



Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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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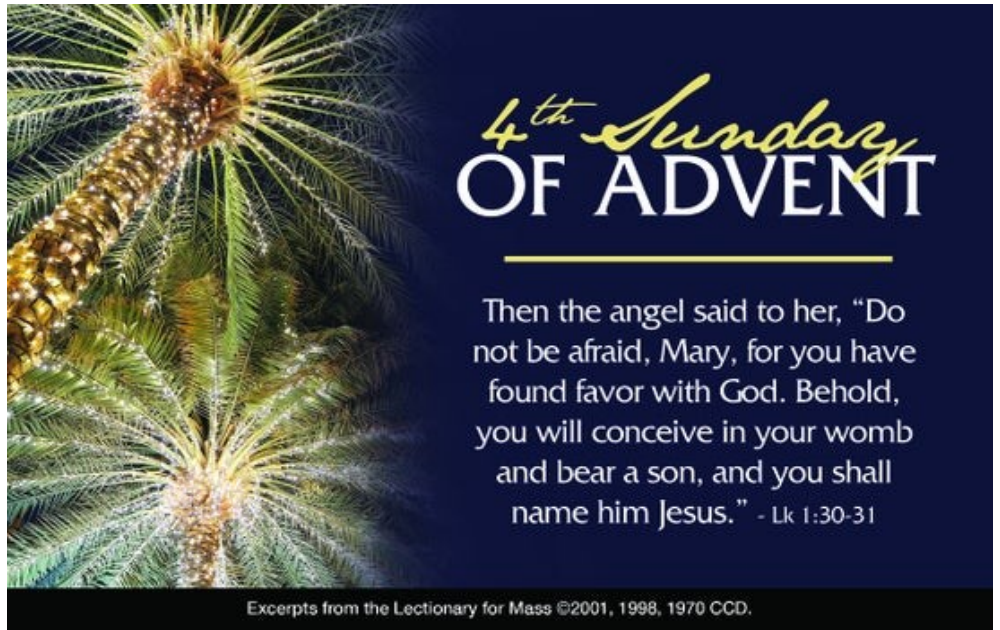
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4th Sunday OF ADVENT

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

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.

St. Joseph office will be closed
Thursday, December 24th thru
Monday, December 28th .

Mass Intentions & Mass Schedules

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+

Tuesday, December 22nd @ 6 p.m.

Rocky Akright+

Wednesday, December 23rd @ 6 p.m.

Leo "Sonny" Foster+

Thursday, December 24th @ 3 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Joseph

Thursday, December 24th @ 5 p.m.

Wallace, Christine & Donna Gail+

Thursday, December 24th @ 8 p.m.

Robert Serbin+

Friday, December 25th @ 9 a.m.

Kasey Hess+

Saturday, December 26th @ 5:30 p.m.

Christine Gail+

Sunday, December 27th @ 7:30 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 27th @ 10:30 a.m.

Margaret Kitch+

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,
and Sara Morthland.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

Birthdays

December 20th Isaac Krekemeyer
December 21st Eddison Brown
December 23rd Sarah Baxter

Parish Finances not available.

CSA Stewardship Appeal updates

Date: 12-11-2020

Parish: St. Joseph, Palmyra

Parish Goal: \$15,500.00

Pledges: \$13,993.02

Cash Received: \$10,653.85



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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)

Ministries @ St. Joseph

5:30 p.m. Mass

Ushers & Greeters for December

David Bradley & Steve Conoyer

Lectors:

December 19th Elizabeth Bradley

December 26th Ella Goldinger

Servers:

December 19th Mahsman's

December 26th Krekemeyer's, R. Barnes

7:30 a.m. Mass

Ushers & Greeters for December

Rich & Susie Wolfmeyer

Lectors:

December 20th Trish Frey

December 27th Roth McElvain

Servers:

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 20th Linda Hoehne

December 27th Ellen Goodwin

Servers:

December 20th W. Jones, A. Illa

December 27th W. Jones & Coggeshalls

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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 Adopt-a-child program. Thank you to everyone who gave generously. St. Joseph served 4 families this year. Palmyra Ministerial Alliance, local businesses and several families in our church served 108 children (44 families) Thank you to our wonderful community for bringing Christmas to those in need. Distribution day will be on Tuesday, December 22nd at Farischon Hall from noon to 6 p.m.



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 Farischon 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! Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule of the church.**

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

New Members Welcome!

If you are new to town, we would enjoy meeting you and getting you "plugged in" to our community. Please drop by the parish office to say hello and pick up a hard copy of our registration forms. We can also email you or mail you a copy. We are excited to get to know you and help you grow in your faith.

The St. Joseph Parish Office is located in Farischon Hall across from the church and is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon and 1p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday by appointment only.

Email us at office@stjoepalmyra.org or call us at 573-769-3270.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing about your gifts and talents!



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



Religious EDUCATION

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.