



*Together again!*

**Welcome back church family!**  
**It is so good to see you!**

***A few events for food and fellowship  
with your church family!***

✝ **Altar Society Carry Out Turkey Lunch on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 2 p.m.  
(free will offering)**

✝ **Anointing after mass on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with Father Wheeler**

✝ **Coffee and donuts between masses on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. -?**

✝ **Anointing during the masses on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> with Father Kaimann**

**Welcome Back:** Sisters and Brothers, let us give thanks to our Merciful Father as the pandemic continues to lessen and our MO Bishops have invited us all back to church. **THANKS BE TO GOD!!!** Please plan on the following: All of our **weekend masses on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> is designated as healing masses** and all those faithful, who so choose, will be invited to receive the **Holy Sacrament of Anointing** during the mass from Fr. Kaimann.

***What is the Anointing of the Sick and how does it differ from The Last Rites?*** The last rites are not a sacrament, but a group of sacraments offered at, or near, the hour of death. The sacrament of anointing is offered as part of the last rites, but it is often administered separately to persons going through sickness or old age complications. However, it is also often offered to persons who are struggling with any illness, crisis, or danger in mind/body/spirit. Fr. Matt believes this pandemic has been more traumatic than we realize and hence, we are all in need of the grace offered in this healing Sacrament. Anointing of the sick is a sacrament administered by a priest or bishop, and there are no extraordinary ministers for this sacrament like there are for Communion.

As more people become vaccinated and the number of COVID-19 cases decline in our area, Bishop McKnight has removed the general dispensation from attending Mass in person, as of June 1. I am happy to invite all who have been away to join us to worship together, in person, and to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, which nourishes our souls and draws us closer to our Lord. That is why we are obliged to participate in the Sunday liturgy each week. Of course, if you are ill, or otherwise dispensed from our obligation to participate in the Mass, please continue to join us, via our live-streaming Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you in person at Mass! To read the full decree from the Bishop go to: Decree Lifting General Dispensation on the home page scroll at [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org) under Health/ public health concerns.

In Christ, Fr. Matt,

Full decree [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org)

*Please call the office if you have any further questions. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Palmyra, MO (573)769-3270*

A message from Fr. Matt

Dear Parishioners,

St. Joseph is so blessed to have young families in our midst who bring such life! In this day and age, it is very important that we maintain the safety of our children, our employees and our volunteers.

Bishop McKnight has put in place Safe Environment Policies and Procedures to ensure that our parishes are truly safe for everyone. These policies are not only for the protection of our children and vulnerable adults, but they are to protect the reputation and character of our employees, volunteers, and parish. Compliance to these policies is not optional. Adherence to the directives is a responsibility that we must all embrace together. We can create a Safe Environment for all.

In the past only those employees and volunteers who worked directly with children were required to comply with the policies. Now, the bishop is requiring **ALL VOLUNTEERS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH CHILDREN.** (Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Ministers, Live-Streaming Ministry team, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Funeral Dinner Ministry, Musicians, Vacation Bible School Volunteers, Ladies and Men who serve on Parish Council, Finance Committee, RCIA ministry, those that clean the parish, Stewardship Committee and all religious education-PSR/CCD parents.)

**St. Joseph is so blessed to have many generous volunteers.** With the cooperation of all, our parish can create a Safe Environment. More details will follow but the requirements do include the following: Safe Environment Training, Background Checks and Consent to the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

We are working diligently to make this process as easy as possible. Online training as well as in-person training will be available.

Let us work together to achieve our goal. **A SAFE ENVIROEMENT.**



**LET'S ALL DO  
OUR PART: SAFE  
ENVIRONMENT  
TRAINING.**

The faithful of our diocese can work together to protect the most vulnerable among us. We have a trustworthy and easy-to-access training program to equip you in creating a Safe Environment at your parish. To learn more about the program or begin training online, visit: [diojeffcity.org/safe-environment](http://diojeffcity.org/safe-environment).

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If you are tech savvy and would like to do the training on your own, please login to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and create your account and complete the Safe Environment Training, Background Checks and Consent to the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

In-person virtus training is available on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> in Hannibal @ 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family.

Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in Palmyra @ 6:30 p.m. at Farischon Hall.

**Registration must take place before in- person training. Register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).**

Contact Cathy Fohey or Lisa Leake for further instructions and guidance if needed.

**We are Better Together!**