



**SAINT
JOSEPH
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**
WINCHESTER, KY

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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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First Week of Advent

Sr. Mary McGlone had an unforgettable moment as a young 8 year old receiving her First Holy Communion when her pastor told her what a great day it was for her and her peers but then explained "Today is the least important time you will ever receive communion. Every time after this will build on it and be fuller of grace." McGlone says her pastor's homily works as an Advent message telling us: "The unknown future will bring more than we can imagine. Just keep getting readier!" That, she says, sets us off on a journey of hopeful expectation.

This Advent time of "already but not yet" can be confusing, especially when Jesus tells us to be on the lookout- but for what, the coming of something we can't predict? Jesus, of course, consistently avoided giving us details about the end times, only to say while telling us of the Paraclete he'd be sending, "I still have much to tell you but you can not bear it now." But knowing, as our psalm would tell us, that God watches over us as a caring shepherd and, as McGlone's pastor would say, in our communion with the Son, we are growing even as our communion is growing.

We, as Americans, are not known for our patience and as our patience wanes we are tempted to look to the past as an ideal age: If I only lived in the time of Abraham, or Jesus, or the days of the Latin Mass or... [fill in the blank]. As McGlone writes: "Jesus knew the treasures of his tradition, he cherished them, but he knew that time moves only in one direction, therefore what is to come, hard as it might seem to be, promises to be more than this or any moment of the past." We, indeed, can appreciate all our future moments as hope-soaked promises in a process of growing in grace.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 9	Sunday, December 10
<u>Lector</u> Ted Godlaski, Sandra Caudill	<u>Lector</u> Debbie Neil, Lilian Hall
<u>Extroinary Minister</u> Blair, Jeanne Haddad	<u>Extroinary Minister</u> John Hall, Anna Hall
<u>Servers</u> Kimbrell Abner, Ellie Draper, John Marquis	<u>Servers</u> Lillian Hall, Markell Mattingly, Kelton Mattingly

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 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 11/26
Total	\$94,637
Budget	\$126,940
Excess/(Short)	(\$32,303)

Mass Intentions

Tuesday

December 5

12:00 pm

Marta Bush
(Chapel)

Wednesday

December 6

12:00 pm

**Edward and Regina
Godlaski**
(Chapel)

Thursday

December 6

12:00 pm

Andy and Lu Emanuele
(Chapel)

Friday December 8

Immaculate Conception

8:30 am

Betty Betcher
(Church)

6:00 pm

Lee Poston III
(Church)

9:30 am to 6 pm

Adoration in the Church

Saturday

December 9

4:00 pm

**James and Florence
Pleasant**

Sunday

December 10

8:30 am

Jerry Midden
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

St. Joseph Parish Advent Party

December 3 at 4:30 pm Advent Party
A-I baked goods or desserts
J-Q cold sides/salads R-Z hot sides
Door Prizes and Fellowship!!! All invited!!!
Volunteers needed to set up the hall.



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

SVDP Tree of Love... Each decoration on the Tree has information about the child or nursing home resident you will sponsor. Simply take the two part tag from the tree, **put your name and phone number on the white tag and drop it in the box near the tree.** The colored tag should be securely attached to the wrapped gifts that are due back no later than December 10. We suggest that your gifts for children include warm school clothing and a wish item. Take a tag and get involved, you will be glad you did!! Call Tari Morse 931-494-4596 if you have questions. Blessings to you and your family.



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 TBA

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
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 6: Religious Ed 6pm All grades.
December 14: Youth Group 6pm
December 10: CWBS in the Conference Room 9:45 am

Senior Outing: There will not be an outing in December. Enjoy the Holidays.

You are invited to a Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on December 4 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 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 34%. 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!



"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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