

Bishop McKnight's January prayer for our Diocese:
For foster parents and adopting parents, may they experience the support of the church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Stacy Wilder	Theresa Gregoire
Marjorie Koenig	Paul Beeler
Linda Wallace	Eula Kempf
Jessica Gardiner	Jane Kaufman
Amy Shook	George Shook
Will Beaman/healing	Ann Schaefer

All military personnel & their families
 Mildred Whiston (L. Thompson's mom)
 John Brenneman, cancer (N. Anderson's brother)
 Emma & Dallas Wasson (B. Witte's parents)
 Repose of the soul of Mike Shiflett and the Shiflett family
 Repose of the soul of Mary Schaffer (Mother of Bishop McKnight)
 Repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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

Amber Overfelt	Jan. 4
Jimmy Kurtz	Jan. 7
Clifford Innes	Jan. 9 (85 yrs)

Thank you to all who participated in the liturgy and music at our Christmas Masses. *Thank you* to all who worked decorating the church. It is beautiful.

Thank you to Lou & Chuck Thompson for the beautiful decorations at the back of church.

Giving Tree – Thank you so much for the gifts you sent. It means so much to know people love everyone. In Christian Love. Mary (The Lodge).

Thank you! You made my Christmas with all of your special gifts. Mary (Ashbury Heights).

St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

December 4	\$1,966.00
December 11	\$1,967.00
December 18	\$3,147.50
December 24	\$1,320.76
December 25	\$2,066.00
ACH Deposits Dec. 3	\$200.00
Total: month to date	\$10,766.76

Calendar of events

Sun. Jan. 8	Confirmation after Mass
Tues. Jan. 10	10:00 am Bible study
Tues. Jan. 10	6:30 pm Bible study
Wed. Jan. 11	PSR (meal at 6:00, class at 6:30)

Father will be attending the SEEK Conference in St. Louis January 2nd through the 6th.

Bulletin deadline: Deadline for the January 8th bulletin is Tuesday, January 3rd.

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 Priest 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. We have collected \$1108 as of 12-30-22 (103%).* We greatly appreciate your generosity! You may still 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

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.

Sunday, Jan. 8 – **Lectors:** Susan Thomas, Adrienne Thies; **Gift Bearers:** Bill & Adrienne Thies; **Servers:** Camryn & Cayle Ballew; **Music:** Pam, Frank, Gracie; **Hospitality Ministers:** Gerald & Mary H., Mardell W.; **Ushers:** S. Wies, L. Wies, R. Anderson, B. Dorson, J. Ebbesmeyer, C. Flaspohler.

Ministers taking Communion to shut ins: Week of Jan. 1 (Joe Geist), week of Jan. 8 (Beth Lammers)

Church cleaning: Jan. 1 to Jan. 7 (Sally Coats), Jan. 8 to Jan. 14 (Cris Roberts)

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

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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.

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.

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.

To keep up with what is going on in our Diocese, subscribe to **Monday Morning Memo**. Go to diojeffcity.org, go to Monday morning memo and register to begin receiving the memo on a weekly basis.

DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY JANUARY STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Good and gracious God, a new year of grace is upon us, giving us impressions of crisp beginnings new goals, a fresh sense of hope even in these uncertain times. Though we cling to our own expectations for the year ahead, we know you alone are the sovereign of our future, Lord of our lives, and the source of whatever good we may do. We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of the days and weeks you have entrusted to us. Teach us to be good stewards of our time ahead, that we go about our days keeping you at the center of our lives. We ask for a year of peace, a year that brings an end to turmoil, hatred, and polarization; and a year where we find a deeper joy that can only be found in you. We ask this through Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

The deadline for students who are currently in the 8th grade or above to apply to [Fr. Tolton Catholic High School](#) for the 2023-24 school year is almost here! We encourage you to fill out an application for your 8th grader as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2023. Please use this link to get started: toltoncatholic.org/apply Please select the "2023-24 9th-12th Grade" application. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sasser at lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.

[Helias Catholic High School](#) is now accepting new student applications for the 2023-24 school year. Helias is dedicated to building a community of saints and scholars for Christ. Here you will find a feeling of family; teachers who are dedicated and experienced in prioritizing academics; a strong sense of community, faith, and service; and a variety of activities to help students find a place they can feel at home. Please visit heliascatholic.com/admissions to learn more; or if you have any questions, please call or email the Admissions Office at 573-635-6139 or admissions@heliascatholic.com.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH END OF THE YEAR UPDATE

Thank you for coming to St. Joseph Parish – we are so glad to have you with us during these sacred Holy Days. Know that you are always welcome here. A sincere and tremendous thank you to all who have stepped up as we kicked off the Parish Catholic Stewardship Renewal. Your continued sacrificial giving of your time, talent and treasure are very much noticed and appreciated to help the mission of our Parish continue.

We've had some tremendous things happen this past year – it was a very busy time!

- To improve security in sensitive areas of the church electronic locks were purchased in January and installed between February and March.
- Three lights were installed on the exterior of the Hall in March.
- A three-phase project was started in March to stop water from flooding the basement and rotting the sill plate around the foundation. Foundation Recovery Systems installed a sump pump and drain around the perimeter of the basement to prevent any water from entering the basement through the wall or coming up through the basement floor. A commercial de-humidifier was also installed. On April 15, 2022 Hudson Guttering installed 6-inch guttering around the church and church hall with additional downspouts and leaf guards. In July the final phase was completed by David Alphin which included installing drainpipes from the gutter downspouts to drain to the road ditch and grade the surface to drain water away from the buildings into two yard drains going to the road ditch. The total cost was \$12,642.
- Early in September the Divine Mercy sign donated by the Harold & Beth Lammers was permanently installed in the yard in front of the church and hall.
- In September the black railings along the steps, the flagpole and the cross on the roof of the church received a new coat of paint. Two dusk to dawn LED lights were added to the top of the flag pole. And the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus donated three new flags for the flagpole.
- In September the two spotlights next to the stained glass rose window at the front entrance of the church were changed to LED lights that change colors to match the color of the liturgical seasons of the church.
- In September Chuck and Lou Thompson designed, built and installed planter boxes around the downspouts at the alley to protect the downspouts as well as beautify the entrance into the church side chapel. They have continued to maintain the plants in the planter boxes.
- In November the Sacred Heart Statue was moved further out into the yard to make it more prominent and visible as well as to allow for better access to the church annex windows in case of emergency. At the same time Vintage Hill Nursery designed and installed landscaping around the statue and Magnolia tree. The cost for that was \$1022 which will be paid for by an anonymous donation.

Please know that your sacrificial stewardship gifts of your time, talent, and treasure are sincerely appreciated by all in the parish. In the hidden and ordinary ways of our lives is where extraordinary opportunities for holiness is found! May God bless you all this Christmas Season. Here's to a blessed New Year in 2023!