



Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Confession: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 am. & 10:00 a.m. or
by appointment.

Office Hours- Monday, Wednesday
and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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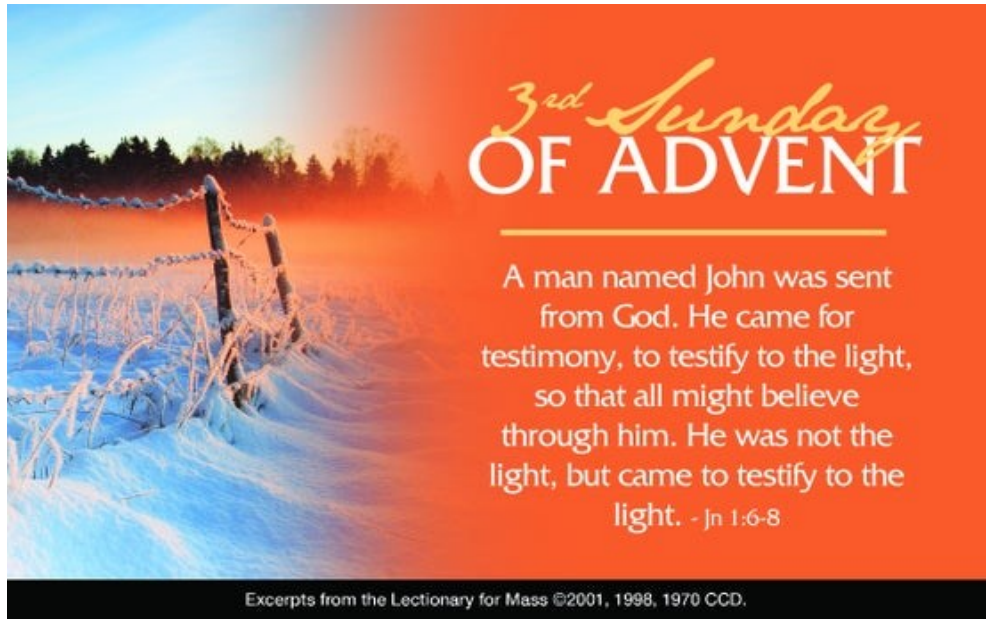
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3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

December Intentions:

Bishop McKnight's: For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.

PRAYER FOR A COMMUNION OF DESIRE

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Marriage: Contact Deacon Robert Leake or Deacon Luke Mahsman at least six months in advance to schedule a wedding.

Baptism: If you are expecting or need information about Baptism, please contact Deacon Robert Leake or Deacon Luke Mahsman for a meeting.

MISSION

St. Joseph Catholic Church is a faith community, guided by the scriptures and traditions of the church, whose mission is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through celebration of the liturgy, sacraments, prayer, faith fellowship, and service to others.

Abiding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations:

The use of face masks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the procession, and upon leaving the church is required. If you choose to sing with the choir, your mask should also be worn during that time. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pew, then the wearing of face masks is obligatory even in the pew. For more resources, visit <https://diojeffcity.org/public-health/>.

The St. Joseph Catholic Church COVID response policy:

- *Everyone must wear a mask to enter/ exit the church or parish hall. (There is no entry to parish property buildings without a mask.)
- *Everyone must wear a mask to receive communion.
- * Once the faithful are inside and at their seat and are able to socially distance, they may remove their mask.
- *Please wash and or sanitize your hands often.



Mass Intentions & Mass Schedules

Saturday, December 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Robert Scannell+

Sunday, December 13th @ 7:30 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 13th @ 10:30 a.m.

Bob & Lois Whiston+

Tuesday, December 15th @ 6 p.m.

Frank Joseph Shear+

Wednesday, December 16th @ 6 p.m.

Nancy Thomanson+

Thursday, December 17th @ 8 a.m.

Bonnie Slates+

Friday, December 18th @ 8 a.m.

Beverly Buntent+

Saturday, December 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

Lawrence & Mary Schroeder+

Sunday, December 20th @ 7:30 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 20th @ 10:30 a.m.

Robert (Bob) Powell+

Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for our parishioners and our extended family and friends:

Jeanette Rupp, Donna Rupp, Michelle White, Joe Rothweiler, Don Krekemeyer, Zac Abell, Richard Krekemeyer, Ferd Dames, Alma Schwartz, John Ragar, Dee Gottman, Linda Steffen, Grant Hess, Linda Corey, David Miles, Meridith Illa, Pat Foster, John Johnsen, Cindy Gervais, Kathy Tierney, Sara Morthland and Bob Wolfmeyer.

Please pray for our church members who are currently in nursing homes or homebound:

Virginia Buckman, Elizabeth Roth, Janet Schwartz, Janet Barnes, Gloria Baggett, Mary Kempf, Arlene Veit, Gerry Foust, Mary Ann Miller, Elizabeth King and Phyllis Kroeger.

Please pray for those that have lost loved ones due to Covid19 and those that are in quarantine or have the Covid virus. Pray for their family members and extended families.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

Birthdays

December 13th Rebeka Hawkins

December 16th Sydney Hudson

December 17th Tina Baxter

Deacon Luke Mahsman

December 18th Kara Dames, Olivia Pruett

Parish Finances for December 7th

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| Loose Cash | \$191.00 |
| Weekly Envelopes | \$3,343.00 |
| Building Fund | \$50.00 |
| 5th Sunday Collection | \$56.00 |
| Spanish Mass | \$18.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$85.00 |
| Seminarian Education | \$20.00 |
| Total | \$3,763.00 |

CSA Stewardship Appeal updates

Date: 12-7-2020

Parish: St. Joseph, Palmyra

Parish Goal: \$15,500.00

Pledges: \$13,168.02

Cash Received: \$10,128.85



Ministries @ St. Joseph

5:30 p.m. Mass

Ushers & Greeters for December

David Bradley & Steve Conoyer

Lectors:

December 12th Knights of Columbus

December 19th Elizabeth Bradley

December 26th Ella Goldinger

Servers:

December 12th Knights of Columbus

December 19th Mahsman's

December 26th Krekemeyer's, R. Barnes

7:30 a.m. Mass

Ushers & Greeters for December

Rich & Susie Wolfmeyer

Lectors:

December 13th Altar Society

December 20th Trish Frey

December 27th Roth McElvain

Servers:

December 13th Mahsman's, D. Dames

December 20th M. Jones, T. Jones, D. Dames

December 27th Mahsman's

10:30 a.m. Mass

Ushers & Greeters for December

Tom Dodd & Randy & JT Dodd

Lectors:

December 13th Kevin DeHaan

December 20th Linda Hoehne

December 27th Ellen Goodwin

Servers:

December 13th W. Jones, W. Summers,

December 20th W. Jones, A. Illa

December 27th W. Jones & Coggeshalls

St. Joseph is currently looking for parishioners in helping with several ministries. All are welcome to help: Adults, widowed, single, married, families, teens, etc. Please contact Father Matthew Flatley, Deacon Luke, Deacon Bob or Cathy Fohey if interested.

Livestreaming Mass (running new equipment provided by St. Joseph)

Hospitality (Ushers, Greeters for Mass and special events that take place at St. Joseph)

Vocations Advocate (be an advocate for our parish and help with events)

Hispanic Advocate (attend Spanish Mass and work with local Hispanic families)

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St. Joseph website
stjoseph.diojeffcity.org



Contact the office if
you want to receive
parish news and
updates.

St. Joseph News



Holy Hour at St. Joseph will be held on Saturday,, December 19th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us for Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction. Join us for an evening soaking up God's many wonderful blessings you have received and prepare your heart for Christmas.

Memorials for Christmas flowers and decorations:

Monetary donations are now being accepted for Christmas flowers and decorations. Please place money in an envelope and list who you would like to memorialize on the outside of the envelopes. Donations will be accepted until December 20th.



St. Joseph has adopted 4 families for the Adopt-a-child program in Palmyra. The giving tree is located in the back of church near the confessional . Please take a tag off the tree and return your present with the tag on it no later than **December 16th**. All gifts will be distributed to families on Tuesday, December 22nd. Please contact Cathy Fohey or Pam Hess if you have any questions.



Save the date: Decorating for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 20th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Dear fellow parishioner, Holiday celebrations feel familiar and can lull us into a sense of security that encourages us to relax our COVID-19 precautions. To help us remain vigilant your Parish Council have adopted these precautions for all Masses

St. Joseph-Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

The Children's Mass will not be held this year. Mass times will be 3p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Livestreaming will take place at 3 p.m. Mass.

Christmas Eve in Palmyra guidelines and information.

Ushers will be seating parishioners and their families together during masses, please have families arrive together for our parish to maintain social distancing in pews.

Masks are mandatory on arriving and leaving the church and during communion. If the church is crowded, you may be asked to keep your mask on during Mass. Once the church is at capacity, ushers will seat families in Farischoon hall for live-streaming of mass and communion will be distributed in the hall for parishioners. Bishop McKnight has extended the dispensation of our obligation to attend Mass in person.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th @ 9 a.m.

No overflow in hall, no live-streaming Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st @ 6 p.m.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st @ 9 a.m

No overflow in hall, no live-streaming Mass

***Ushers, Greeters, Lectors and Servers are needed for Christmas Eve & Day and for New Year's Eve & Day Masses. Contact Cathy Fohey today if you are available to help!**

Parish Nurse for St. Joseph & Holy Family

A Message from Our New Parish Nurse:

Hello! It is with much joy and anticipation that I begin this parish nursing role for Holy Family and St. Joseph parishes beginning the first of January. Parish nursing has been around for several decades and is a part of many parishes in our diocese. This program functions with the belief that parish communities are called to serve one another by providing access to a health ministry.

Parish nursing does not replace existing services, but rather provides supplemental care and support. Our current plan includes supportive and informative home visits, visits to the hospital and nursing homes (once restrictions are lifted,) and parish-wide activities such as blood pressure screenings and educational presentation. In all areas of parish nursing, the spiritual ministry will hold the highest priority.

As a lifelong member of Holy Family and an RN for the past 39 years, I look forward to the opportunity to combine my love of Christ with my healthcare experience to serve our Holy Family and St. Joseph parish families. **May God bless our endeavors.**

Parish Nurse, Beth Anderson



This month's needs for the Palmyra food pantry is Bar Soap.
The basket for the food pantry has been placed in the vestibule of the church.

St. Joseph News



The Parish Council Election will take place the weekend of December 12th & 13th.

Please take time to vote for 4 people to represent Parish Council for the 2021-2023 term.. Justin Krekemeyer, Jeff Merkel, Veronica Thomas, Darin Goodwin, Rick Jones, John Buckman, Kevin DeHaan and Denise Dodd,

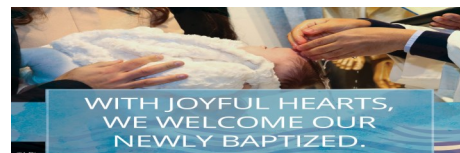
*If you are unable to attend church and would like to vote, please email office@stjoepalmyra.org with your 4 people you would like to elect to Parish Council.



Centering Prayer Support Group meets every Friday @ 11 am until Noon, at the Holy Family Parish Pastoral Center in Hannibal, 218 S. Maple Avenue, in the lower level conference

room, beginning Friday, January 8, 2021. All are welcome! We share a brief check in, 20 minutes of silent, contemplative prayer in community, followed by a group/ book study of Open Mind Open Heart by Trappist Monk, Fr. Thomas Keating.

Fr. Matt will be available immediately after the meeting for anyone who is new to Centering Prayer, who would like to learn about this simple and profound method of prayer.



Congratulation to the following who were baptized before the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 12th.

Juniper Laurie Winningham,
Daughter of Brandon Winningham and Natasha Baker.

Luther Ronin Baker,
son of Douglas and Sarah Baker.



CCD/PSR classes for Pre-K thru 12th grade, Middle School & High School Youth Groups have all been cancelled for the month of December.

All classes and events are scheduled to resume Sunday, January 10th. Please continue to watch your flocknote and emails for information on events.