

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I
have commanded you."*

Matthew 28:19

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the sacrament that gives our souls
the new life of sanctifying grace by which we
become children of God and heirs of heaven.

WHAT SINS DOES BAPTISM TAKE AWAY?

Baptism takes away original sin and, if the
person to be baptized is beyond the age of
reason, all personal sins they have committed.

*"Do you not know that all we who
have been baptized into Christ
Jesus have been baptized into His
death? For we were buried with
Him by means of Baptism into
death, in order that, just as Christ
has arisen from the dead through
the glory of the Father, so we also
may walk in newness of life."*

Romans 6:3-4



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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, January 10

- Baptism of the Lord -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson (60th Wedding Anniversary)
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +
- 12:10 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, January 11

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, January 12

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. Bernard Hickert +
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, January 13

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
- 7:00 p.m. Don & Jean Johnson -
59th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, January 14

- 8:00 a.m. Amy Casabella

Friday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

Saturday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Marcel Welling +

Sunday, January 17

- 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. Larry Sanders +
- 12:10 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 11 - First Week in Ordinary Time -

Heb 1:1-6/ Mk 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys - Heb

2:5-12/ Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Heb 2:14-18/ Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 14 - Heb 3:7-14/ Mk 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 15 - Heb 4:1-5,11/ Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 16 - Heb 4:12-16/ Mk 2:13-17

Sun., Jan. 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 10, 2021

This weekend (*Jan. 9th/10th*), the Church celebrates the **Baptism of the Lord**. This celebration will end the Christmas season and bring us into **Ordinary Time**. There will, however, be a brief resurgence of **Christmas** on the **Feast of the Presentation** (*Feb. 2nd*), which marks the fortieth day after Christmas Day. Following the Law of Moses (*Leviticus 12:1-4*), the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph would have presented Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth (*Luke 2:21-38*).

Given how beautiful the church looks with our Christmas decorations, we will keep the Christmas trees in our sanctuary until this resurgence of Christmas joy on the **Feast of the Presentation** (*Feb. 2nd*). This not only allows us to enjoy the beauty of the church a bit longer, but is also a joyous reminder that we are called to keep the Incarnation of Jesus Christ alive in our hearts. The joy of the Incarnation is not meant to be isolated to only Christmas Day, *but is to be celebrated each and every day of our lives!* And how do we keep this celebration alive in our lives? Remembering the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: *"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."*

As we move into **Ordinary Time** this Monday, we are challenged by this concept of time. So often, we want to be in control of our time and to use it as we will. The season of **Ordinary Time**, however, serves to remind us that all time belongs to God. As the creator of the universe, all things, including time itself, belong to God. We ourselves are His! As we heard in our first reading, God has "formed us" and has given us a purpose (*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*). We are to use this time that God has given, every single moment of our lives, to imitate Him and show forth His love. This is why our time spent in worship is so important. Worship provides us with an opportunity to give thanks to God for all His gifts and to teach us how to love.

PLANNING IN THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

At our Parish Council meeting this past week, we have begun to brainstorm ways to celebrate this new Year of St. Joseph as proclaimed by Pope Francis. As we enter into **Ordinary Time**, we will offer our weekly Wednesday evening 7:00 PM Mass as a special Votive Mass of St. Joseph whenever possible. This will occur every time that there is a ferial day on the Church calendar. A ferial day is any day within Ordinary Time when there is no special feast or memorial to be celebrated, e.g. there is no specific Saint's feast day celebrated on that calendar day.

On ferial days, we have the option to celebrate a special votive Mass, or a Mass celebrated for a special purpose. While the daily readings will remain the same, our prayers spoken in the liturgy, specifically the Opening Prayer (Collect), the Prayer over the Offerings, and the Prayer after Communion, will make special mention of our parish patron, St. Joseph. The "special purpose" of such a votive Mass is to increase our devotion to St. Joseph. (*This is similar to our Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart celebrated on the First Friday of the month, meant to help increase our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*)

In addition to the votive Mass, we are also looking at other activities we can do as a parish. This includes the possibility of a weekly Novena to St. Joseph, a parish-wide consecration to St. Joseph, etc... More to come!

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Cincotta and Tom Courtney.



Everyone is invited to join Fr. David for the first Discussion Forum of the new year, Sunday, January 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, January 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Discussion Forum Topic- "Teaching Mass" will take place in the Church rather than the Parish Social Hall. This is not an actual Mass but a walk-through of the Mass. For your convenience, the Discussion Forum will be live-streamed on our Facebook page both Sunday and Wednesday.

Blood Drive- Sunday, January 17 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym.



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enter Zip Code (46714)
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ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

There will be a container in the narthex for old palms beginning next weekend, January 16/17.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Jan. 9 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 9 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 10 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 10 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Jan. 10 - January Discussion Forum - "Teaching Mass" - 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Church.
- Tues., Jan. 12 - St. Joseph Women's Group meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Jan. 13 - January Discussion Forum - "Teaching Mass" - 7:30-8:30 p.m. (following 7:00 Mass) in the Church.
- Sat., Jan. 16 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 16 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 - Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Sat., Jan. 23 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 23 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

RAFFLE- MARCH 9, 2021

Please pick up your envelope of raffle tickets from the table in the narthex and return both the ticket stubs and money by Sunday, March 7, 2021. Winners will be drawn at the St. Joseph Women's Group meeting on Tuesday, March 9th. Winners will be notified by phone that evening. (need not be present to win)!

The money raised will be used to refurbish our baptismal font.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. Joseph Women's Group will have their monthly meeting in the Parish Social Hall, Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Remember to bring your mask. We will be practicing social distancing as well.



St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

December Online Giving-

\$6,025.00

January 2/3

Adult Envelopes- \$4,683.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$188.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund-

\$2,069.69

Religious Ed. Fund- \$450.00

Christmas Offering- \$500.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of

God- \$168.00

Immaculate Conception- \$500.00

Christmas Flowers Offering-

\$500.00

CDs- \$9.00

Gym Rent- \$250.00

Funeral Memorial- \$250.00

Total- \$9,567.69

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,451.29 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

For the month of December we were

\$11,692.80 ahead of our monthly budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$637.50

December Online Giving-

St. Vincent de Paul- \$205.00

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

osvonlinegiving.com/4741

With God all things are possible! Luke 1:37

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Meyer, Mother of Susan (Brad) Poper who passed away Sunday, January 3, 2021



May God welcome Betty home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Ann Mock, wife of Charles Mock and sister of Dorothy Cuellar, who passed away Thursday,

November 26, 2020

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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