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**ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM**

*Pam Flaspohler*

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM**

*Bob & Alpha Lang*

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**

*People of St. Joseph & St. Mary*

**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:**

Saturday (vigil): 5:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 8:00 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., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 AM

St. Joseph – Sunday morning at 7:40 AM, before Mass

St. Mary – Saturdays 5:05 PM

**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 – Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 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.

## St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

Bishop McKnight's **December prayer intention** for our Diocese. For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Marjorie Koenig*	Mike Vroman
Linda Wallace*	Eula Kempf*
Amy Shook (cancer)	Mary Jarboe
Tom Boss	Kevin Strodman
Ken & Susan Thies	Oscar Flores (healing)
Steven John (cancer)	Richard Eiken family
Jim Murphy family	Wilma Liley
Steven Thies	Mark Monnig
Carolyn Polson*	Dottie Gerlt (healing)
Chuck Thompson*(healing)	
Dallas & Erma Wasson (B. Witte parents)	
Happy Anniversary Bill & Mardell Wies – Dec. 4 (48 yrs)	

### **Pray for our Seminarians –2024-2025 school year**

We currently have ten 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. Gregory Clever	Jacob Hartman
Shane Kliethermes	Gage Neisen
Bryce Smith	Gabriel Eckstein
John Paul McGuire	David Cahill
Luke Dalton	Samuel Cramer

### **PENANCE SERVICES**

Thursday, December 5: Marshall (6pm)  
Tuesday, December 17: Salisbury (6:30pm)  
Wednesday, December 18: St. Joseph (6:30pm)  
Thursday, December 19: St. Mary (6:30pm)  
Sunday, December 22: Boonville (2:00pm)

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm – St. Mary, Glasgow  
(SMS Children's choir)
- Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – St. Joseph, Fayette
- Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 am – St. Mary, Glasgow  
(Midnight Mass)
- Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – St. Mary, Glasgow

**CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** – Anyone that is interested in joining the choir for Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Kelli Asher. [kellie.asher56@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.asher56@gmail.com) or 660-734-5440. **MEN** – Kellie would appreciate some male voices in the choir.

**GIVING ENVELOPES**- We have changed our envelopes to a box that holds the entire year of envelopes instead of receiving envelopes in the mail every two months. Those of you that give online will receive a box with only the special giving envelopes. We hope to have the 2025 box envelopes by the 15<sup>th</sup> for you to pick up.

November 3, 2024	2,902.26
November 10, 2024	1,476.00
November 17, 2024	1,990.61
November 24, 2024	1,740.00

(below – accrued totals for the month)

<u>ACH Deposits / Other</u>	<u>\$ 2,452.82</u>
Total for month	\$10,561.69

<b>Weekly Goal / Nov. 2024</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>(*24-25 Budget Goal) / Nov.</b>	<b>\$12,400.00</b>

*Offertory Goal YTD* \$ 68,200.00

*Offertory YTD Actuals* \$ 54,666.72

*Surplus/(Shortage) YTD* \$ (13,533.28)

### **Calendar of events**

<b>Today</b>	<b>PSR meets after Mass</b>
Tues. Dec. 3	10:00 am Bible Study
Tues. Dec. 3	2:00 pm Adoration
Tues. Dec. 3	6:30 pm Pastoral Council
Wed. Dec. 4	6:00 pm Bible Study
Sat. Dec. 7	10:00 am Ordination/Jeff City
Sun. Dec. 8	Breakfast at Glasgow K/C hall Steubenville fundraiser
Sun. Dec. 8	6:00 pm Christmas program and carry in supper
Mon. Dec. 9	8:00 am – Holy Day Mass at St. Mary

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm.** Benediction and Mass will follow. We would like at least two people to be in the church at all times with the Blessed Sacrament. There are sign up sheets at each entrance of church. Times are broken down in hour increments, but please know that you may come and spend any time with the Blessed Sacrament.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**- St. Joseph's Children's Christmas program is on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A carry in dinner will follow the program. Meat, drinks, & dinner service are provided. Please follow these last name guidelines to bring a dish. A-M bring a side – vegetable or salad. N-Z bring a dessert. We are expecting a visit from Santa!!!!

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** – Parents, if your children will participate in the nativity play, contact Amy as soon as possible. Practice will be after Mass the next three Sundays, and children must be at practice to participate.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE**

**CONCEPTION** – MON., DEC. 9, 2024. This is a Holy day of obligation. HOWEVER, our Bishop has dispensed us from the Obligation to attend Mass on this Holy Day this year. We will still have Mass, as the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness for our Country. Mass Time that day: 8:00 am – St. Mary's, Glasgow.

## Parish Stewardship – Liturgical Ministries

**December Eucharistic Ministers:** Frank W. Flaspohler, Steve Wies, Susan Thomas

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Lectors:** Frank K. Flaspohler, Frank W. Flaspohler; **Gift Bearers:** Tim Crowley family; **Servers:** Anne & Finley; **Music:** Carrie & Laura; **Sacristan:** Roger Dorson; **Greeters:** Ron & Nancy A.; **Ushers:** Roger D., Quincy D., Gerald H., Jerry E., Larry F., Charlie F.

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – **Lectors:** Jennifer & Brian Spielbauer; **Gift Bearers:** Clinton Wies family; **Servers:** Quincy & Ryder Dorson; **Music:** Sheila, Becky K., Elaine, Becky N.; **Sacristan:** Adrienne T.; **Greeters:** Jerry & Karen E.; **Ushers:** Ron A., Casey B., Tim C., Steve W., Bill S., Austin S.

**Ministers taking Communion to shut ins:** Week of Dec. 1 (Adrienne), Week of Dec. 8 (Susan)

**Church cleaning:** Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 (Cris Roberts), Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 (Kaylynn Hilderbrand)

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### ADVENT 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

**ADVENT RESOURCES** – There are several books for you at the front and back of church. *Rejoice* – An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture. *One Bread, One Body* daily meditations for Advent-Christmas, **33 Days to Eucharistic GLORY** a Eucharistic Consecration guide, and *Living JOY* 9 rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day.

**VOCATIONS -ORDINATION** - Please join us for the ordination of ONE of our seminarians! Deacon Gregory Clever will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood. His ordination will take place during the morning Mass on **Sat., December 7, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral in Jefferson City, Missouri.** Please come and celebrate this great gift to our local Church.

**STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER:** The parish youth who will be attending the Steubenville Conference next July will be holding a fundraiser breakfast on **Sunday, December 8th, 8am-12pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.** Biscuits and gravy, link sausage, pancakes and scrambled eggs will be served for a free will donation.

**THE GIVING TREE** is up and 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. Please take a tag or more as you and your family are comfortable shopping for. Items on the tags are suggestions and likes for the resident, you don't have to buy everything on the tag. 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). If shopping is a challenge for you or time restrictions make it impossible, but you would still like to support the Giving Tree, please make a donation to the CARE Fund, using the envelopes provided at the tree, and our shoppers will shop for you. Gifts need to be at the church by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that supported the Pro-Life projects in October and all that supported the shoebox project for Operation Christmas Child. The Confirmation class put together 38 shoeboxes. Because of your generosity, the **CARE** fund was able to pay for the shipping for the shoebox project.

Items for the December 8<sup>th</sup> bulletin need to be turned in by Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## ROSARY IN A YEAR - PODCAST

Ascension Press is releasing Rosary in a Year podcast, in January with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames. The podcast will help you to form a daily habit of prayer, teach you how to pray/meditate, the roots of the rosary, and much more! Sign up for more information: [bit.ly/RosaryYear](http://bit.ly/RosaryYear)



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## ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

+ **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Christmas Program is Sunday December 8 at **4:00pm** at St. Mary's Church. This performance is part of their music grade and is a requirement. The students have been working SO hard on their performance and I know they will be so proud to show you their accomplishments!

+ **Dress Down Days** - Students who sold appx. 10 or more raffle tickets will receive a dress down day on December 2. *They will receive a blue ticket to turn in that day.*

- Students will receive a dress down day on December 9 for CSR packets being returned by November 10. *They will receive a green ticket.*

- Students whose parents attended the presentation with Alan Lammers will receive a dress down day on January 6. *They will have a beige ticket to turn in.*

+ **BOOK GIVEAWAY** - *The Gift of Failure*, by Jessica Lahey, is a great follow up to Alan Lammers presentation. This book highlights allowing our children to face challenges and how to handle failures and disappointments in life. I highly recommend this quick read. Please let the school office know if you would like a copy!

+ **Holy Mass** - Mass will be Wed., Dec. 4, with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as ministers, and Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders as ministers. Adoration will follow Mass and close with Benediction at 2:00p. *We love to have parents, grandparents, and parishioners join us for student Mass and help to model the faith for our students.*

## ADVENT – FOCUS ON FAMILY AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

This Advent is a great time to focus on our families – as the holiday (Holy Days!) times are great opportunities for most families to get together. This year for our Advent book program, we have several choices to help build up your family life. “The family, is so to speak, the domestic church.” (Lumen Gentium #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. Pick up a copy of any of the books available that may help you and your family! Or see our new bulletin inserts from Ascension Press!

<p><b>Fayette License Fee Office</b> 106 E. Davis, Fayette 660-248-1107 M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>GEHA REALTY</b> JOHN GEHA 573-424-3300 john@johngeha.com    www.geharealty.com</p>	<p><b>The Rhodes Advantage Books &amp; Tax Service</b> Lisa Asbury – Owner 106 East Davis St., Fayette, MO 65248 660-248-1700 /660-248-2696 asburyhocopa@yahoo.com</p>		
	<p>2531 Main Street Boonville, MO 660-882-2055 Open Daily 6am – 2pm All you can eat: Breakfast Bar – Saturdays Lunch Buffet – Sundays Come join us!</p>	<p><b>SPONSOR A SPACE IN OUR BULLETIN!</b> Support St. Joseph Parish! Contact the Parish Office 660-248-2439</p>		<p><b>FRINK ELECTRIC</b> 573-489-8384 FRINKELECTRIC@GMAIL.COM 20+ YEARS EXPERIENCE!</p>



# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

## THREE SIMPLE ADVENT ESSENTIALS

### How do I make room for Christ this Advent?

It can be easy for us to rush into the joy and excitement of Christmas without truly living the Advent season. Here, Dr. Edward Sri offers three simple and essential ideas for Advent.

#### 1. Penance

Advent, like Lent, is a penitential season. It's an opportunity to make space for the great gift of Christ by fasting and making small sacrifices. Of course, Advent fasting and sacrifice might look a bit different from our Lenten practices, but whenever we make sacrifices with love, we learn to be detached from the things of this world so that we can be more united with Christ.

#### 2. Devotions

Spend more time with Jesus in prayer, in Scripture, and in the sacraments. Advent offers us a special opportunity to deepen our relationship with our Savior and enkindle the love in our hearts for him. Strive to go the extra mile in your relationship with Jesus. Stop by the Adoration chapel, attend daily Mass, spend more time with Scripture, pray a decade of a Rosary before a meal, read a spiritual book, or simply be more intentional about meeting Jesus in the present moment.

#### 3. Confession

Make sure you go to confession this Advent. Set a date to go as you navigate the hustle and bustle, and consider that there may be special opportunities for confession at your parish during this season beyond the times normally scheduled. Through confession, we are freed of the sins and shame that weigh us down so that we can peacefully and joyfully welcome Jesus into our lives.

## Tip of the Week

Make a realistic and actionable plan to participate in Dr. Sri's Advent essentials listed above. Plan when and how you will do what he recommends. This chart can help.

*Make Advent your time to get ready for Christ; shopping comes later.*

Week	What we plan to do to prepare our hearts:	What happened and how our hearts were moved:
1		
2		
3		
4		

## Ponder and Pray

- What are you excited about as we begin the season of Advent with Christmas in sight? What is perhaps weighing you down right now?
- What are your Advent traditions? How do you plan on making room for Christ this year?

## Dive Deeper

For more on Advent essentials, scan this code or go to

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/3-simple-advent-essentials/>.



Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, well-known Catholic speaker, and author of *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. He also hosts the Ascension podcast *All Things Catholic with Dr. Edward Sri*, from which this reflection was adapted.