

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*This celebration “is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation” and to renew our “adoration of the new-born Prince of Peace as we pray, through the Queen of Peace,” for “the supreme gift of peace.”*

*Pope St. Paul VI, Marialis Cultus*

*“What the Catholic Faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 487*



*WE PRAY... O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

*The Roman Missal*

*In AD 432, the Council of Ephesus formalized the use of Mary’s title “Mother of God” or Theotokos, which means in Greek “the one who gives birth to God.”*

*Mary’s title “Mother of God” professes the Church’s faith in Jesus to be God the eternal Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Greg Mayer +

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,  
the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson

62nd Wedding Anniversary

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, January 2

No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 3

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

8:00 a.m. Tom Spencer +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, January 4

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

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

7:00 p.m. Ryder Jackson

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Alfonso E. Vachon +

Friday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Bob Butler +

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the  
Church - 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday - The  
Most Holy Name of Jesus - 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-  
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Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Set-  
ton, Religious - 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bish-  
op - 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday - St.  
Andrea Bessette, Religious - 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Mk 1:7-  
11

Saturday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday - St.  
Raymond of Penafort, Priest - 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn  
2:1-11

Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord -  
Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,

AND THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 1, 2023

*Please know of my profound gratitude for the many cards, gifts, and treats that were received over Christmas Day. Thank you!*

**Merry Christmas!** The Church *continues* her Christmas-celebrations this weekend (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>/Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>) as she celebrates the eighth and final day of the **Christmas Octave**. Our Christmas celebrations will continue in *Christmastide* with the celebrations of the **Epiphany of the Lord** next weekend and the **Baptism of the Lord** the following Monday. We will even see a brief Christmas-resurgence on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with the celebration of the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** or *Candlemas*.

While such drawn out celebrations of Christmas may seem a bit strange, especially as our secular culture often moves on from Christmas immediately after Christmas Day, these celebrations are truly of great importance. The joy of Christmas cannot be contained by a single day. As such, these celebrations have not only been held for centuries in the life of the Church, but also have a profound biblical grounding and should not be so easily forgotten or ignored.

Beginning on **Christmas Day**, the Church celebrates the **Christmas Octave** as eight days in which we visit the stable in Bethlehem and adore the divine Son of Mary. Each of these eight days is seen as a reflection of **Christmas Day** itself. The **Octave Day**, marking the eighth day of Christmas, recognizes the Jewish practices of the ritual purification of a mother following childbirth (*Leviticus 12:1-3*) and the naming and circumcision of a male child eight days after birth as a sign of Israel's Covenant with God (*Genesis 17:12*).

The **Octave Day of Christmas** has itself, throughout history, held several names reflecting these biblical truths in the life of our Lord and our Blessed Mother. Previously referred to as the *Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord* and the *Feast of the Naming of Jesus*, this day (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>) is once again known by the even more-ancient name: **The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. This name, in conformity with the ancient liturgy celebrated in Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in the mystery of salvation.

The name of this ancient feast itself arises from the teaching of the Church in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. The Council of Ephesus declared Mary as the "*Mother of God*" in A.D. 431, affirming that Jesus is one divine person with two natures — His mother's human nature and His Father's divine nature. Let us not be surprised, then, at the enthusiasm and profound respect by which the Church extols the Blessed Virgin. She has brought Him forth, the Infant-God; she adores Him, Him who she has the right to call her Child; and He, in turn, God as He is, calls her, in strictest truth, His Mother.

The following weekend will bring us to the **Feast of the Epiphany**, which is another continuation of the mystery of Christmas. This celebration is followed by the **Baptism of the Lord**, which ends the Christmas season on our modern liturgical calendar. There is, however, a brief Christmas-resurgence on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> as the **Presentation of the Lord** marks forty days since **Christmas Day**. It would be on this day when the Christ-child would be presented in the Temple in fulfillment of the Law of Moses (*Leviticus 12:4-8*).

## A NEW FRIEND FOR THE NEW YEAR

As you leave Church this weekend, you are invited to take the **name of a Saint** from the basket in the narthex. As we did last year, each slip contains the name and basic biographical information of a Saint. Throughout this coming year, I encourage you to seek out and get to know this older brother or sister in the Faith.

## THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Join Fr. Mike Schmitz in journeying through the Catechism with *Ascension Press* this New Year. We will be hosting monthly **Catechism Chat** sessions as a chance to discuss any questions / insights that might arise from this journey. Our first chat session is **Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 7:30 PM in the Social Hall**.



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.



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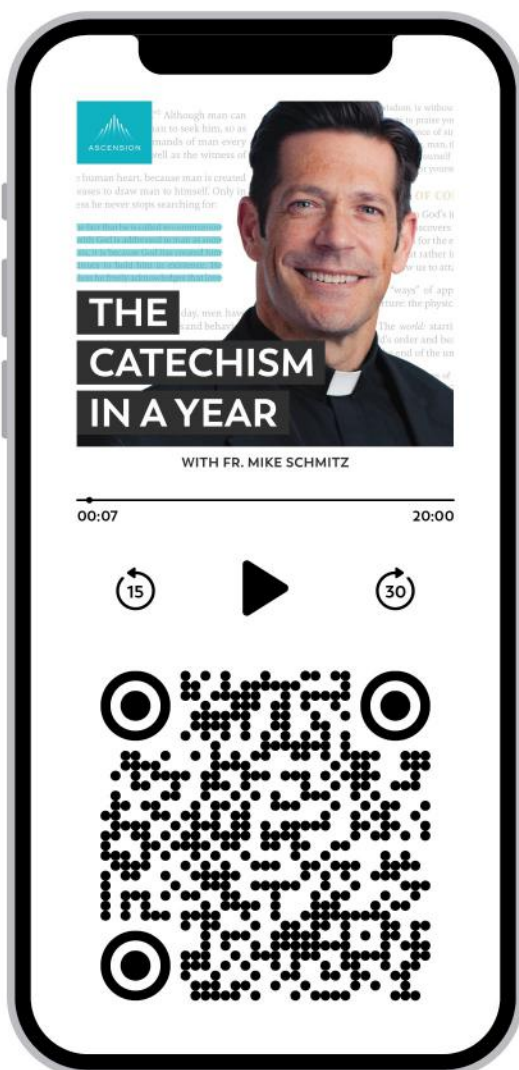
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 4 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

He Waits for You

**Praise and Worship Holy**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**, January 6, 2023  
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
"Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" -Jesus



*Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.*

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join our Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> for the Pro-Life Rosary beginning at 4:35 p.m. Everyone in the Parish is invited to participate. Please join us in praying for these unborn children, and for assistance and care for their mothers.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Dec. 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 1, 2023** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 1** - No Religious Ed. Classes (*Christmas Break*)
- **Tues., Jan. 3** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 3** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 4** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 4** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Jan. 5** - Catholicism Explained (*RCIA Program*) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Jan. 6** - **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m. (*Ad orientem*)
- **Sat., Jan. 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 7** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 8** - Religious Ed. Classes resume- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 9** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 10** - Adoration - 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 10** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 11** - Catholicism Explained (*RCIA Program*) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Jan. 18** - Catechism Chat Session - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall

### Weekend of January 7 and 8, 2023



**5:00** Mike Morrissey  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Dan Geimer



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Volunteers  
**10:00** Volunteers



**5:00** Knights of Columbus  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/James Mayer  
**10:00** Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews, Ellie Coyne

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of December 24/25

Adult Envelopes- \$3,835.00  
Loose- \$111.10  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$903.13  
Christmas Offering- \$2,265.00  
Votive Candles- \$59.96  
Hall Rent- \$100.00

**Total- \$7,274.19**

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

We are \$8,281.18 ahead of our budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$145.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!*

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### Knights of Columbus hosted Blood Drive



**Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
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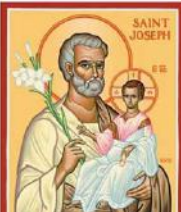
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