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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 **serving** 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

A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney

Of all the truths we hear of in today's scripture, the most ironic and arguably the most puzzling is the phrase, "yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." "He" being John the Baptist, the very person praised by Jesus, who says at the very same time and in the very same breath, "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist."

The truth to this conundrum can possibly be mirrored among parents and godparents who have often puzzled painfully about the faiths of their children and godchildren who seemingly no longer practice the faith in which their parents and godparents had raised them. Is this not the very same frame of mind that we find in John as he sends his disciples to question Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Or perhaps even more likely, was this not the very same mind in which Saint Monica fretted over her philandering son Augustine, not really knowing at the time of Augustine's future conversion to faith and sainthood.

As we reach the halfway point of Advent, the readings for today seem less focused on preparation and more on enduring the wait. The first reading invites us to be filled with joy and gladness, and to express this in singing and rejoicing, even when all seems desolate. The letter of James exhorts us to be patient. Just as Jesus helped John's disciples to see the evidence of God's saving presence in their midst, so James urges us to look for the sprouts of hope that spring up even in the most parched desert.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 20

Lector
Volunteer

Communion Minister
Volunteer

Servers
Volunteers

Sunday, December 21

Lector
Jason Thomas,
Mary Virginia Rupard

Communion Minister
Jennifer Thomas,
Dick Brantigan

Servers
Amber Goulet

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, Brett Bordas-18, Nick Comer-18, Jim Jones-18, Carolina Leal-18, Mary Ann Benson-19, Peter Benson-20, Rita Ferrell-20, Patti Raftery-20, Mary Virginia Rupard-20, Fredrick Kendig-21, Carolyn Poston-21, Graham Faulkner-23, Marissa Thomas-25, Kimbrell Abner-27, Kathryn Howard-31, Ruth Nunan-31, Tracy Steele-31

Happy Birthday!



	Thru 12/7
Total (Offertory Only)	\$121,516
Budget (Offertory Only)	\$132,710
Excess/(Short)	(\$11,194)



Third Week of Advent Bulletin for Sunday, December 14, 2025

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 pm
Robert Kern
(Chapel)

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 pm
Richard Hayden
(Chapel)

Thursday, December 18

12:00 pm
Bernard Smith
(Chapel)

Friday, December 19

8:30 am
Elsie Roach
(Church)
Adoration in the Chapel
9am to 5pm

Saturday, December 20

3:00 pm Confession
3:10 pm Rosary
4:00 pm
Lee Poston III
(Church)

Sunday, December 21

8:30 am
Albert and Mary
Arbogast
9:30am Rosary
2:00 pm (Spanish)
"Pro Populi"
(For the People)



Prayer List

Dolores Strohacker, Wanda Bachman, Greg Pena, Gene Woestman, Joyce Sloan, Sharon Vetter, Fredwyn Schwendeman, Jo Brennan, Mary Jo McCormick, Mary Frances Puckett, Deborah Roach, Jon Keller

Shawn Roach, John Owens, Jane Ann Tomlinson

LAUDATO SI: Pray that we may grow strong in hope and active in efforts to heal and renew Earth. Please remember all who are forgotten or thrown away, and especially for the poor, the sick and the aged: that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ.



Daily Mass and Adoration are in the chapel. Friday daily Mass is in the Church when St. Agatha is in session.

"My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament." - St Katharine Drexel
Join us for Adoration Fridays
9am-8pm in the Chapel.

The Parish Office will be closed
December 24 thru January 1.
If you have a Sacramental
Emergency contact Fr. Jim at
(715) 296-0219.

The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:
December 21: Help Decorate the Church for Christmas
January 9: Hot Chocolate Social at Kathy Beauchamp's house at 6pm. Bring a dessert/appetizer to share.
All are invited!!

Senior Group:

Senior Outing: Merry Christmas! Enjoy your Family!!
Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on January 5 at 11:30 am. Bring a Christmas Card to Exchange. All are invited to attend.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

Meeting January 6 at 7pm
SVDP Item of the Month: Instant Potato Packs
SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program at www.kroger.com
ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Matt Goulet (606) 425-1980
Next Meeting: January 13 at 7pm

Link for This Weeks Daily Readings
can be found at,
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>



Parish Information:

SVDP Tree of Love... GIFTS ARE DUE BACK. Call Tari Morse 931-494-4596 if you have questions.

Little Blue Books are in the back of church for Advent. Suggested Donation is \$2.

2026 Church Calendars are in the back of church. Please take one per family.

It's Pancake Time!!! Join the Knights of Columbus for our **COMPLIMENTARY**

Pancake Breakfast after Mass on December 14.

Items served include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits n' gravy with juice, milk and coffee.

There will be **no** Fellowship coffee and doughnuts.



Parish Penance Service will be December 15 at 6pm in the Church.

Parish Music Minister Needed for Sunday Mass, Holy Days, Choir and Funerals for 5 hours a week. (Funerals are separate) If you or anyone you know is in need of a Part-time position please call the office.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a trip to a **Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey game versus the Fort Wayne Komets** on January 30 at the Heritage Bank Arena in Cincinnati at 7:30pm. Transportation from the church at 5pm will be provided. Cost per person is \$25 (the ticket, transportation and a light meal). Interested ? Contact John Hall 859-329-8201 or Joe Prekopa 859-595-2948. We need confirmation by January 19. Limit is 50 seats. Hope you can join us for what promises to be a great time!

The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society are having a **Volunteer Appreciation party on February 1 at 4pm**. All volunteers, their spouses and family members are invited. A buffet dinner and prizes awarded. Please contact a Knight to RSVP (including # of people attending). Joe Prekopa (859) 595-2948, Chuck Bast (859) 749-0951 or Mark Bordas (859) 556-3539. We need a count in order to make sure enough food is ordered. Please respond by, January 26. Hope to see you there!!!

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

Bible Study: The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline. Sundays after Mass (9:45) starting January 11. Call Kathie (859) 808-1269.



St. Agatha Academy News:

Wanted: Part-time music teacher to teach PreK-8 general music and grades 4-8 band classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are 7:30-3:00 pm. Please contact Kathleen Thompson, principal, at stagatha@gmail.com

8th grade class fundraiser: Creative Coffees
Proceeds fund their class trip to
Yellowstone! Scan the QR code to place an
order. Thank you for your support!



Would you like a perfect stocking stuffer? **Tidal Wave Car Wash certificates** are available for \$10 each. Each certificate is good for the top of the line Graph-X4 wash (\$30 value). **Proceeds fund the 8th grade class trip to Yellowstone!**

St. Agatha Academy Registration for 2025-2026
Montessori Preschool - 8th Grade Tuition Assistance Available. Call 859-744-6484 for a personal tour or visit saintagathaacademy.org school office 859-744-6484 if you need assistance or would like a tour.

Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

December 17: NO Religious Ed

December 18: Youth Group 6pm

IT IS DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL TIME: Prayerfully consider how you can help St. Joseph meet our 65% Participation Goal. We are at 57% we need 14 more families to meet goal.

Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

Please help us update our Database. If you have recently married, moved, have had children, notice your birthday is not in our birthday list, had a family member pass away or need to register as a member of the Church, contact the office or email us with your updated information.

Mass Intentions are now available for 2026.
Please call the office to schedule a Mass for your loved ones.

Join our text messaging system...Flocknotes is our way of communicating information to parishioners. Texting rates may apply. **Are you good at praying for others? We have an online prayer group.** Call the office if you would like to be added to either of these Flocknote texting lists.

Leaving town for a much needed Vacation??? Or just 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: www.stjosephwinchester.com and is PCI Compliant. Click on the Donate button and follow the prompts for Online giving. Thank you for your support.

If you have something that needs to be announced at Mass PLEASE email it to stjoseph@cdlex.org by Thursday at 5 pm!

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St. Joseph Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24: 4:00 pm

Christmas Day, December 25: 8:30 am English and
2:00 pm Spanish

New Years Mass Schedule

New Years Eve, December 31: 4:00 pm English

New Years Day in Spanish, January 1: 2:00 pm

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON AND OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

Freewill, free to all parishioners, allows you to make a legally valid will in the privacy of your home. It allows you to include a health directive and even a gift to your church if you choose. **Freewill**, can ensure that your gifts are stewarded in a manner that honors your legacy, and blesses generations to come. Website: www.freewill.com/catholicdioceseoflexington Contact Robert Watts, Sara Spellman or Emma Jones in the Development Office at 859-253-2993.

Grace Marriage The program consists of four quarterly mini-retreats (9am-1pm on a Saturday) and is open to couples in any parish (and non-Catholic couples too!). For info and to register, see cdlex.org/grace-marriage.

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass Second Saturdays Coffee are at 11 am at DV8 Kitchen in Lexington. All are invited to meet and learn about other events. For info go to CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com

Información de comunidad Español

De todas las verdades que escuchamos en las escrituras actuales, la más irónica y, posiblemente, la más desconcertante es la frase: «pero el menor en el reino de los cielos es mayor que él». "Él" es Juan el Bautista, la misma persona alabada por Jesús, quien dice al mismo tiempo y en la misma frase: "entre los nacidos de mujeres no ha habido nadie mayor que Juan el Bautista."

La verdad de este dilema puede reflejarse posiblemente entre padres y padrinos que a menudo se han desconcertado dolorosamente sobre las creencias de sus hijos y ahijados que aparentemente ya no practican la fe con la que sus padres y padrinos los criaron. ¿No es este el mismo estado de ánimo que encontramos en Juan cuando envía a sus discípulos a cuestionar a Jesús: "¿Eres tú el que va a venir, o deberíamos buscar a otro?" O quizá aún más probable, no era esta la misma mente en la que Santa Mónica se preocupaba por su hijo mujeriego Agustín, sin saber realmente en ese momento la futura conversión de Agustín a la fe y la santidad.

Al llegar a la mitad del Adviento, las lecturas de hoy parecen menos centradas en la preparación y más en soportar la espera. La primera lectura nos invita a llenarnos de alegría y alegría, y a expresarlo cantando y alegría, incluso cuando todo parece desolado. La carta de Santiago nos exhorta a ser pacientes. Así como Jesús ayudó a los discípulos de Juan a ver la evidencia de la presencia salvadora de Dios en su interés, Santiago nos insta a buscar los brotes de esperanza que brotan incluso en el desierto más seco.

Paz, Padre Jim

El domingo de Gaudete, celebrado el tercer domingo de Adviento, ocupa un lugar importante en el calendario litúrgico, marcando un punto medio alegre en la temporada de anticipación antes de la Navidad. El término "Gaudete" deriva de la palabra latina para "alegrarse", tomada de la antífona de entrada del día, que comienza con las palabras "Gaudete in Domino semper" o "Alegraos siempre en el Señor". La historia del Domingo de Gaudete está profundamente arraigada en la tradición cristiana. La observancia se remonta a la época medieval, cuando la iglesia reconocía la necesidad de equilibrar la naturaleza penitencial del Adviento con momentos de alegría y esperanza. El tercer domingo de Adviento sirve como un breve respiro de los aspectos más sombríos de la temporada, permitiendo a los creyentes alegrarse por la inminente llegada del Niño Jesús. El color litúrgico del domingo de Gaudete es rosa o rosa, simbolizando la alegría y un alejamiento del tradicional púrpura asociado a la penitencia y la preparación. Esta elección de color distintiva es una señal visual para los fieles de que se está produciendo un cambio hacia la celebración y la alegría.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 24 de diciembre al 1 de enero. Si tienes un sacramental Contacto de emergencia: Padre Enrique en (512) 696-4440.

Laudato Si: Ora para que crezcamos fuertes en la esperanza y activos en los esfuerzos por sanar y renovar la Tierra. Por favor, recordad a todos los que son olvidados o desechados, y especialmente para los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que Dios cambie nuestros corazones y nos mueva a amarlos como a imagen de Cristo.

El servicio de penitencia de San José será el 15 de diciembre a las 6 pm.



Oraciones de La Posada a las 8p.m. del 22 al 24 de diciembre en la iglesia. La narración de la historia, con canciones y oraciones, del viaje de María y José a Belén y de que se les negara habitación al llegar. Termina con la oferta del posadero de alojarse en su establo. Todos están invitados.

SVDP Árbol del amor... LOS REGALOS SE DEBEN DEVOLVER SE 14 diciembre.



No Las clases de educación religiosa hasta enero 8 a la 6 pm.



"Mi más dulce alegría es estar en presencia de Jesús en el santo sacramento. Ruego que, cuando me vea obligado a retirarme en cuerpo, pueda dejar mi corazón ante el santo sacramento." - Santa Catalina Drexel **Únase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.**

Los Pequeños Libros Azules están en la parte trasera de la iglesia para el Adviento. La donación sugerida es de 2 dólares.

Los calendarios de la iglesia de 2026 están en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Por favor, toma uno por familia.

2026 **Contacto la oficina** de la iglesia o hable con Deacon John para registrarse en nuestra parroquia. ¿Necesitas algo anunciado en el boletín? Texto Kathie 859-808-1269.

Horario de la misa navideña de San José
Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre: 4 pm inglés
Día de Navidad, 25 de diciembre: 8:30 am inglés y 2 pm en español.

Calendario de misas de Año Nuevo
Nochevieja, 31 de diciembre: 4 pm h en inglés
Año Nuevo en español, 1 de enero: 2 pm

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