mar. 3 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Tues., Mar. 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 4 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday - Masses 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 6 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 6 - Catholicism Explained - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Fri., Mar. 7 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Confession 3:00 - 3:45 PM
- Fri., Mar. 7 - Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 7 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- Sat., Mar. 8 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Mar. 9 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Mar. 10 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Tues., Mar. 10 - Book Study - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Tues., Mar. 11 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 11 - The Light is on For You - 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Church, and at any Parish in the Diocese.

Weekend of March 8th & 9th



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 David Smith



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Ellie Coyne



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Jill Morrissey
10:00 Larisa Sudhoff, Rick Singer, Kevin Seago



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner
10:00 Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of February 22nd & 23rd

Adult Envelopes- \$4,811.00
Loose- \$193.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$410.89
Donation/Bequest- \$1,300.00
Easter Flowers - \$20.00
Total- \$6,734.89

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,562.66 ahead of our
budget for the month of
February 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$316.00

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>

March 11th 6-8:00 PM

The Light is On For You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!

Through water and the word, Charlotte Rose Baxter,
daughter of Tristen and Claire Baxter, became a child of
God and was sealed as Christ's own forever
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, February 22, 2025 by Fr. David Violi.



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Thursday's: 3pm-8pm
 Friday's: 3pm-8pm
 Saturday's: Noon-8pm
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Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.
St. Francis of Assisi

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BECOME A KNIGHT
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



"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....

THINK!

T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?