

# 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, January 18

- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of Jim & Marcie Hunter Family

### Sunday, January 19

#### - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Cynthia Sailors +

### Monday, January 20

- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. & Hildegard Schaefer +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, January 21

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. John Burk +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, January 22

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Jim Dedrick +

### Thursday, January 23

- 8:00 a.m. Dan Braun +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, January 25

- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, January 26

#### - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Emmanuel Thach +
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Robert & Rose Marie Bates +

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 20 - Second Week in Ordinary Time - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr - 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22**

**Tues., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr - 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28**

**Wed., Jan. 22 - USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr - 1 Sm 17:31-33,37,40-51/ Mk 3:1-6**

**Thurs., Jan. 23 - St. Maryanne Cope, Virgin/ USA: St. Vincent Deacon and Martyr - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12**

**Fri., Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19**

**Sat., Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18**

**Sun., Jan. 26 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 8:23-9:3/ Mt 4:12-23**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 19, 2020

Following the **Baptism of the Lord**, this weekend brings the Church into the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Though this season is the longest in the entire Church year (running for 34 weeks throughout the year), we will only be in it briefly at this time until the beginning of **Lent** on **Ash Wednesday** (February 26th). At this time, we are called to put into practice that great gift which we have received and experienced throughout the Christmas season. This gift of Christmas is, of course, **Jesus Christ**. For this reason, and to remove all doubt, we hear from the Gospel of St. John today as we enter into this new season. And, as we have heard, St. John the Baptist clearly testifies that Jesus "is the Son of God" (John 1:34)

After this proclamation from the Gospel of St. John, we will return to the **Gospel of St. Matthew** (*with a brief interlude from the Gospel of St. Luke on the Feast of the Presentation*). St. Matthew, writing towards a Jewish-Christian audience, will focus his Gospel on Jesus as the King of Israel and what it means to truly be a disciple of the Lord.

## Respect Life

This past Friday, we had an opportunity to screen 2019's critically acclaimed film, *Unplanned*. This life-changing film followed the journey of Abby Johnson, the youngest clinic director in the history of Planned Parenthood, as she resigned her position from the abortion clinic and joined the Coalition for Life, a prayer-based pro-life ministry. This past Saturday, many parishioners travelled to Fort Wayne to participate in the Allen County March for Life. This yearly march gathers thousands from the Fort Wayne-area to serve as a witness to and support for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. These events lead us into a day of prayer and fasting this coming Wednesday, January 22nd.

January 22nd will mark the 47th anniversary of both *Roe vs. Wade* and (the lesser known) *Doe vs. Bolton*. These two Supreme Court decisions called abortion a constitutional "right" and removed many of the factors limiting abortions throughout our country. Since that time, over 66 million children have lost their lives through abortion in our country alone. On this day, we are urged to work and pray for an end to the evil that is abortion in our country and throughout the world. We are also called to pray for all those who find themselves in a situation that would lead them to consider an abortion. All human persons, from conception to natural death, have an inherent dignity and an inalienable right to life.

Though pro-life issues garner a special focus in our minds this week as this sorrowful anniversary approaches, they are issues that should guide us each and everyday of our lives. The respect of human life and the building up of the "culture of life" occurs in the everyday moments that we face when we are face-to-face with family, neighbor, friend, and stranger. It starts first and foremost right at home in our families. In his encyclical, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, Pope St. John Paul II beautifully states that "as the domestic church, the family is summoned to proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life." In the family, each new life is to be seen as a gift received from God (for we are a people of reception). Once we are able to truly see each life as a gift from God, how we approach one another will forever be changed.

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, and Jean Steele.





## IT'S A NEW YEAR!!

Have you ever had that thought, "I want to get more involved in my Church, but I am not sure how to go about it." Or have you asked yourself, "I would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, but I don't know that I am worthy enough" or a Lector, who proclaims the word of God, but "I'm not sure how to pronounce some of the names/words in the readings", (we have

Lector Workbooks to help with that!), "I am afraid to mess up", or "I don't think I read well enough."

I once had those fears when I was approached about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion many years ago, and a Priest said to me, "Are any of us worthy enough?" That has stuck with me through the years, but even though we don't always feel "worthy enough", God is calling us; He wants us involved, whether it be a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Minister of Hospitality, join the Choir, visit our homebound parishioners who are unable join us on the weekends, help with funeral dinners, join the Knights of Columbus or the St. Joseph Women's Group, become a Catechist, give someone a ride to Mass... This is a NEW YEAR, a new chance to **GET INVOLVED**; Is God calling **YOU**? Talk with Fr. David or call Michelle in the Parish office at 824-3815 to learn how to get involved today!

*First Friday*  
*Adoration*  
February 7  
Mass- 8:00 a.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Extraordinary Form Mass- 6:00 p.m.  
Signup sheet in the narthex.

**Part-time sales associate.** Good Shepherd Books & Gifts, located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne, is hiring a part-time sales associate to work 4-16 hours each week. For more information please see the bulletin board in the narthex.

### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 19 - Young Adult Gathering - 5-6:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m./ Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 22 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 23 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book.*
- Wed., Jan. 29 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confessions 6-6:45 p.m./ Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - RCIA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 30 - Book Study 7-8:00 p.m. - *The Bible is a Catholic Book.*
- Sat./Sun., Feb. 1/2 - Blessing of Throats at all Masses.
- Sun., Feb. 2 - Candlemas Day - bring a candle for a special Candlemas Day blessing.
- Fri., Feb. 7 - First Friday Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Extraordinary Mass - 6:00 p.m.

## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 25/26, 2020

### CANTORS:

5:00 Larry Leitz  
7:30 Donna Geisel  
10:00 Jay Crisp

### LECTORS:

5:00 Glenn Ryan  
7:30 Ben Wagner  
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Kevin or Jessica Seago  
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Margie Huss  
10:00 Jeff Miller, Rick Singer, Monica Harris, Dan Geimer, Ann Reifsteck

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers  
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata  
10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

### SERVERS:

5:00 McKenna McNabb, Alex Mechling, Volunteer  
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner  
10:00 Eve/Gabe McElhaney, Volunteer

### *Collection for Weekends of January 11/12, 2020*

Adult Envelopes- \$3,353.00  
Child Envelopes- \$42.30  
Loose- \$239.00  
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Total- \$3,792.30

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### **The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.**

We are \$6,727.14 ahead of our monthly budget.

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### **Diocesan Special Collections-**

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### **CANDLEMAS DAY - February 2**

Forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple, making an offering to the Lord. We celebrate this on February 2nd, also recalling the Holy Family's encounter with Simeon, who declares Jesus will be a "light to the nations." Thus comes the tradition of blessing and presenting candles on that day, Candlemas as it is known. Bring your candles to be blessed at Mass.

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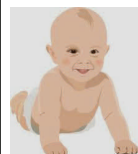
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past, present and future,



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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?