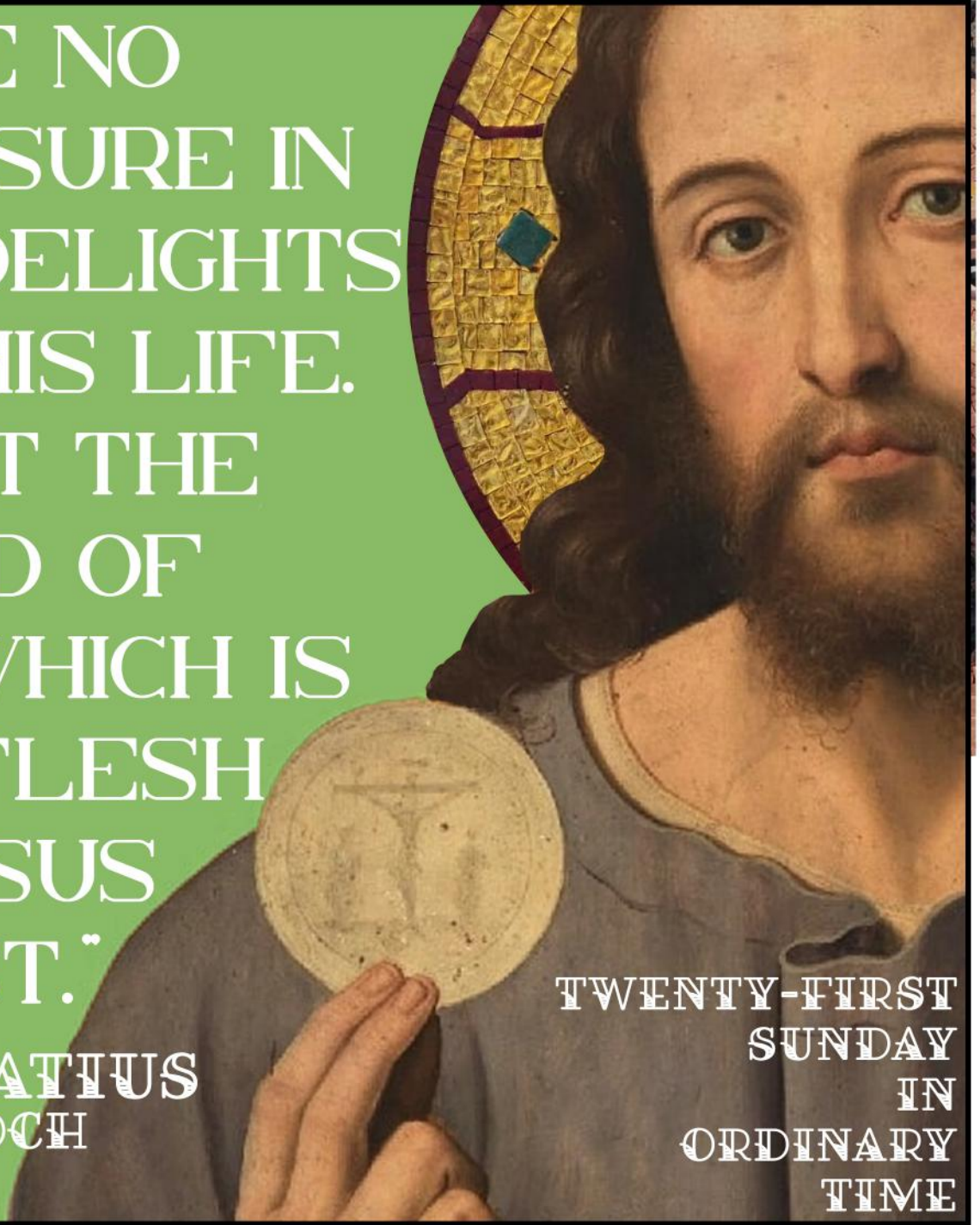


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New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form We've Moved, here is our new information

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 25, 2024

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

Monday, August 26

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 27

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Danny Gruss
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Beth Kaiser +

Thursday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Jim Dunn

Friday, August 30

8:30 a.m. Maureen Keegan McCarthy

Saturday, August 31

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. Genevieve Lohmuller +

Sunday, September 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., August 26 - Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Ps 96:1-5 / Mt 23:13-22

Tues., August 27 - St. Monica - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Ps 96:10-13 / Mt 23:23-26

Wed., August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 / Mt 23:27-32

Thurs., August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist - 1 Cor 1:1-9 / Ps 145:2-7 634:Mk 6:17-29

Fri., August 30 - 1 Cor 1:17-25 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 / Mt 25:1-13

Sat., August 31 - 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 / Mt 25:14-30

Sun., September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Ps 15:2-5 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mt 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

This weekend (August 24th/25th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. After five full weeks, we are concluding our walk-through of the sixth chapter of the *Gospel of St. John*. Having heard from both the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* and the *Bread of Life Discourse*, we have received our Lord's teaching on the Holy Eucharist. Starting next weekend, we will resume our walk-through of the *Gospel of St. Mark* for the remainder of the liturgical year.

Though we are concluding our walk-through of the sixth chapter of the *Gospel of St. John*, we actually end two verses shy of completing the chapter. Our Gospel reading today ends on a high note with John 6:69 and the words of St. Peter. Asked if they too shall abandon Him like the others, St. Peter answers for the Twelve that they will not and cannot abandon Him, for they "have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The remaining two verses of the chapter, however, take a different turn from the beautiful words of St. Peter. After this proclamation of fidelity, the Lord then references, for the first time in the *Gospel of St. John*, the coming betrayal of Judas. This betrayal culminates, of course, in John 13 when Judas leaves the Last Supper to go forth and betray the Lord. The very same Lord who gives us His body freely as food is sold by Judas for thirty pieces of silver.

These elements of Judas' betrayal, first announced at the *Bread of Life Discourse* and brought to completion at the Last Supper, shows us how closely fidelity and intimacy with the Lord are intrinsically tied to the Holy Eucharist. Truly, our reception of the Holy Eucharist is meant to unite us ever more closely to the Lord. May we see in the Holy Eucharist the greatest of gifts that truly binds us ever more closely with the Lord Himself.

CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED—THURSDAY, SEPT. 5TH

On **Thursday, September 5th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall** we will have an introduction to this year's *Catholic Explained Series*. Utilizing a new textbook, this series will help us to gain and deepen an appreciation and understanding of the Catholic Faith. This series is open to all: To Catholics who want to learn more about our Faith, to non-Catholics who are interested in joining the Church, and to all those who are interested in just learning more about Catholicism.

If you know of anyone interested in attending, especially those who may have an interest in joining the Church, please personally invite them to attend. The best form of advertisement is always a personal invitation. And, for all that we know, such an invitation may be the starting point for helping another deepen their relation with Jesus Christ and His Church. If this time does not work for someone interested in learning more, please have them contact me directly. We will do everything we can to find a time that will work.

It is my hope that we will fill the Social Hall for this series. May we never be afraid to go forth and invite other's to come and encounter the Lord in His Church, just as we have done. All are welcome and invited to come and see!

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

In coming weeks, all registered households will receive a mailing from Bishop Rhoades to "kick-off" the Annual Bishop's Appeal. One of the great parts of our Catholic Faith is its universality. This means that our charitable outreach extends beyond our own parish and aids those both near and far. In addition to our support of missions throughout the world, this annual appeal helps to fund various ministries and outreaches throughout our local diocese.

The diocesan-wide goal of the appeal is divided among the 80 parishes of our diocese. With our continued parish growth over these past several years, we have seen a significant increase of our parish goal this year. **Our Annual Bishop's Appeal Goal this year is: \$46,846.36.** All donations above our parish goal are returned to our parish. To learn more about the appeal or to make a donation online, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/aba.



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, Ron Dresser, and Al Gillig.

REMINDER! Thursday, August 29th
The Windows of St. Joseph -
A Tour of Stained Glass,
Life of Christ – North-side windows - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

All men in the Parish are welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Adoration – September 6, 2024

Starts following 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)**

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Aug. 24** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.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.
- **Sat., Aug. 31** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.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 p.m. Mass.
- **Thurs., Sept. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration Starts following 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)**
- **Sat., Sept. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 7** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 8** - Religious Education Classes resume - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 10** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 10 - GIRL's Night Out** - monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

Weekend of August 31st & September 1st



5:00 Sam Smith
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 David Smith



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Jacque Johnson



5:00 **Volunteer**, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
7:30 **Volunteer**, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
10:00 Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago, **Volunteer**



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, **Volunteer**
7:30 Jacquelyn Mayer, Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger
10:00 Sam Smith, Ellie Coyne, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of August
17th & 18th

Adult Envelopes- \$3,536.00

Loose- \$97.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$430.00

Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary- \$853.00

Total- \$4,916.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$533.49** behind budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
 \$1,283.00

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
SEPTEMBER 5th—6:30 PM!

Would you like to learn more about your Catholic Faith or interested in becoming a Catholic?

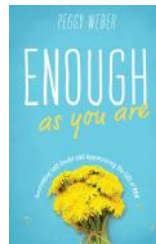
Come and bring a friend to *Catholicism Explained.*

Starting Thursday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.



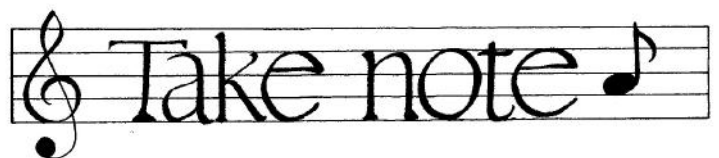
G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

(Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)



The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Women's Group will have their monthly meeting, Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. The group will begin a new book *Enough as you are* by Peggy Weber. You may purchase your book after all Masses this weekend or in the Parish Office during regular office hours. The cost of the books are \$17.17. Checks may be made payable to St. Joseph Church.

All women of the Parish are Welcome!



CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS

Wednesday, September 4th

immediately following the 7:00 evening Mass.

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 - St. John Paul II

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THINK!

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