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We are singing a proclamation of God's holiness to the greatest degree and acknowledging the Trinitarian God

Holy Holy Holy God!

Isaiah 6:3

Revelation 4:8

SANCTUS



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday, October 26

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 27

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Therese Gruss +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, October 28

No Public Mass

Tuesday, October 29

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Connie Nichter +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, October 30

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Thursday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +
All Saints Day Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Rose Ann Lautzenheiser +

Friday, November 1

All Saints Day

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
Noon Parish Family
5:30 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Saturday, November 2

All Souls Day

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Holy Father
Noon Intention for All the Faithful Departed

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Terry Flowers +
5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery
Wayne 'Bud' & Sharon Miller Family

Sunday, November 3

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Jacqueline Cerna +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 28 - Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles - Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 19:2-5 / Lk 6:12-16

Tues., Oct. 29 - Eph 5:21-33 / Ps 128:1-5 / Lk 13:18-21

Wed., Oct. 30 - Eph 6:1-9 / Ps 145:10-14 / Lk 13:22-30

Thurs., Oct. 31 - Eph 6:10-20 / Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 / Lk 13:31-35

Fri., Nov. 1 - All Saints Day (a holy day of obligation) - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Sat., Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls Day - Wis 3:1-9 / Ps 23:1-6 / Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40

Sun., Nov. 3 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 6:2-6 / Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 27, 2024

This weekend (October 26th/27th), the Church celebrates the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As we near the end of the liturgical year (*ending after the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*), our focus begins to turn towards heavenly things. Though our readings seem, on the surface, to be about physical sight, on a deeper level, they instead remind us to see things through the eyes of God and focus on our true end: **Heaven**.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: ANGELS AND DEMONS

Join us this **Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM** for our next **Theology on Tap at Parlor City Brewery (212 W Market St., Bluffton)**. This event is open to all (21+) as we delve into the roles these spiritual beings play in our faith and lives: their influences, purposes, and the profound truths they reveal about God's creation. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the Brewery.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This **Friday, November 1st**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation**. This celebration is rooted in the *Feast of All Martyrs* celebrated among many eastern Churches at the beginning of the 4th Century. Gaining popularity in the West at the beginning of the 7th Century, it was added to the universal liturgical calendar in the 9th Century.

To aide in our obligation to assist at Mass for this holy day, we are offering four different Mass times:

All Saints' Day Vigil Mass - Thursday, Oct. 31st at 7:00 p.m.

All Saints' Day Mass - Friday, Nov. 1st at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Following the 5:30 p.m. Mass, you are invited to join us for our annual **All Saints' Day Party** in the Parish Social Hall. Come dressed as your favorite Saint for a time of parish fellowship and fraternity.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS - BLESSING OF AN ALTAR

On **Saturday, November 2nd**, we will have a **special 5:00 PM Mass for the Commemoration of All Souls at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**. At this Mass, we will bless and, for the first time, offer Mass on the recently installed cemetery altar. The blessing of an altar is itself a fairly rare occasion, often occurring only with the dedication of a new church building or chapel.

Utilizing the imagery of St. John from the Book of Revelation, our cemetery altar serves as a reminder of our hope in the resurrection. Just as our Saviour appears as the Lamb who has been sacrificed and whose offering is taken by the angels to the altar in heaven (Revelation 5:6), so we pray and hope that our loved ones will likewise be raised from their tombs to that same altar in heaven, joining the Saints and angels in the praise of God for all eternity.

I invite our whole parish family to join us next Saturday evening at the cemetery for this outdoor Mass and historic event in the life of our parish. (*Note: This evening Mass does count for our Sunday obligation.*) For those who cannot join us Saturday evening at the cemetery, Fr. Bill Sullivan will be offering our regular Saturday vigil Mass at the Church.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

After the Preface, we join the angelic choirs in praying the **Holy, Holy, Holy**. This unending hymn of angelic praise reflects both Isaiah's vision of God in the vision of a king in a majestic throne (Isaiah 6:1-4) and St. John's vision of the six-winged angelic creatures before the throne of God singing such praise (Revelations 4:8).

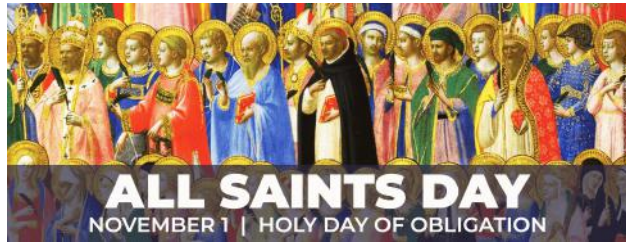
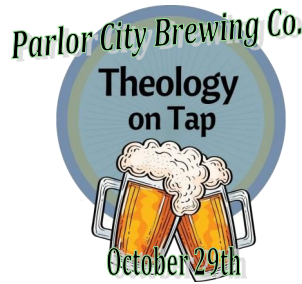
Other words in the **Holy, Holy, Holy** like '*Hosanna*' and '*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*' are also expressions of biblical origin. These words can be found in Psalm 118 and were the phrases with which the crowds greeted Jesus as He processed into the city of Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday**.

It's so apt to sing the **Holy, Holy, Holy** at this point of the Mass. Just as the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with the phrases from Psalm 118, we too, welcome Jesus as He becomes present to us in the Holy Eucharist.



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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP
Topic: Angels and Demons
 Tuesday, October 29th
 6:30 PM at
 Parlor City Brewing Company
 212 W. Market St., Bluffton
 Everyone 21+ is welcome!



Vigil Mass Thursday, October 31st
 7:00 PM

Masses during the Day Friday, November 1st
 7:00 AM / Noon / 5:30 PM

All Saints Day Party Friday, November 1st
 Parish Potluck After 5:30 PM Mass
Costume Contest: Dress as your favorite Saint
FOOD + FUN + GAMES

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Oct. 26** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 27** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 27** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m. / Server refresher training Grades 5-12.
- **Mon., Oct. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 29** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 29** - *Theology on Tap* - Parlor City Brewing Company - 6:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 30** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 30** - Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Oct. 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 31** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Oct. 31** - All Saints Day Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Nov. 1** - All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation - Masses 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 5:30 p.m. / All Saints Day Party following evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sat., Nov. 2** - All Souls Day Mass - 8:00 a.m. / Noon / 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.
- **Sat., Nov. 2** - All Souls Day Mass - 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery (3500 IN-124, Bluffton, IN 46714).
- **Sun., Nov. 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 3** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 4** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- **Mon., Nov. 4** - **Book Study** - *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Nov. 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 5** - Knights of Columbus - recite the Holy Rosary in the Church at 6:40 p.m. / meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 6** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 6** - Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.

Weekend of November 2nd & 3rd	
	5:00 David Smith 7:30 Mike Morrissey 10:00 Jay Crisp - Adult Choir
	5:00 Bruce Holland 7:30 Sarah McCorkle 10:00 Mike Dunn
	5:00 3 Volunteers for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 7:30 Dale McCorkle 10:00 Kevin Seago, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer
	5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer 7:30 Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger 10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker, Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of October 19th & 20th

Adult Envelopes-	\$2,065.00	Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
Loose-	\$140.00	We are \$762.77 behind our budget for the month of October.
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-	\$291.73	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
Religious Education Fund -	125.00	\$331.00
Life Adventures Homeschool Donation-	\$250.00	Diocesan Collection for Hurricane Relief-
Memorial Candles-	\$240.00	\$1,374.00
Nichter Memorial Donation-	\$50.00	Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.
General Bequest-	\$120.00	Thank you!
Total-	\$3,281.73	

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

ALL SOULS DAY MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM, Noon, 5:00 PM*

***Special Outdoor Mass for the Cemetery Altar Dedication at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 5:00 PM Mass**

Address: 3500 IN-124, Bluffton
(For those who cannot join us at the cemetery, a 5:00 PM Mass will also be offered at Church)



Michelle will be out of the Parish office for training, at the Archbishop Noll Center in Fort Wayne, on Tuesday, October 29th. You may reach Fr. David at 260-824-1380 or on the Sacramental Emergency line at 260-296-0511.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Sun., November 10th - Knights of Columbus Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast after the 7:30 and 10:00 AM Masses. Free will offering accepted.
- Sat. and Sun., November 16th and 17th Alfred Salsa will be available after all Masses selling handmade olive wood items such as crosses, nativity sets, rosaries, etc., from Bethlehem.

November 1



ALL SAINTS
DAY

DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE FRIENDS IN HEAVEN

Looking at the lives of those who have faithfully followed Jesus Christ, we see a great cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1). These men and women, known as Saints, are our brothers and sisters in Christ who, having gone before us, are before God's throne in Heaven (Rev. 5:8). They support us with their prayers and friendship so that we too might one day join in the same heavenly chorus, praising God together for all eternity.

Our relationship with the Saints requires a true understanding of the difference between worship and prayer. Worship is adoration and is given to God alone. Prayer is a form of conversation in which we speak to God and to all those in union with

Him. We adore God alone. We have a devotion towards and pray to God's Saints who are now united with Him in Heaven.

Though the Saints have passed into eternity, they are not dead. As our Lord Himself reminds us, our God "is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive" (Luke 20:38). As members of the one Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), we remain, even now, united to those who have gone before us. As St. Paul reminds us, nothing, not even death itself, can separate us in Christ (Rom. 8:38-39).

We can turn to Jesus **through** the Saints. Just as we ask our loved ones on earth to pray for us (cf. 2 Thes. 3:1; Rom. 15:30), so we also ask our heavenly brothers and sisters to pray for us as well. As St. James reminds us: "The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful" (James 5:16).

Ask a ? at www.StJosephChurchBluffton.org/ask
1300 North Main Street, Bluffton

DID YOU KNOW?

PURGATORY AND PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Purgatory is that name which the Catholic Church gives to our final purification, which occurs at the end of our life. Because we still sin in this life, but we will not sin when we are in glory, there is a final period of purification between our death and glorification in Jesus. Purgatory is this final act of sanctification, earned for us through Jesus Christ's sacrifice upon the Cross, and serves as our transition into glory.

If we die in the love of God but possess any "stains of sin," such stains are cleansed away in this final purifying process. Purgatory itself is not a place but a stage or process in the afterlife. In this stage, the dead are aided by the prayers of the living.

This is exemplified in the Scriptural account of Judas Maccabeus, who had sacrifices offered in Jerusalem to make "atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sins" (2 Maccabees 12:39-45). This same practice of prayer has also been attested to throughout history. St. Augustine of Hippo states that "the whole Church observes this practice, which was handed down by the Fathers" (*Sermons* 172.2, 411 AD).

Having passed through purgatory, we will be utterly unselfish and fully capable of perfect love. Our selfish ego, which restlessly sought our own self-satisfaction, will finally have died forever. Our "new self" will be our same inner self, but will be purified and transformed by the intensity of God's love. In this way, we obtain "that holiness without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

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November 2

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 - 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?