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Mother Mary
LK 1:28

Prophet Jeremiah
JER 1:6-8

Moses
EX 3:12

King David
2 SAM 7:3

**The Lord
be with you**
A CALL TO MISSION

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL REPORT

Every two years, our diocesan Business Office audits all parishes in our diocese. During our latest parish audit, it was recommended that we begin publishing an annual financial report at the end of the fiscal year. In our diocese, the fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. After this year closed out, our business manager, Michelle, our Finance Council, and myself have prepared our parish's first annual financial report for release.

While being prudent stewards of our parish finances is of great importance, it is not the only factor for us to consider when looking at the health of our parish. For this reason, our financial report is joined by a spiritual report, reviewing the sacramental life of our parish family over this past year. Both reports were approved by our Parish Council and are included in this bulletin (*and available on the parish website*) for your review.

BOOK STUDY—THE DIVINE COMEDY BY DANTE ALIGHIERI

In the 4th Century, St. Augustine of Hippo said: *“He who wishes often to be with God ought to pray frequently and read pious books.”* In the past, I've often offered Bible studies in the Fall. This year, I would like to invite you to join me in a journey through *The Divine Comedy* of Dante Alighieri. This momentous poetic work is arguably one of the greatest poems ever written as it undertakes a deep spiritual reflection on morality.

Starting on **Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**, we will meet every other Monday as we journey through *The Divine Comedy*. This work is itself broken into three sections: *The Inferno, Purgatory, and Paradise*. We begin our journey delving into the *Inferno* and progressing level by infernal level to its diabolical depths. The journey itself is meant to move man from misery in the *Inferno* towards the happiness of *Paradise*.

There is no cost for this book study. While you are welcome to purchase or use your own copy of *The Divine Comedy*, I will also be making available free PDF copies of our material for each session. If you would like to join me in this poetic journey, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

INTRODUCTORY RITES—“THE LORD BE WITH YOU”

The **Introductory Rites** of the Mass begins first in the Entrance Procession. Symbolically, the procession moves us from the narthex, representing the world, toward the Sanctuary, representing heaven. This is a reminder that, in the words of St. Augustine, *“we are journeying toward you, O Lord. Here below we have no lasting dwelling place, but seek one which is to come since our home is in heaven.”*

The procession enters into the Sanctuary and ends at the altar, which the priest greets with a kiss. The altar itself serves as a symbol of Jesus and the kiss is meant both as reverence towards the sacrifice of Christ which happens upon it and as a symbol of the union of the Spouse (*Christ*) and His Bride (*the Church*) at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Finally, as the priest reaches the presider's chair, we join together in making the Sign of the Cross.

The Sign of the Cross remains one of the most ancient of Christian prayers. In word and action, we proclaim both the Triune God and Jesus's sacrificial love for us on Calvary. In this prayer, we are meant to recognize that *“our help is in the name of the Lord, who makes Heaven and Earth”* (Psalm 124:8). And this help upon whom we call is immediately reflected in our greeting together: **The Lord be with You.** (*R. And with your spirit.*)

This is no ordinary greeting; It is instead a personal call from God towards an awesome mission. Many in the Bible were greeted and called to their own daunting missions with these same words of our Lord: The Blessed Virgin, King David, Moses, and Jeremiah. These simple people were asked to perform great works that may have sounded impossible to them. Yet, God spoke to them as He speaks to us now: With the strongest of assurance, that *“I, the Lord will be with you.”* The Lord is with us; We never walk this journey alone!

Saturday, September 7

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Dave Dreiband +

Sunday, September 8

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, September 9

No Public Mass

Tuesday, September 10

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, September 11

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Joan Scheidler +

Thursday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Cole/Wyss Family

Friday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Saturday, September 14

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. Living & Deceased members of the Geels Family

Sunday, September 15

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Carly Scott +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 9 - Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - St. Peter Claver, Priest

- 1 Cor 5:1-8 / Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 / Lk 6:6-11

Tues., Sept. 10 - 1 Cor 6:1-11 / Ps 149:1-6, 9 / Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept. 11 - 1 Cor 7:25-31 / Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 / Lk 6:20-26

Thurs., Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Ps 139:1b-3, 13, 14b, 23-24 / Lk 6:27-38

Fri., Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Ps 84:3-6, 12 / Lk 6:39-42

Sat., Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78:1-2, 34-38 / Phil 2:6-11

Sun., Sept. 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 50:4c-9a / Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35



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

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. The group will begin a new book, *Enough as You Are* by Peggy Weber. The book is available for purchase for \$17.17 in the Parish Office

All women of the Parish are Welcome!

A NEW YEAR BEGINS!

As we enter a new Religious Education School Year, we are honored to introduce our 2024-2025 Catechists who are helping our children to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and His Church.



- Kindergarten Catechists :** Carol Butler and Nancy Wagner
- Grade 1 Catechists:** Chrystal Streeter and Janelle Valenti
- Grade 2 Catechists :** Kevin and Jessica Seago
- Grade 3 Catechists :** Christie Felger
- Grade 4 Catechists :** Louise Mayer
- Grade 5 Catechists :** Tom and Becky Jackson
- Grade 6 Catechists :** Connor and Harper Gunkel
- Grade 7 Catechists :** Grace Dunn
- Grade 8 Catechists :** Eric and Tammy Mechling
- High School Youth Group:** Youth Group Core Team
- Catechist Substitutes:** Laurisa Roper and Jennie Haiflich

Please remember our students and Catechists in your prayer as we embark together in this new year of Faith!

Interested in volunteering as a Substitute? Contact the Parish Office.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **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** - **G.I.R.L.'s Night Out** - monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 11** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Sept. 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 14** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Sept 15**- Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Sept. 17** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 18** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 18** - Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass.
- **Thurs., Sept. 19** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Sept. 20** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Sept. 21** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Sept. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of September 14th & 15th	
CANTORS	5:00 Teresa Smith
	7:30 Donna Geisel
	10:00 David Smith
LECTORS	5:00 Stacey Coulardot
	7:30 Ben Wagner
	10:00 Monica Harris
Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 Dan Geimer, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
	7:30 Twilla Herr, Holy Communion to Choir Loft
	10:00 Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago
Altar Servers	5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
	7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
	10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of August 31st & September 1st

- Adult Envelopes- \$2,892.00
- Loose- \$214.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,691.83
- Votive Candles- \$120.00
- Gym Rent- \$500.00
- Total- \$5,417.83**

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are **\$301.43** ahead of budget for the month of September.

- St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$5.00
- Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund for August - \$295.00
- Online Giving for August- \$6,495.00
- We ended the month of August **\$9,706.67** ahead of our budget.

Your gifts in support of 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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - August 2024

- Housing- \$2,034.94
 - Utilities- \$512.21
 - Total Charitable Donations for August - \$2,547.15**
- Thank you* for helping us help others!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PICNIC

following the 10:00 Mass

Volunteer Sign Ups in the Narthex

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Leo Gregory Mayer, son of Nate and Abby Mayer, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on Saturday, August 24, 2024 by Fr. David Violi.



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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?