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ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Dec. 25 at 8:00 AM *People of St. Joseph & St. Mary*

Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6:00 PM *Sara T. Koenig*

Sunday, Jan. 1 at 8:00 AM *Marybell Felten*

Confessions:

St. Joseph – Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 pm
 Sunday: 7:30 am

St. Mary – Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:15 pm

St. Mary, Glasgow, Holy Mass Schedule: 25th – 1st

Saturday (Vigil): 5:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:15 AM
Thursday: 8:15 AM
Friday: 8:15 AM

PARISH COUNCILS:

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Beth Lammers, Chair

FINANCE COUNCIL
Father Duncan, Chair

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Roger Dorson, Chair

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

St. Joseph – Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Mary – Tue., Wed., Fri. 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Adoration

St. Joseph – First Tuesday-2:00 PM to 5:45 PM
St. Mary – First Friday after morning Mass

Holy Rosary:

St. Joseph – Mon. 6:30 PM; Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 AM
St. Mary – Saturdays 5:05 PM

Mission Statement – St. Joseph Catholic Church seeks to be an actively visible faith community that works to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our hospitality, education, sacraments, & service.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: If you know of anyone needing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, please let Father know. If it is an emergency, please call the office phone or send Father an email. If a family member is in a neighboring hospital (Columbia, etc.) and it is an emergency, please let your doctor or nurse know to contact a Priest – they have priests on-call every day of the week at the larger hospitals. If it is not an emergency but you'd like Father to visit in the hospital, please talk to him to arrange a time for a visit.

Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage: a preparation process is required before either of these Sacraments is celebrated. Please contact Father or Parish Secretary at least 6 months before a wedding is planned or as soon as the pregnancy is known so that proper arrangements may be made for the spiritual preparations.

Bishop McKnight's December prayer for our Diocese:
During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Don & Pat Thies	Ken & Susan Thies
Bonnie Agnew	Frank & Susan Thies
Rich & Jen Thies	Stacy Wilder
Marjorie Koenig	Michael Pendleton family
Linda Wallace	Eula Kempf
Jessica Gardiner	Jane Kaufman
Amy Shook	George Shook
Will Beaman/healing	Jim Murphy family
Richard Eiken family	Paul Beeler
Ann Schaefer	

For those suffering from war & violence
 All military personnel & their families
 Mildred Whiston (L. Thompson's mom)
 John Breneman, cancer (N. Anderson's brother)
 Emma & Dallas Wasson (B. Witte's parents)
 That all my children return to church
 Taylor Colvin (successful bone marrow transplant)

Seminarians for the 2022-2023 school year.

We currently have 7 seminarians studying for our Diocese. Please pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood so that the Sacraments & Holy Mass may continue in our parishes.

Christopher Hoffmann (Theology 3)
 Gregory Clever (Theology 2)
 Jacob Hartman (Theology 1)
 Bryce Smith (Pre-Theology)
 Shane Kliethermes (College 4)
 Gage Neisen (College 3)
 John Paul McGuire (College 2)

Birthdays

Joe Geist	Dec. 20 (90yrs)
Kelly Hustedde	Dec. 20
Ben Roberts	Dec. 26
Charlotte Wies	Dec. 26
Colton Wies	Dec. 26
Amy Nation	Dec. 26
Kathy Dorson	Dec. 28
Sheila Wallace	Dec. 28
Miller Hilderbrand	Dec. 30
Carolyn Polson	Dec. 30

St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

December 4	\$1,966.00
December 11	\$1,967.00
December 18	\$3,147.50
ACH Deposits Dec. 3	\$200.00
Total: month to date	\$7,280.50

Calendar of events

Confirmation classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8th.
 PSR will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

Tues. Jan. 10	10:00 am Bible study
Tues. Jan. 10	6:30 pm Bible study

Bulletin deadline: Deadline for the January 1st bulletin is Tuesday, December 27th.

A **Medjugorje Prayer Group** will meet on Tues. January 3rd at St. Peter and Paul Parish, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. For more information contact Sally Coats at 573-442-6287 or email at sallyc9@hotmail.com.

Each year, the parishes of our diocese are assessed a certain amount to support the mission of the local Church. In the Stewardship Model, we only have one assessment instead of multiple ones. It is for the support and benefit of future priests who will serve our diocese in the support of Seminarian Education and for our Infirm Priests who have served us. **This '22-'23 FY, our Christmas Assessment is \$1067.00.** **There is a special envelope for this collection in the Catholic Missourian, or you can use the envelope in your offertory envelope packet.** Whatever the special collection does not cover, we have to cover out of the regular operational budget. We greatly appreciate your generosity! You may put your donation in the specifically marked envelopes (make checks out to St. Joseph) and drop it in the collection basket or give it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

You're invited to join our adult **faith formation and fellowship group!** This group started out as a couples group but has been changed to include all adults that would like to gather together to cultivate fellowship, deepen faith, and strengthen relationships within our community. There will be a topic for each meeting, no prep work or books, just discussion, and games, along with refreshments. The group will have their first get-together on Thursday, January 12 in the church's old rectory area from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Please contact Amy Nation with questions.

Parish Stewardship – Ministries

December Eucharistic Ministers: Adrienne Thies

Sunday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day: **Lectors:** Beth & Harold Lammers; **Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Sally Coats; **Servers:** volunteers; **Music:** Sheila, Becky K., Elaine, Becky N.; **Hospitality Ministers:** volunteers; **Ushers:** Volunteers

January Eucharistic Minister: Joe Geist

Sunday, Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day: **Lectors:** Mary Hrdina, Frank Flaspohler; **Gift Bearers:** Tiano Mateu family; **Servers:** Ryder & Quincy Dorson; **Music:** Pam, Laura, Martha; **Hospitality Ministers:** Roger & Kathy D., Kelly & Clay Hustedde; **Ushers:** J. Ebbesmeyer, C. Flaspohler, L. Fuemmeler, G. Hrdina, B. Speilbauer, B. Sullivan.

Ministers taking Communion to shut ins: Week of Dec. 25 (Susan F.), week of Jan. 1 (Joe Geist)

Church cleaning: Dec. 25 to Dec. 31 (Susan Flaspohler), Jan. 1 to Jan. 7 (Sally Coats)

If you are unable to serve in your ministry at the scheduled time, please find a substitute or trade with someone on the schedule.

Please be respectful of those who would like to remain after Mass to pray and move towards the back of Church and talk in a low voice mindful we are in a sacred place. If you would like to stay after Mass to pray, please move to the front pews where it is quieter.

Adopt a Seminarian—There are seven young men from our Diocese in the Seminary. In the blue baskets at each entrance are cards with a Seminarian’s name, information, and address. As you take a card, please keep your Seminarian in your prayers. Send notes of encouragement, cards at birthday, at holidays or just to let him know you are praying for him.

Catholic Faith Formation - On behalf of St. Joseph and St. Mary, we would like to share with you two very exciting opportunities we have to learn about our faith and to grow in friendship with Christ. Either of these are a great way to begin the new year in 2023! See the attached information to learn more about *The Bible in a Year* podcast and *The Catechism in a Year* podcast both with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Both podcasts are free.

Registration for summer camps will open in mid-January - the website for information regarding the different camp options is <https://diojeffcity.org/youth-camps/>. Please let Amy Nation know if your child is interested in any of these camps by Dec. 31st, if possible. Also, if your child is interested in attending the **Steubenville Conference**, please let Amy Nation know as soon as possible. Registration is in February, and they will not be taking late registrations this year.

Answering Questions about Christmas - Are there really 12 days of Christmas? Was Jesus actually born in a stable? Why do we place presents under the tree?

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, students at Mary Immaculate Parish School and Helias Catholic High School shared their questions about this holy day. We are joined by Msgr. Robert Kurwicki who shares the history behind today's Christmas traditions. Go to <https://diojeffcity.org/podcast> or Monday morning memo at diojeffcity.org.

Msgr. Kurwicki is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Jefferson City as well as the Chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives and the pastor of St. Michael parish in Russellville.

Online giving is now available for St. Joseph parishioners. Go to our Website www.stjosephcath.org In the upper right-hand corner go to—support our parish.

DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, my parish is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to growing our faith by being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE THE NATIVITY CRÈCHE

Begin by reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-8.

God our Heavenly Father, from the moment of creation, you have never ceased showing your love for us. Even when we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death. Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary. Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of God-made-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE – 2023 PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY! In June of 2023, Father Duncan will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Missions in California. Pick up a flyer with all the details!

Details: Fly into San Diego, California and spend the next 8 days touring and traveling up the coast to see the beautiful Mission sites founded by Saint Junipero Serra. We will fly back from San Francisco. There is an optional 2-day extension to the pilgrimage to visit the last Mission along with several Catholic wineries in the Sonoma/Napa region. More details to come!

Date(s): June 20-27 or June 20-29 (with the optional extension added)

Cost: \$3,199 /person for a double room (flight included). +\$599 for the trip extension

Included: Flights, Breakfast/Supper, Daily Mass, Hotel, transportation, etc.

This Pilgrimage is not just limited to our Parish, but any Catholic who would enjoy this pilgrimage opportunity. There are flyers in the front and back of church with more details or contact Fr. Duncan to learn more.

Thank You to all who made a donation to the Christmas flowers. The Poinsettias were purchased from Glasgow schools FFA. Donations made in memory of or in honor of:

Mike Montgomery (**Lorann Montgomery, Bob Montgomery, Cindy Montgomery**), Jerry & Sally Coats (**Wanda Scott, Susan Jones**), Susan Thomas (**Tom Thomas, Herman Schulte, Willamae Schulte**), Carolyn Hustedde (**Bernice Bockting, Donny Linhart**), Gerald & Mary Hrdina (**Herman Twellman, Marcella Twellman, Jim Hrdina, Blanche Hrdina, Frank Hrdina**), Richard & Marjorie Koenig (**Peter Koenig, Viola Koenig, Larry Koenig, Sara T. Koenig**), Cris Roberts (**Jamie Roberts, Kenneth Roberts**). Peggy O'Connell, John & Nan Geha, George Shook, Charlie & Susan Flaspohler, Bill & Brittany Sullivan, Harold & Beth Lammers, John & Beth Witte, David & Sandy Kunze, Joe Geist.

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WISHES FOR A BLESSED NEW YEAR

On behalf of Father Duncan, and the parish staff, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Christmas Season! May God bless you and your family as we remember and celebrate the ultimate gift – the gift of our salvation!

