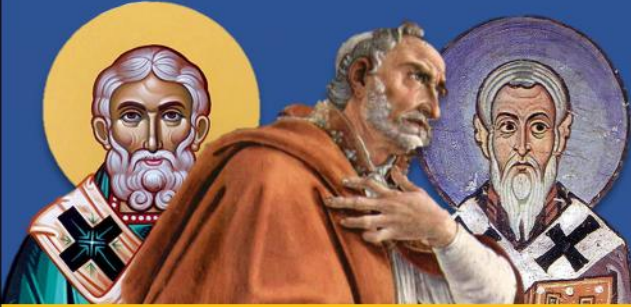


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## WHAT DID THE FIRST CHRISTIANS TRULY BELIEVE? ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST



### IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

*Ep. to the Smyrnaeans 6-7 (c.110)*

"[T]hose who hold heterodox opinions ... do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ..."

### JUSTIN MARTYR

*The First Apology 66 (c.148-155)*

"And this food is called among us 'Eucharist' ... the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."

### IRENAEUS

*Adv. Heresies 5:2:3 (c.180-199)*

"[C]up and the manufactured bread ... becomes the Eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ."



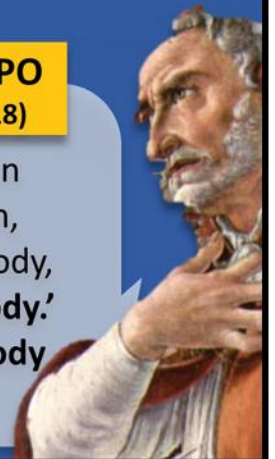
"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."  
John 6:55



### AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

*Psalms 33:1:10 (c.392-418)*

"Christ was carried in his own hands when, referring to his own body, he said, 'This is my body.' For he carried that body in his hands."



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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 18, 2024

This weekend (August 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We continue walking through of the sixth chapter of *St. John's Gospel*, focusing on the *Bread of Life Discourse*. In this chapter, Jesus continues to emphasize His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist: "*My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink*" (John 6:55). Throughout the life of the Church, there has been little doubt about the Real Presence.

If we turn to the teaching of the early Church Fathers, we see their clear understanding of this teaching. In addition to those cited on our bulletin cover, St. Cyril of Jerusalem teaches this clearly in his catechetical teachings to those entering the Church: "*Do not regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm.*"

May we rejoice in this greatest of Sacraments given over to us through the hands of the Lord Himself: The Holy Eucharist. Serving as the source and summit of our Faith, may we recognize He who has given Himself to us and call all others to encounter Him through our words and deeds. In the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe: "*When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel.*"

At this time of year, many of our college students are beginning to return to their campuses for the starting school year. Many of those who have graduated high school or college earlier this summer have also now begun to enter the workforce or are devoting themselves to military service. I encourage all of our parishioners to pray for these students and recent graduates.

The challenges our youth face are not small, and we must do everything we can to keep them connected to the Lord and His Church. May we each pray **one Our Father and one Hail Mary every day** for those of our parish as they begin a new school year or are venturing beyond high school or college. We may not fully grasp how powerful such prayer can be, but it will be revealed to us in the Kingdom. So pray and trust!

We must all recommit ourselves to the children in our parish religious education program, starting in September. This ministry is one that needs the support of our entire parish and exists for one basic purpose: To help families form disciples of Jesus. We can support this ministry both by volunteering as catechists and aides (*contact the Parish Office to volunteer!*) and by striving to serve as witnesses through our own lived discipleship. This means both being attentive to our prayer life and availing ourselves faithfully to the Sacraments.

### THE STAINED GLASS OF ST. JOSEPH

This **Thursday, August 22nd, at 6:30 PM**, we will host a two-part series looking at the stained glass windows in the Church. The windows on the two sides of the Church each tell a story: The south-side windows walk us through the life of Christ; The north-side windows through the life of the Saints and symbols of the Catholic Faith. This Thursday, we will look first at the life of Christ and walk-through the windows on the south-side of the Church.

Our windows themselves date back to the late 1970s/early 1980s. They were installed several at a time, having been made by City Glass of Fort Wayne. The intricate, jeweled designs were created by an artistic collaboration between Mr. Robert Berg, a designer from City Glass, and a committee of parishioners from our parish. Each window is breathtakingly beautiful, both in its imagery itself and in the amount of scriptural detail contained within.

### ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our St. Francis Summer Reading Program has come to a close. If there are still any books to be returned, please return them to the Return Box that will be at the base of the St. Francis statue in the narthex starting next weekend. Next weekend, we will also announce our top three readers who will have a choice of prizes to choose from.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

### Saturday, August 17

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. Nancy Widmann +

### Sunday, August 18

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, August 19

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, August 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, August 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Libby & Liam Dunn

### Thursday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

### Friday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Dan Runyon +

### Saturday, August 24

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. Ed Bushee +

### Sunday, August 25

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Joe & Pat Pfeifer Family



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., August 19 - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - St. John Eudes, Priest** - Ez 24:15-23 / (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 / Mt 19:16-22

**Tues., August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church** - Ez 28:-10 / (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 / Mt 19:23-30

**Wed., August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope** - Ez 34:1-11 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 20:1-16

**Thurs., August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Ez 36:23-28 / Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 / Mt 22:1-14

**Fri., August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin** - Ez 37:1-14 / Ps 107:2-9 / Mt 22:34-40

**Sat., August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle** - Rv 21:9b-14 / Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 / Jn 1:45-51

**Sun., August 25 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 / Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 / Jn 6:60-69



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 Ron Dresser.

**REMINDER! Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 PM**  
*A Tour of our Stained Glass Windows*  
**Life of Christ – South-side windows - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
*Life of the Saints—Thursday, August 29th at 6:30 p.m.*

**Registration Weekend August 24th & 25th**

- ◆ Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar Saturday, August 24th in the Parish Social Hall following 5:00 Mass.
- ◆ Sunday, August 25th, after 7:30 and 10:00 Masses, Michelle from the Parish Office will be available to update your Parish information, register new parishioners or register your children for Religious Education if you were unable to do so on Saturday evening.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus will be serving Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30 and 10:00 Masses in the narthex.
- ◆ GIRL's Night Out Women's Group will be available to answer any questions and give information about their upcoming meeting in September.
- ◆ Meet Teresa Smith, Director of Sacred Music, for more information about the St. Joseph Adult Choir or the Youth Choir.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Aug. 17** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 20** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 21** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 22** - *The Windows of St. Joseph - A Tour of Stained Glass, Life of Christ – South-side windows - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.*
- **Fri., Aug. 23** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 24** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 24** - Religious Education Registration Pizza/Sundae Bar - 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 Mass).
- **Sun., Aug. 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 25** - Parish Registration Weekend - after both Masses in the narthex. (Religious Education / New Parishioners / update current Parishioner records).
- **Tues., Aug. 27** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug. 29** - *The Windows of St. Joseph - A Tour of Stained Glass, Life of Christ – North-side windows - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.*
- **Fri., Aug. 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Sept. 2** - *Labor Day* - Office Closed today
- **Tues., Sept. 3** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 3** - *Knights of Columbus* - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting at 7:00 in the Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., Sept. 4** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:40 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Sept. 4** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.

**Weekend of August 24th & 25th**



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



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Bruce Holland  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** Jill Morrissey, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**7:30** Twilla Herr, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**10:00** Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson, Volunteer



**5:00** Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Annie Herr, Angela Mayer  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of August 10th & 11th**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,883.00  
 Loose- \$232.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$135.35  
 Assumption- \$20.00  
 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union  
 Elevate Check- \$8.51  
 General Bequest- \$1,000.00

**Total- \$4,278.86**

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

We are **\$333.09** behind budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

*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>

**CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED**

Bring a friend and learn more about the Catholic faith. Catholicism Explained will begin in September in the Parish Social Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information for the date and time.



**Thanks to all who joined in the GIRL's Night Out Cookout**



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"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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