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St. Joseph – Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Mary – Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 10th 8:00 AM *People of St. Joseph & St. Mary*

Tuesday, December 12th *No Mass (Fr. at Penance Service in Salisbury)*

Sunday, December 17th 8:00 PM *Clifford Innes*

Confessions:

St. Joseph – Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 PM
 Sunday: 7:30 AM

St. Mary – Saturday: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

St. Mary, Glasgow, Holy Mass Schedule:

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

Adoration:

St. Joseph – First Tuesday-2:00 PM to 5:45 PM
St. Mary – First Friday after AM Mass to 11 PM

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 is: "For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marjorie Koenig	Suzanne Cook
Linda Wallace	Eula Kempf
Jane Kaufman	Amy Shook (cancer)
Tom Boss	Jim Ferguson
Chris Basnett	Don & Pat Thies
Tracey & Dave Zider & family	Steven John (cancer)
Yolanda Vandecnocke	Helen Heidbrink
Jim Murphy family	Mike Vroman
Nancy Colvin	Mark Monnig
Carolyn Polson	Wilma Liley

Poor souls in purgatory
 Repose of the Soul of Mildred Whiston (L. Thompson's mom)
 All those suffering from abuse and addictions

Seminarians for the 2023-2024 school year

We currently have 10 seminarians studying in our Diocese. Please pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood so that the Sacraments & Holy Mass may continue in our parishes.

Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffman	
Gregory Clever	
Jacob Hartman	Gage Neisen
Shane Kliethermes	John Paul McGuire
Bryce Smith	David Cahill
Gabriel Eckstein	Luke Dalton

Birthdays

Jerry Niemeier	Dec. 10
Doug Ginter	Dec. 12
Donnie Barnhill	Dec. 13
Beverly Markland	Dec. 13
Katie Flaspohler	Dec. 15

Anniversary

Jerry & Sally Coats	Dec. 17 (57 yrs.)
Mike & Paula Thies	Dec. 17 (29 yrs.)

All volunteers in the church, whether they have contact with minor children or not, must take a **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** workshop in person or online. All adult volunteers in our parish who serve in a ministry (sacristan, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, etc.), volunteer at dinners, working at a fundraiser, etc. must comply. To complete the Protecting God's Children class, go online to www.virtusonline.org. Contact Beverly with questions or help with the online registration.

Bulletin deadline for information in the December 17th bulletin is Tuesday, December 12th.

St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

December 2023

December 3	\$2,456.00
December 10	
December 17	
December 24	
December 31	

ACH Deposits TBD

Offertory for Operations – Month-to-Date: \$2,456.00

Calendar of events

Today	PSR after Mass
Today	5:00 pm Children's program & carry in dinner.
Wed. Dec. 13	6:30 pm Penance Service – St. Mary
Sun. Dec. 17	PSR meets after Mass
Wed, Dec. 20	6:30 pm Penance Service - St. Joseph

Children's Christmas Program and carry in dinner

is TODAY. The evening begins with the children's program at 5:00 pm in our parish hall. Dinner will follow the program. Meat, drinks, and table service are provided. If your last name begins with A-M bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, hot or cold). If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. We are expecting a visit from Santa during the evening.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

-Tues., December 12th – St. Joseph, Salisbury @ 6:30 P
 -Wed., December 13th – St. Mary, Glasgow @ 6:30 PM
 -Wed., December 20th – St. Joseph, Fayette @ 6:30P
 -Thurs., December 21st – St. Peter, Marshall @ 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE – Christmas falls on a Monday this year. *Since both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas are days of obligation to attend Mass, please plan accordingly.* The Mass schedule is:

4th Sunday - Advent

- Sat. 23rd 5:30 pm – St. Mary's, Glasgow
- Sun. 24th 8:00 am – St. Joseph, Fayette
- Sun. 24th 10:00 am – St. Mary's, Glasgow

Christmas Masses

- Sun. 24th 5:00 pm – St. Mary's, Glasgow
(SMS Children's choir)
- Mon. 25th 12:00 am – St. Mary's, Glasgow
(Midnight Mass)
- Mon. 25th 8:00 am – St. Joseph, Fayette
- Mon. 25th 10:00 am – St. Mary's, Glasgow

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

Parish Stewardship – Liturgical Ministries

December Eucharistic Minister: Beth Lammers

Sunday, December 10th – **Lectors:** Traci Ballew, Susan Thomas; **Gift Bearers:** Kirby Asher family;
Servers: Camryn & Cayle Ballew; **Music:** Pam, Laura; **Sacristan:** Mary Hrdina; **Hospitality:** G. Shook, C. Roberts
Ushers: T. Crowley, C. Flaspohler, L. Fuemmeler, G. Hrdina, B. Spielbauer, S. Wies

Sunday, December 17th – **Lectors:** Roger Dorson, Beau Dorson; **Gift Bearers:** Casey Ballew family;
Servers: Abigail Crowley, Anne Crowley; **Music:** Pam, Laura; **Sacristan:** Adrienne Thies; **Hospitality:** John & Beth W.;
Ushers: B. Dorson, R. Anderson, C. Ballew, R. Dorson, J. Ebbesmeyer, B. Sullivan

Ministers taking Communion to shut ins: Week of Dec. 10 (Beth Lammers), Week of Dec. 17 (Adrienne)

Church cleaning: Dec. 10 to Dec. 16 (Karen Ebbesmeyer), Dec. 17 to Dec. 23 (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.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends, and those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely, or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Christmas Flowers – When making a donation toward the purchase of Christmas flowers, you may make that donation in honor of or in memory of someone, just indicate the person(s) name on your envelope. The poinsettias are purchased through Glasgow FFA & Costco.

The Giving Tree is located in the side chapel. We have adopted residents from The Lodge and Ashbury Heights. Tags on the tree have suggested gift items for each resident. There are just a few more tags on the tree. Gifts for Ashbury Heights need to be at the church before Friday the 15th. Gifts for The Lodge need to be at church by Sunday the 22nd. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the package. If you take a tag and find that you cannot do the shopping or you lose the tag, please contact Traci Ballew (573-808-3687)

Advent: Building up the Domestic Church // Activity = Build a Manger with your kids!

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive the infant Christ on Christmas Day. This is a visual representation for children of how this preparation takes place at every moment of the day, not just at Mass or in times of prayer. Have your child construct a manger out of construction paper or a tissue box. If you don't have a baby doll that will fit in their manger, have them color or draw a picture of baby Jesus. Hide the baby Jesus and promise to give him to your child on Christmas. Throughout Advent, whenever your child performs a good act, he or she may put a piece of straw (real straw or strips of yellow construction paper) in the manger (or maybe multiple pieces of straw if they are exceptionally good!). You can decide what merits this. Some examples are: doing chores without being asked, taking the initiative to apologize to siblings after a fight, or being obedient to what you ask of them without complaining. On Christmas morning (or perhaps after Christmas Mass), gift the aforementioned baby Jesus to your child to place in the manger and thank them for working hard to give him a soft bed! The manger represents the heart, and the pieces of straw represent virtues or good actions. The goal is to have a manger full of straw by Christmas morning so that baby Jesus has a comfortable place to lay his head, for this manger represents a heart that has worked to prepare itself to welcome him.

INCLEMENT WEATHER As we come up on our Winter weather season, please exercise prudent judgment whenever we have poor weather conditions. We would rather you be safe and exercise caution in treacherous conditions than risk your safety. As a general principle, "if it's too treacherous to go to Mass that day, it's too treacherous to venture out anywhere for that day" (and your Sunday obligation to attend Mass would then be transferred to the next available opportunity to come to Mass).

Adopt a Seminarian—There are ten 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 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL (CSR) - *We have passed out 81 Stewardship Packets (# of known active registered households in our parish); 3 have not been picked up; and 36 have been returned.* If you have not turned in your Stewardship forms for time and talent and tithing, please do so as soon as possible. There are boxes at each entrance for your completed forms. We will copy the time and talent form and the tithing form for you so that you have a record of what you have written (your copy is in the box at the front door of church). Thank you for your prayerful commitment to our parish family!

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

+3RD STREET / IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

Some concerned parents have brought the speeding issue in front of school to the attention of city officials. We & the police will be monitoring this more closely and we will also be keeping the street blocked off until after Afterschool Care has closed for the day, typically around 5:30 PM. The city has now made the intersection a 4 way stop. Please pay attention to these changes and slow down when passing in front of the school and church. Thank you.

+ STEWARDSHIP FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Using the season of Advent to get reconnected to the faith is a great step towards practicing Stewardship. Invite a friend or family to join you at Mass this Sunday and then take them to the youth breakfast. Send a Christmas Card wishing a friend or relative joy and invite them to one of the Christmas Masses. Go out of your way to greet someone at Mass this weekend that you typically wouldn't speak to. What can we do to spread joy and kindness to others?

+ SMS PRINCIPAL JOB OPENING – '24-'25

St. Mary Catholic School in Glasgow, MO is currently accepting applications for a principal for the 2024-2025 school year. We are a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Jefferson City, serving Preschool through 8th grade, with a current enrollment of approximately 113 children. This position will involve day-to-day interactions with teachers, parents, and students in an ongoing effort to provide our community with a strong Catholic faith and a healthy and challenging academic environment. The principal reports directly to the pastor and should lead an exemplary Catholic life in addition to continuing educational and professional growth. Interested parties should contact Fr. Joshua Duncan, Pastor, at jduncan@diojeffcity.org for a complete job description & information on how to apply.

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<p>Fayette License Fee Office 106 E. Davis, Fayette 660-248-1107 M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm Last Sat. of month 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	 <p>GEHA Realty, LLC JOHN GEHA 573-424-3300 john@johngeha.com www.geharealty.com</p>	 <p>THE RHODES ADVANTAGE BOOKS & TAX SERVICE</p> <p>106 East Davis Fayette, MO 65248 111 Market Street Glasgow, MO 65254</p> <p><i>Friendliest, professional and economical service in the county</i></p> <p>Phone: (660) 248-2696 Phone: (660) 248-1700 Phone: (660) 338-5111 Fax: (660) 248-2499 E-Mail: jhutch8@gmail.com asburyhcopa@yahoo.com</p> <p>Jocelyn Hutchinson-Owner Lisa G. Asbury-Owner Mark Jarboe-Preparer Sharon Himmelberg-Office Manager</p> <p>"Where you're more than a customer to us you're part of our family"</p>	
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