

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23

11:30 a.m. Special Intention
Noon Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. John Schnerre +

Sunday, May 24

- The Ascension of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Jim Cole +
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

11:30 a.m. George & Dianne Witwer Family
Noon Rosary

Tuesday, May 26

10:30-11:30 a.m. Adoration
11:30 a.m. Fr. Joel Phelps
Noon Rosary

Wednesday, May 27

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. David Paul Butler +

Thursday, May 28

11:30 a.m. Joyce Felger +
Noon Rosary

Friday, May 29

11:30 a.m. Waller Booth +
Noon Rosary

Saturday, May 30

11:30 a.m. Special Intention
Noon Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Nathan & Missy Huss Family

Sunday, May 31

- Pentecost Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Ann Carroll +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 25 - Seventh Week of Easter - St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin, and St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tues., May 26 - St. Philip Neri - Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Acts 20:28-38/ Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs., May 28 - Acts 22: 30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26

Fri., May 29 - Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Sat., May 30 - Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Jn 21:20-25

Sun., May 31 - Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION—May 24, 2020

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension. Normally, this day is referred to as Ascension Thursday as it falls exactly 40 days (Acts 1:3) after Easter Sunday. In our diocese, however, it has been transferred to the nearest Sunday. The number forty is one of great importance throughout the Scriptures, often describing the amount of time it took to accomplish an act united to God's will.

In the Book of Genesis, it rained for forty days and nights as Noah was on his ark; In the Book of Exodus, Israel journeyed for forty years in the desert to the promised land; In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus ascended after forty days, giving those witnesses of his the time to confirm their faith in His resurrection. In the same way, our yearly season of Lent lasts forty days as we strive to respond to the Lord's call to conversion, turning away from sin through the spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Our Easter season, however, does not end at forty days. It continues for another ten days following the Ascension as we await for the Solemnity of Pentecost. The fifty days of Eastertide continued the faith formation of those who had just entered the Church in a period known as *Mystagogy*, meaning "to be led into the mystery". On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and are reminded how we are now sent out on mission to proclaim the Gospel. Having encountered the risen Christ throughout the Easter season, we are called to sing out "*Hallelujah!*" and share our joy with all those around us.

PARISH UPDATES - Back on Track, Phase III

At the latest press conference, the Governor's Office has moved our state into Phase III of Indiana's "Back On Track" Plan. This move loosens restrictions regarding gatherings and use of various facilities, including our parish hall and gym. At the beginning of June, we will begin allowing in-person meetings and facility rentals to resume within our parish facilities as long as they follow our designated safety and sanitation protocols.

The **Parish Office** will remain closed to public business until **Monday, June 8th**. At that time, the Parish Office will reopen and resume normal business hours (**Mon-Fri, 9 AM – 4 PM**). Until then, we continue to remain available to you via phone (824-1380) and by email (stjosephchurch@adamswells.com) during our normal hours of operation and, for emergencies, at all hours at the Emergency Line (260-296-0511).

With the resumption of public Masses, we will also resume our regularly scheduled times for Adoration and Confession. **Adoration will be held every First Friday from Noon until 6 PM, every Tuesday from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, and every Wednesday from 6 PM - 7 PM. Confessions will be offered every Tuesday from Noon - 12:30 PM, every Wednesday from 6 PM - 6:45 PM, every Saturday from 4 PM - 4:45 PM, and by appointment.** In keeping with diocesan social distancing requirements, **Confessions will now be heard in the Cry Room.**

Finally, we will continue mailing out our "snap-shot" bulletin for the coming weeks with weekly updates for the parish. The diocese has asked all parishes to refrain from directly handing out hard copy bulletins after Mass for the next several weeks. Our "full" bulletin can be found on the parish website, which includes our normal break-down of weekly parish finances, weekly Mass readings, and weekly Mass intentions.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Bob Line, Charlotte Sawyers and Andrea Holte.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Class 2020

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 Macy McNabb
 daughter of Kevin and Ann McNabb
 Averie Pearson
 daughter of Patrick and Pamela Pearson
 Bartolo and Nea Zuniga
 son and daughter of Benito and Veronica Zuniga

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

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 Gabriel 'Gabe' McElhaney
 son of Brady and Gwen McElhaney
 Samuel Mechling
 son of Eric and Tammy Mechling
 Emma Peterson
 daughter of Rob and Andrea Peterson
 Emma Roembke
 daughter of Greg and Rachel Roembke



Bishop Rhoades will confirm these Confirmandi at a private Mass here at St. Joseph's Pentecost weekend. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit into their hearts.

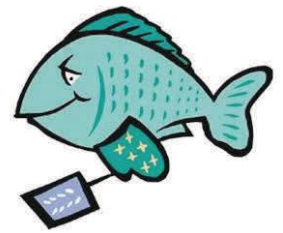


Fr. David will continue to live stream Mass every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on our website: stjosephchurchbluffton.org or via the Parish FaceBook page.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., May 25 - Special Memorial Day- Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Mon., May 25 - In Observance of Memorial Day the Parish Office is closed today.
- Tues., May 26 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30-11:30 a.m./ Mass 11:30 a.m./ Confessions after Mass (Noon)
- Wed., May 27 - Adoration 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., May 28 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Fri., May 29 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Sat., May 30 - Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Sat., May 30 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 31 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., June 1 through Fri., June 5 - Michelle will be out of the office. Please call 260-296-0511 for Sacramental assistance.
- Sun., June 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY
 St. Patrick's Church
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 Drive-Thru Only Fish Fry,
 Friday, June 5
 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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A NOTE FROM THE 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 under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of 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 priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

Collections for 4/24 through 5/15

Adult Envelopes- \$16,693.52
 Child Envelopes- \$2.77
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$8,339.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$405.00
 Easter Offering- \$1,085.00
 Easter Flowers- \$10.00
 Votive Candles- \$215.88
 Paper Gator- \$23.84
 Ascension- \$45.00
Total- \$26,820.01

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

Budget report of 3/17-4/17-
 \$7,210.02 behind budget
 Budget for 4/24-5/15 - \$20,465.60
 We are \$855.61 behind budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-
 St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,192.00

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Before you speak...

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



"Be who God meant you
to be and you will set the
world on fire."
- St. Catherine of Siena