



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 **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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www.stjosephwinchester.com

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ID # 55334

A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney

Some of you may know of a man and woman who had fallen in love and married with the idea that they would remain married "until death do them part." And so it seemed for a decade or two until they realized that their marriage was over. They divorced but the bitterness of their separation eventually dissolved into acceptance as they grew closer as parents but no longer as a wedded couple. Hopefully it's not all that rare a story in today's apathetic culture!

Joseph in some way went through a similar, but very different, path- not only accepting that he would be with his intended, already with child, but doing so with empathy for Mary while raising Jesus, as if he were his own, truly begotten son. Their culture had little tolerance for a formally betrothed woman found to be with child by someone other than her intended. Joseph could divorce Mary quietly but she would still be exposed to public shame. So Mary remained the center of his attention, as his empathy toward her and Jesus belied the lack of empathy in their culture.

In so doing, Joseph mirrors the divine action of empathy with humankind manifested in the incarnation. Just as the Holy One rectifies the broken relationship with humanity by becoming one with us, so Joseph rescues a dishonorable and potentially deadly situation by choosing to unite himself completely to Mary. Joseph exemplifies what their son Jesus will later teach his followers: one must go far beyond what the law requires in order to truly fulfill it. So must the oft-divorced parents in the midst of the lack of empathy in much of today's culture.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 27

Lector
Jim Jones

Communion Minister
Cathy Gatson

Servers
Volunteers

Sunday, December 28

Lector
**Linda Rector,
Sharon McDaniel**

Communion Minister
**Nick Comer,
Courtney Davis**

Servers
Josh McBride

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 12/14
Total (Offertory Only)	\$126,424
Budget (Offertory Only)	\$138,480
Excess/(Short)	(\$12,056)



Fourth Week of Advent Bulletin for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 pm

George Roach
(Chapel)

Wednesday,

Christmas Eve

December 24

4:00 pm

**Tony and Bertie
Domingo**
(Church)

Thursday,

Christmas Day

December 25

8:30 am

Timothy Gilbert Kaiser
2:00 pm (Spanish)
Spanish Community
(Church)

Friday, December 26

NO MASS

NO Adoration

Saturday, December 27

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

David Jenks
(Church)

Sunday, December 28

8:30 am

Colleen LaCore
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, Elaine Adler

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 2.
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 at 3:30 pm

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:

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

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.

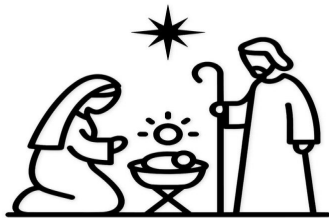
The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a trip to a **Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey game versus the Fort Wayne Komets** on January 30 at the Heritage Bank Arena in Cincinnati at 7:30pm. Transportation from the church at 5pm will be provided. Cost per person is \$25 (the ticket, transportation and a light 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!!!

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

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

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



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 24: NO Religious Ed ... Merry Christmas!!!!
December 25: NO Youth Group ... Merry Christmas!!!!

IT IS DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL TIME: Prayerfully consider how you can help St. Joseph meet our 65% Participation Goal. We are at 62% we need 7 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.



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

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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

Feliz Navidad!

Algunos de vosotros quizá conozcáis a un hombre y una mujer que se habían enamorado y casado con la idea de que seguirían casados "hasta que la muerte los separe". Y así pareció durante una o dos décadas hasta que se dieron cuenta de que su matrimonio había terminado. Se divorciaron, pero la amargura de su separación acabó disolviéndose en aceptación a medida que se unían como padres, pero ya no como pareja casada. ¡Esperemos que no sea una historia tan rara en la cultura apática de hoy!

De alguna manera, José siguió un camino similar, pero muy diferente: no solo aceptó que estaría con su prometido, ya embarazado, sino que lo hizo con empatía hacia María mientras criaba a Jesús, como si fuera su propio hijo verdaderamente engendrado. Su cultura tenía poca tolerancia para una mujer formalmente prometida que se encontraba embarazada de alguien que no fuera su prometido. José podría divorciarse de María en silencio, pero ella seguiría estando expuesta a la vergüenza pública. Así que María seguía siendo el centro de su atención, ya que su empatía hacia ella y hacia Jesús ocultaba la falta de empatía en su cultura.

Al hacerlo, José refleja la acción divina de empatía con la humanidad manifestada en la encarnación. Así como el Santo rectifica la relación rota con la humanidad uniéndose a nosotros, José rescata una situación deshonrosa y potencialmente mortal eligiendo unirse completamente a María. José ejemplifica lo que su hijo Jesús enseñará más adelante a sus seguidores: hay que ir mucho más allá de lo que exige la ley para cumplirla verdaderamente. También deben hacerlo los padres a menudo divorciados en medio de la falta de empatía en gran parte de la cultura actual.

Paz, Padre Jim

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 24 de Diciembre al 2 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.

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.

No Las clases de educación religiosa hasta Enero 7 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 **No adoración los viernes 26 de Diciembre y 2 Enero.**

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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