



**SAINT  
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**Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Parish.... "is a vibrant faith community" committed to seeking a full Christian life, sharing an active Catholic faith, and servicing others with love, grace and dignity.

**Sacramental Preparation**

Baptism: By Appointment  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm  
or By Appointment  
Matrimony: Contact Pastor Six months prior

**Anointing of the Sick & Visits**

If you or someone you know is in need of our **Homebound Ministry** please contact the Church Office.

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*Second Week of  
Advent*

During the Christmas season of 1973/74, our family was travelling Ireland and happened to visit St. Michan's in Dublin, a few days removed from the playing of Handel's Messiah in those hallowed halls where the gifted German composer, centuries earlier, first played and taught us a magnificent full-throated way to "prepare the way of the Lord." Ironically that time of year was the first traumatic experience Americans and others suffered from what, much later, became known as "climate change" and the economic fallacy of unlimited resources of exploitation and profit, in that case, fossil fuels.

Also ironic was how joyfully many of his followers heeded John the Baptist's cries for repentance and his vision of a renewal of creation. Only in 2 Peter does the writer envision a fiery consummation and destruction of the whole of creation before the coming of something new. Sometimes, we too might find ourselves wishing that God would do something to start all over again. The good news of the gospel is that God has done something dramatic and continues to make dramatic transformations, not with fiery conflagration, but with every hardened heart that lets itself be held to God's bosom and washed in Jesus' purifying love.

In this Sunday's readings there is a dual dynamic: It is God who brings about the new beginnings, but it cannot happen without human response. We must acknowledge and let go of all that stands in the way of our openness to God's coming. In the two feasts of Mary, patroness of the Americas, that bracket this Sunday we find exactly that openness to God's coming that symbolizes the graces necessary for our own openness.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, December 16**

Lector

**Jim Jones,  
Jeanne Haddad**

Extroinary Minister

**Deacon,  
Kathie Schweikart**

Servers

**William Abordo,  
Jim Abordo,  
Mae Abordo**

**Sunday, December 17**

Lector

**Linda Rector,  
Stacey Maslin**

Extroinary Minister

**Dick Brantigan,  
Courtney Davis**

Servers

**Abigail Mills,  
Marissa Thomas,  
Savannah Thomas**

**Birthday Blessings for December:** Beatriz Flores-1, Eric Vetter-2, Joseph Columbus-3, Kylie Neely-3, Deborah Sainte-3, Cameron Anderson-4, James Grawe-4, Mary Hammonds-5, Avrey Skillern-6, Joe Settles-7, Helen Gillespie-8, Michelle Blanco-9, Lillian Blythe-13, Amber Skillern-13, Lucille Fiefhaus-14, Nick Comer-18, Jim Jones-18, Carolina Leal-18, Mary Ann Benson-19, Peter Benson-20, Patti Rafferty-20, Mary Virginia Ru-pard-20, Fredrick Kendig-21, Carolyn Poston-21, Graham Faulkner-23, Jeanne Kotarski-23, Marissa Thomas-25, Kimbrell Abner-27, Kathryn Howard-31, Ruth Nunan -31, Tracy Steele-31 *Happy Birthday!!*



	Thru 12/3
Total	\$101,826
Budget	\$132,710
Excess/(Short)	(\$30,884)

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday**

**December 12**

12:00 pm

**Jackie Ehinger**

(Chapel)

**Wednesday**

**December 13**

12:00 pm

**Emanuele and Regina**

**Godlaski**

(Chapel)

**Penance Service 6 pm**

**Thursday**

**December 14**

12:00 pm

**Andy and Lu Emanuele**

(Chapel)

**Friday**

**December 15**

8:30 am

**Miki Woestman**

(Church)

**9:30 am to 6 pm**

**Adoration in the Church**

**Saturday**

**December 16**

4:00 pm

**Frank Roncella**

**Sunday**

**December 17**

8:30 am

**David Moser (L)**

**1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**"Pro Populi"**

**(For the People)**

**Our Mass intention book for 2024 is available.**

*Prayer List*

Don and Mary Puckett, Clair Hunter, Dolores Strohacker, Wanda Bachman, Betty Fetzer, Rhonda Estes, Mary Kicha, Greg and Cheryl Pena, Portwood Family, Jo Brennan, Gene Woestman, Joyce Sloan, Sharon Vetter, Fredwyn Schwndeman, Lucy Fiefhaus

Lyn Dorgan, Marilyn Holmes, Bradley Crowe, Chris Roemer, Josey Evans, Appolin, Wayne Spencer, David Moser, Adam Novotny, Shawn Berger, Tarry Kemp, Marilyn Huber

Saturday evenings Rosary at 3:15pm in the Hall and Sunday immediately following mass In the Church. **All are invited!!!**



**SVDP Tree of Love...** Gifts are due back this week-end. Call Tari Morse 931-494-4596 if you have questions. Blessings to you and your family.

**An Advent Penance Service will be December 13 at 6 pm.**

**It's Pancake Time!!! Join the Knights of Columbus for our COMPLIMENTARY Pancake Breakfast after Mass on December 10.** Items served include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits n'gravy with juice, milk and coffee. There will be **no** Fellowship coffee and doughnuts.



You are invited to a **Feast of Guadalupe Celebration**. Join the Spanish Community December 11. Schedule: 6-10pm Pot Luck Dinner, bring a dish to share. **11pm Mass** of The Blessed Virgin Mary. 12 midnight Las Mananitas-The Birthday song. **Mass December 12 at 8 pm.** All are invited!!!

**The Women of St. Joseph Upcoming Events: January 5 Join us for the a showing of Eucharistic Miracles in the Office Blue Room at 6 pm. Light snacks.**

**The Knights of Columbus Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey game** versus the Toledo Walleye will be on January 26 at Heritage Bank Arena in Cincinnati at 7:30pm. Transportation provided by the Knights from the church with a departure time of 5:00pm. Cost per person is \$25 and covers the ticket, transportation and a light meal during the trip. Anyone interested contact John Hall at 859-329-8201 or Joe Prekopa at 859-595-2948. Confirmation of your interest, including payment due by January 15. Limit is 50 seats on the bus. Hope you can join us for what promises to be a great time!

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and Servers needed** for the Christmas Masses. Sign up sheets are in the back of Church.

**Little Blue Books are in the back of church for Advent.**

Looking for an easy prayer site?  
Consider [Hallow.com/pray](http://Hallow.com/pray)  
Pray every day online with this site or app for Advent.

**Christmas Flower Memorials** to remember a loved one or commemorate an event, envelopes are in the back of Church. Suggested donation is \$10.

## Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

**December 13: Religious Ed 6pm All grades.**  
**December 14: Youth Group 6pm**  
**December 17: CWBS in the Conference Room 9:45 am**

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**Senior Outing: January 18 at Smokin Howards at 11:30 am.**  
**RSVP to Jeanne Haddad at 859-595-3878.**

You are invited to a **Senior Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall** on October 3 at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

**You are invited to a Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on January 8 (note the change due to NY Day) at 11:30 am.** All are invited to attend.

**SVDP Item of the Month: Hygiene or Cleaning Items**  
**SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) ID # 55334** which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.  
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### 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Help us meet our 50% participation goal. We are getting closer but still just at 36%. Prayerfully consider how to support those Parishes that can not support themselves.

Looking for an easier way to manage your donations?  
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"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration."-Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta **Join us for Adoration every Friday, 9am-8pm in the Church. Come spend some time with Jesus.**

**The Faithful are reminded that a 4pm or later Christmas Eve Mass does not fulfill the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Make your plans now. In other words - - - no twofers.**



### St. Joseph Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24: 4:00 pm  
Christmas Day, December 25: 8:30 am and 1:00 pm in Spanish  
**New Years Mass Schedule**  
New Years Day, January 1: 10:00 am

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