



SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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ID # 55334



Fourth Week of Advent

Isaiah aptly portrayed his own and Jesus' times by people walking in darkness and dwelling in a land of gloom. There was little prosperity or joy stirring while Jesus and Mary trudged along for the 90 miles that separated Nazareth from Bethlehem. The census that put them on the road symbolized the people's subjugation to a pagan empire. Luke's infancy narrative is the story version of the poetic prologue of John's Gospel. Every epoch of human history must lament its share of what Isaiah described as boots trampling in battle and cloaks soaked with blood. Our Hallmark card understandings of Christmas belie the realities endured by the Holy Family and the evangelical message of Christmas.

Jesus was born in desperate circumstances. His parents, like the countless millions forced to be on the move today, had no insurance policies, AAA roadside assistance or credit cards to buy their way in somewhere. Mary and Joseph were icons of God and the child they were about to receive into the world. The Creator did not exercise power and might, but set the universe on a course of evolution in which divine love would one day take on human flesh and need to rely on the goodwill of people with generous, open hearts. God did not do this to shame the comfortable, but to bring joy to the needy.

For Christians, the Incarnation is the high point of creation; God is present somehow in everything as a result of divine love. The incarnation enacts the kind of divine love that enters into human experience, self-identifying with the glory and agony of human life from within, befriending even the godless and the godforsaken. God longs to be with us, God loves us profoundly and respectfully enough to share our mortal life, inviting us into a union only possible when God enters into human life, seeking to find a home in us, Have a blessed, holy Christmas.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

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Birthdays 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 Raftery-20, Mary Virginia Rupard-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 12/17
Total	\$122,419
Budget	\$144,250
Excess/(Short)	(\$21,831)

Mass Intentions Monday Christmas Day

December 25

8:30 am

Robert Fiefhaus
1:00 pm (Spanish)
"Pro Populi"
(For the People)

Tuesday

December 26

NO MASS

Wednesday

December 27

No Mass

Thursday

December 28

No Mass

Friday

December 29

No Mass

No Adoration

Saturday

December 30

4:00 pm

David Jenks

Sunday, New Years Eve

December 31

8:30 am

Kevin and Zane Hodge
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, Mary Clay

Lyn Dorgan, Marilyn Holmes, Bradley Crowe, Chris Roemer, Josey Evans, Appolin, Wayne Spencer, David Moser, Adam Novotny, Shawn Berger, Tarry Kemp, Marilyn Huber, Jerry Brennan, Takashi Muraoka, Theo Leverenz, Frances Kinney, Susan Zabel



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

The Parish Office will be closed December 26 - January 3. Regular Scheduled Adoration is canceled on December 29. Merry Christmas to all! If there is a sacramental emergency, please contact Father Arock at (859) 825-8129.

2024 Collection Envelopes will be mailed bi-monthly to your home starting this December for 2024. This is a change from the collection box sets you have received in prior years. New envelope numbers may be assigned by OSV, our envelope company. If you prefer to schedule your donations go to www.stjosephwinchester.com and click on the Donate button for Online giving. Thank you for your continued support.

NO Coffee and Donuts December 25 and December 31.

The Women of St. Joseph Upcoming Events:
January 5 Join us in the Office Blue Room for a showing of the Eucharistic Miracles 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!

**Looking for an easy prayer site?
Consider Hallow.com/pray**

Pray every day online with this site or app for Advent.

SVDP Item of the Month: Hygiene or Cleaning Items
SVDP: Sign up for the **Kroger Rewards Program** at www.kroger.com ID # **55334** which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

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Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

December 27: No Religious Ed
December 28: Youth Group TBA
January 7: CWBS in the Conference Room 9:45 am

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 Hall on January 8 (note the change due to NY Day) at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal Prayerfully consider how to support those Parishes that can not support themselves.

Looking for an easier way to manage your donations? We have an Auto Withdrawal system for your Offertory Collections... Vanco Solutions manages the Donate button located on our website and is PCI Compliant. For assistance contact the office!



"Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid."- *St Alphonsus Ligouri* **Join us for Adoration Fridays 9am-8pm. Check the bulletin for the holiday schedule.**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Would you like to resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2024? Give the gift of yourself, better communication and more romance. A **WorldWide Marriage Encounter Experience** is a weekend alone with your spouse to energize your relationship and communication. The next Weekend is February 16-18, 2024 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php> Questions: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, application@esharing.org

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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