

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**First Reading**

“The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New.”  
- ST AUGUSTINE -

FIRST READING

The Responsorial Psalm is not impersonal and distant. It is OUR prayer to the Word of God!

*The Lord is **my** shepherd  
there is nothing **I** shall want*

PSALM 21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Second Reading**

FOR: *encouragement, guidance, correction and support* ♥

Practical ways to be Christ-like in our daily lives

SECOND READING

ST PAUL

Christ, present in His own Word, is proclaiming the Gospel. Therefore all must listen with reverence

-GIRM 29

*Alleluia Alleluia*

THE GOSPEL

*May the Gospel be*

*in our minds*

*on our lips*

*in our hearts*

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 6, 2024

This weekend (October 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This month marks the Month of the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily to promote peace in the world.

### PRAYER SERVICE - DAY FOR PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE

Since 1998, the Sunday closest to October 15<sup>th</sup> has been nationally observed as the annual **Day for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance**. In observance of this day, we will hold a prayer service to remember and support those affected by pregnancy and infant loss. This Memorial Prayer Service will be on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at 2 PM**. This service is open to parishioners and all throughout Wells County.

The prayer service includes the opportunity to place memorial “butterfly” ornaments at the cemetery. These memorial “butterfly” ornaments will be available in the narthex, at both of our local funeral homes throughout this coming week, and at the cemetery the day of the prayer service. Those who may not be ready to attend a public service are invited to take and place their own “butterfly” ornaments at the cemetery privately.

**Memorial Prayer Service - Sunday, October 15th at 2 PM**  
**Address: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 2980 E State Rd 124, Bluffton**

### ASK FATHER - FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

With our national and local election cycles in full swing, we will be offering a special “Ask Father” on **Tuesday, October 22nd, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. During this session, we will review our national Bishops’ Conference teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics: **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. This document is available for review on our parish website.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word consists of three readings and a psalm. The First Reading comes from the Old Testament, except during Eastertide when we hear from the Acts of the Apostles. The Responsorial Psalm is taken from the Psalms or one of the scriptural canticles. The Second Reading from the letters of the New Testament, except during Eastertide when we hear from the Book of Revelation. Finally, the Gospel always comes from one of the four Gospels.

The **First Reading** is usually chosen based on its connection with the Gospel. This arrangement highlights the unity of the Old and New Testaments and the history of salvation, with Christ always at its center. The **Responsorial Psalm** is chosen in close relation to the **First Reading** and is meant to foster a deeper meditation on Sacred Scripture. The psalm draws out our reflection on God’s salvific nature and deeds.

The **Second Reading**, unlike the first, is generally not intentionally aligned with the **Gospel** (*or any other reading*). Instead, it offers examples of practical applications of how a life in Christ can be lived. Though written centuries ago, these readings are still fundamentally relevant for us today. The **Gospel** serves as our primary encounter in the Liturgy of the Word with the life of Jesus, who is the “*Word made flesh*.” As such, the **Gospel** is a saving message that is meant to be life-changing.

Though seated throughout most of the Liturgy of the Word, at the **Gospel** we stand in reverence and sing “*Alleluia*”, a Hebrew expression of joy that means “*Praise the Lord!*” The priest carries the Book of the Gospels, slightly elevated, from the altar to the lectern, accompanied by altar servers carrying candles. This procession underscores the solemnity of the Gospel.

In preparation to hear the **Gospel**, we make a significant three-fold sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips, and over our heart. Accordingly, we prayerfully ask for the **Gospel** to penetrate the whole of our being, influencing us totally, and taking firm root in our mind and heart, such that we may always profess these saving words with our mouth.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

### Saturday, October 5

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. Robert Bates +

### Sunday, October 6

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, October 7

*No Public Mass*

### Tuesday, October 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

### Wednesday, October 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

### Thursday, October 10

8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh

### Friday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

### Saturday, October 12

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. Logan Riley Lautzenheiser +

### Sunday, October 13

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Oct. 7 - Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - Our Lady of the Rosary**  
- Gal 1:6-12 / Ps 111:1-2, 7-10 / Lk 10:25-37

**Tues., Oct. 8 - Gal 1:13-24 / Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 / Lk 10:38-42**

**Wed., Oct. 9 - St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest** - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Ps 117:1-2 / Lk 11:1-4

**Thurs., Oct. 10 - Gal 3:1-5 / (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 / Lk 11:5-13**

**Fri., Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope** - Gal 3:7-14 / Ps 111:1-6 / Lk 11:15-26

**Sat., Oct. 12 - Gal 3:22-29 / Ps 105:2-7 / Lk 11:27-28**

**Sun., Oct. 13 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Wis 7:7-11 / Ps 90:12-17 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-



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.



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

G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will have their October meeting, **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Books for their Book Study (*Enough As You Are* by Peggy Weber) are still available in the Parish Office for \$17.17. **All women of the Parish are Welcome!**



All are welcome to join together in prayer during our **Annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Memorial Service** on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on East State Rd. 124.

"You knit me in my mother's womb." Ps. 139:13



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE Begins next Monday, October 14th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**

**All school-aged children are invited and welcome to join the Children's Choir!**

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat./Sun. Oct. 5 & 6** - St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Decatur - Stuff the Truck after all Masses this weekend.
- **Sat., Oct. 5** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 6** - **Parish Picnic** following 10:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Everyone is invited!
- **Mon., Oct. 7** - **Book Study** - *The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 8** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 8** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Oct. 9** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 9** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Oct. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Oct. 10** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Oct. 11** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 13** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 13** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Oct. 13** - **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Memorial Prayer Service** - 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery.
- **Mon., Oct. 14** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Oct. 15** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Oct. 16 & Thurs., Oct. 17** - No Adoration or Mass - *Fr. David gone for Diocesan Continuing Education Days.*
- **Wed., Oct. 16** - Youth Group Social Event—Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>—Life Size Bibleopoly- 7-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Gym.

### Weekend of October 12th and 13th



**5:00** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30** David Smith  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Ben Wagner  
**10:00** John Vanderkolk



**5:00** Laurisa Roper, Holy Communion to Choir Loft  
**7:30** **Volunteer, Holy Communion to Choir Loft**  
**10:00** Jacque Johnson, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30** Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Jackson Felger  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of September 28th & 29th

Adult Envelopes- \$3,242.83  
Loose- \$171.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$40.00  
Religious Education Fund-\$170.00

General Bequest- \$120.00  
All Saints Day- \$15.00

**Total- \$3,758.83**

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

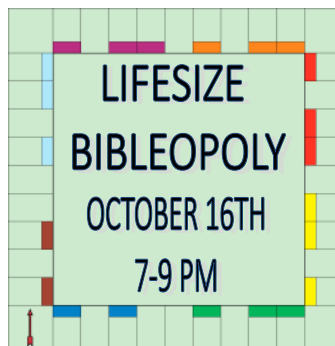
We are **\$1,384.46 behind** budget for the month of September.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$20.00

*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>



### YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL GRADES 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Come for an evening of Trivia about the Catholic Faith all while playing on a LIFESIZE MONOPOLY BOARD.

**We will begin in the Church at 7 PM for Prayer.**

**For more information, contact Nick at nboraten@gmail.com**

### ANNUAL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org), under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a member of the clergy or anyone ministering on behalf of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Jodi Marlin, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1458 or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at [mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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

"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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