

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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St. Joseph Parish Picnic

Sunday, Oct. 1st

Following the 10 AM Mass



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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Saturday, September 23

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 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Theresa Gruss +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews

Monday, September 25

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 26

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Herman Zeps +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 27

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Irene Dedrick +

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Dave & Margie Huss
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, September 30

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 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Laura Berry +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25 - Twenty-Fifth Week
in Ordinary Time - Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas and
Damian, Martyrs - Ezr 6:7-8,12b, 14-20/ Lk
8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de
Paul, Priest - Ezr 9:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus,
Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Compan-
ions, Martyrs - Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels - Dn 7:9-10,13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the Church - Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday,
World Communion Sunday - Ez 18:25-28/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

This weekend (September 23rd/24th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We continue to hear from the fourth great discourse of St. Matthew's Gospel, hearing today what is known as both the *Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard* or *The Parable of the Good Employer*. This parable is itself unique in that it is only found in St. Matthew's Gospel and not the other synoptic gospels (St. Luke and St. Mark).

As October quickly nears, we have a number of events upcoming. Next Sunday (October 1st) will be our Parish Picnic following the 10 AM Mass. The following Saturday, October 7th, we will host our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. On October 15th, we will be holding a memorial service for all those who have suffered miscarriages and lost children. In November, we are planning for our quick approach Forty Hours. Watch the bulletin for further updates for these many events.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

On Monday, September 25th, our Knights of Columbus will meet at 5:30 PM in the parish parking lot to prepare our annual cross display for the **Forty Days for Life** (Sept. 26th to Nov. 5th). All are welcome to come on Monday and help the Knights in setting up this display. There will be 319 crosses placed on our grounds, representing the 319 children aborted from Wells County since 1998 (when records were first kept by the Department of Health). Sadly, several additional crosses have been added for this past year.

Though last year welcomed major changes with the Supreme Court decision of *Dobbs v. Jackson*, this annual display serves as a reminder that the work to build a true culture of life continues. This culture, as described by Pope St. John Paul, must recognize every person's dignity, respect their basic human rights, and defend and promote life at every stage (Evangelium Vitae, Paragraph 101). It is for these very reasons that we, as a parish, support and partner with many local organizations that both promote life and support those in need here and now.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

As mentioned last weekend, every registered parish family should have or will shortly be receiving their pledge card from the **Annual Bishop's Appeal** in the mail. This annual drive helps to support the various charitable outreaches and ministries of our diocese, as exemplified in the Bishop's letter. In addition to this letter, the diocese also releases a yearly video that offers a more detailed account of how the appeal funds are utilized each year. For those interested, this video can now be viewed on our parish website.

Our **parish goal for this year's appeal is \$37,243.71**. Any amount that goes over this goal will be returned directly to our parish. This year's overage will be put towards our coming Church renovations. As a parish, we are seeking 100% participation from every registered parish family. As such, please make sure to fill out and return your pledge card, either by mail or in the weekly collection basket. We will also have blank pledge cards available after all Masses the second weekend in October to help us reach this 100% participation goal.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

This Wednesday, Bishop Rhoades will begin his journey to Rome as a participating member of the upcoming Synod on Synodality. Our bishop was selected by his brother bishops to be one of the five bishops representing our country at the Synod. As a parish, we participated in the parish-phase of this synod back in February of 2022 through a local "*listening session*."

The result of this session and similar ones from parishes throughout the diocese were collected into a working document that was shared with our national bishops' conference. Our national conference, as well as all national conferences throughout the world, compiled their various results into a single working document that will help to guide the Synod this coming month. May we keep Bishop Rhoades and the other participants of this synod in our prayers.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.

PLEASE NOTE...

The Parish Office will be closed, Thursday, September 28th and reopen Friday, September 29th at 9:00 AM. For Sacramental emergencies, please call Fr. David at 260-296-0511.



ASK FATHER

Thursday, September 28th—5:30 PM—Parish Conference

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, October 6, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. Mass
"Spend an Hour with me."- Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Blessing
of the
Animals

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7th
12:00PM**
Under the canopy at
the front entrance
of the Church.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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.
- **Tues., Sept. 26** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 27** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 27** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - *Ask Father* - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Sept. 28** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Sept. 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 30** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 1** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 3** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 4** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 4** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 5** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Fri., Oct. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Oct. 6** - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 7** - *Blessing of the Animals* - Noon under the canopy.

Weekend of September 30 / October 1 Weekend



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Marita Crawfis/ Adult Choir



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Diana Cole



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. 16/17

Adult Envelopes- \$2,351.00
Loose- \$227.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$808.97
36th ABA Over goal- \$80.00
Total- \$3,466.97

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,612.09 behind our budget for the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$476.00

*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>

TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, October 3rd we will have adjusted Parish Office hours with Parishioner Volunteers to assist with answering the phone, greeting visitors, and performing light office tasks. You will be able to reach Fr. David at the Parish Office at 260-824-1380, or in case of a Sacramental Emergency, he may be reached at 260-296-0511.

The Temporary Parish Office Hours are as follows...

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

KICK-OFF WEEKEND

37th Annual Bishop's Appeal October 7th & 8th



Every year we strive for 100% participation from our Parish Family. We are asking you, again this year, to please return your pledge card, even if you are unable to make a pledge. Ever card turned in counts toward participation.

You may mail your pledge card, or place it in the offertory basket at Church.

Thank you.

**Our goal this year is
\$37,243.71.**

All overage returns to St. Joseph

Join us at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th at the St. Joseph Cemetery, 2980 E State Road 124, Bluffton, for a Butterfly Memorial Prayer Service.

*A mother holds on to her child
long after she has let go.*

