



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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St. Vincent DePaul Society: 771-2572

Kroger Rewards: www.kroger.com
ID # 55334

A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney

As we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph, today's families that try to live up to that prototype seemingly fall well short. Norman Rockwell stereotypes of everyone living happily as one were of another era- the 1940's and 1950's in which Rockwell thrived. Yet even in today's holiday season much attention is still placed on romanticizing the family. Christmas movies and advertisements portray happy reunions and joyous family gatherings. In reality, however, many families experience pain and loss that is all the more acute in the holidays.

The Holy Family's profound unity was not a magic elixir for the challenges, struggles and suffering that they endured. As Simeon prophesied in today's gospel, Mary and Joseph would struggle, like all faithful people, to understand God's ways just as Abraham and Sarah did before them. What God asks of Mary at the Annunciation most assuredly puts her in very difficult circumstances. And although the patriarchal, patrilineal culture of many biblical stories mutes her voice and thoughts, rest assured Sarah's anxieties certainly mirrored those of Mary as well as her role in God's plan.

Many of our families of faith in today's trying times may feel abandoned by God, particularly those living in poverty or those marginalized by a materialistic, meritocratic society. Yet it is in those humbling, disheartening circumstances that God dwells most intimately with such families, assuring them that their trust in God can and will bring forth blessings even if they can not see how. **May God be with you and yours in the coming new year.**

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 6

Lector
**Blair,
Kathy Howard**

Extrodinary Minister
**Jeanne Haddad,
Volunteer**

Servers
Volunteer

Sunday, January 7

Lector
**Sharon Mc Daniel,
Joe Prekopa**

Extrodinary Minister
**Nick Comer,
Mary Hammonds**

Servers
Volunteer

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 12/24
Total	\$130,968
Budget	\$150,020
Excess/(Short)	(\$19,052)

Mass Intentions Monday New Years Day

January 1

10:00 am

Rick and Steve Smith
(Church)

Tuesday

January 2

12:00 pm

John and Jim Bachman
(Chapel)

Wednesday

January 3

12:00 pm

Mike and Paul Olson
(Chapel)

Thursday

January 4

12:00 pm

Fathbruckner Family
(Chapel)

Friday

January 5

8:30 am

Paul Bernard Ehinger
(Church)

9:30 am to 6 pm

Adoration in the Church

Saturday

January 6

4:00 pm

Jim and Margie Jospheh

Sunday

January 7

8:30 am

Chris Romer (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 Fetzter,

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 until January 3. If there is a sacramental emergency, please contact Father Jim at (715) 296-0219.

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.

“God’s Love Unites Us” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “God’s Love Unites Us” Program at Saint Joseph Catholic Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on January 27 & 28. If you have any questions regarding the “God’s Love Unites Us” Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

NO Coffee and Donuts 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!

SVDP Item of the Month: Laundry Detergent
SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program at www.kroger.com ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

**January 3: Religious Ed Parent Night 6pm
 Grades 2 and Confirmation.
 January 4: Youth Group 6pm
 January 7: CWBS in the Conference Room 9:45 am**



Christmas Flower Memorials 2023

In Memory Of:

Keller, Webb and Woods Families

By:

Jon and Kathy Keller

The Knights of Columbus and St Vincent de Paul Society are sponsoring a **Volunteer Appreciation Party** on February 4 at 4pm. All volunteers, their spouses and family members are invited and encouraged to attend. A buffet dinner will be served and prizes awarded. Please contact one of the following people with confirmation of your attendance (including # of family members attending). Dick Brantigan (859) 771-0453; Jim Barlow (859) 749-3460; Joe Prekopa (859) 595-2948; Chuck Bast (859) 749-0951; David Kegley (859) 338-8724; Jason Thomas (859) 905-9878. We need a count on those attending in order to make sure enough food is ordered. Please respond no later than January 28. Hope to see you there!!!

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.

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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!



"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 Fridays 9am-8pm. Check the bulletin for the holiday schedule.**

Give the gift a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter Experience.** 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

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Pancake Breakfast Second Sunday each month
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