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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

My good friend Fr. Tom Foster was a pastor in the Duluth, Minnesota Diocese. One of Fr Tom's avocations was to help his aging father during his day off by doing chores around the sheep farm his dad owned- as he had done many decades before ordination. One chilly, blustery winter's morning, Fr Tom woke before dawn to tend to the sheep huddled in barn, a good brisk walk from the farmhouse. To his great surprise, when he entered the barn he accidentally roused a wolf from its sleep on the hay, a mere two or three arms' lengths away from the sheep fold still soundly asleep. You can hardly imagine a better summary of Isaiah's prophecy of the peace and justice we and all God's creatures hunger for in this hauntingly beautiful, biblical tableau.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear about the kingdom that Jesus will rule, "where the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb." We all have seen those images of the challenges of the wild and all the visual violence that occurs when prey is met by predator. The nonetheless harsh approach of John the Baptist in today's gospel demands repentance and good fruit as evidence of our repentance. What "good fruit" looks like is described by Isaiah . All creatures and the whole of creation exist in peaceful harmony. There is justice for all, especially for those most afflicted. Little ones, as seemingly vulnerable as the lambs in Fr. Tom's barn, have nothing to fear.

Yet there are serious and immediate consequences if the call to repentance is not heeded. John declares that any tree that does not produce fruit is cut down at the root and thrown into the fire. Such strong language, like the mother trying to keep her child from being burned by a hot stove, is meant to get our attention. A fiery prophet speaks in shocking ways to startle us into action. So let the Spirit pollinate us for an abundant harvest of fruitful goodness.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 13

Lector

Amelia Winter-Roberts

Communion Minister

Katie Beauchamp

Servers

Volunteers

Sunday, December 14

Lector

**John Rompf,
Kellee Keese**

Communion Minister

**Tina Flinchum,
Anna Hall**

Servers

Carmen Roche

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 !



Third Week of Advent Bulletin for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Mass Intentions Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:30 am

Shelby Hill

7:45 pm

Dorothy Brawner
(Church)

Tuesday, December 9

12:00 pm

Joseph and Lillian Fanning
(Chapel)

Wednesday, December 10

12:00 pm

John Schweikart
(Chapel)

Thursday, December 11

12:00 pm

Pat and Joan Fanning
(Chapel)

Friday, December 12

8:30 am

Ralph Groen Jr.
(Church)

Adoration in the Chapel
9am to 5pm

Saturday, December 13

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

Sue Taulbee
(Church)

Sunday, December 14

8:30 am

Michael Poer

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.



"Don't you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!" + St Therese of Lisieux **Join us for Adoration Fridays 9am-8pm in the Chapel.**

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: Canned Soup

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: December 9 at 7pm

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

Thru 11/30

Total (Offertory Only)

\$109,912

Budget (Offertory Only)
Excess/(Short)

\$126,940
(\$17,028)

Parish Information:

SVDP Tree of Love... Help us make Christmas a little brighter this year for needy families in Clark County. 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.** Securely attach the colored tag to the wrapped gifts. **GIFTS ARE DUE BACK** no later than December 14. Call Tari Morse 931-494-4596 if you have questions or would like to Volunteer to Wrap, Shop or Deliver Gifts. Blessings to you and your family.



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.

St. Joseph Parish Advent Party

December 7 at 3:30 pm. The main dish and drinks are provided. A-L desserts M-Z salad or sides **Bring an ornament for the Ornament Exchange!** Can you keep a secret...Santa will be here! All are invited!!!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be December 8 at 8:30am and 7:45pm. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

St. Joseph Penance Service will be **December 10 at 6 pm.**

Adoration will end at 5pm on **December 12** for the **Guadalupe Celebration.** 6 pm pot luck, 8 pm Mass. Mariachi music and Mananitas Dancers. All are invited.



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.

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 for more information or to volunteer.



St. Agatha Academy News:

Thank you for your generous donations to St. Agatha during our Bluegrass Gives 2025 campaign. Funds raised will go toward our literacy program, directly impacting all students. We appreciate your support.

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 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 10: Religious Ed 6pm

December 11: 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 56% we need 18 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

Mi buen amigo, el padre Tom Foster, fue pastor en la diócesis de Duluth, Minnesota. Una de las aficiones del padre Tom era ayudar a su anciano padre durante su día libre haciendo tareas en la granja ovina que poseía su padre, como había hecho muchas décadas antes de la ordenación. Una fría y ventosa mañana de invierno, el padre Tom se despertó antes del amanecer para cuidar de las ovejas acurrucadas en el granero, a un buen paso rápido desde la granja. Para su gran sorpresa, al entrar en el granero despertó accidentalmente a un lobo de su sueño sobre el heno, a solo dos o tres brazos del redel de las ovejas, aún profundamente dormido. Difícilmente puedes imaginar un mejor resumen de la profecía de Isaías sobre la paz y la justicia que nosotros y todas las criaturas de Dios anhelamos en este escenario bíblico y inquietantemente bello.

En la primera lectura de Isaías, oímos hablar del reino que gobernará Jesús, "donde el lobo será huésped del cordero." Todos hemos visto esas imágenes de los desafíos de la naturaleza y toda la violencia visual que ocurre cuando la presa es enfrentada por un depredador. El enfoque, aunque severo, de Juan el Bautista en el evangelio actual exige arrepentimiento y buen fruto como prueba de nuestro arrepentimiento. Lo que es un "buen fruto" lo describe Isaías. Todas las criaturas y toda la creación existen en armonía pacífica. Hay justicia para todos, especialmente para los más afectados. Los pequeños, tan vulnerables como los corderos del granero del padre Tom, no tienen nada que temer.

Sin embargo, hay consecuencias graves e inmediatas si no se atiende al llamado al arrepentimiento. Juan declara que cualquier árbol que no dé fruto es talado de raíz y arrojado al fuego. Un lenguaje tan fuerte, como el de la madre intentando evitar que su hijo se queme con una estufa caliente, está pensado para llamar nuestra atención. Un profeta fogoso habla de formas impactantes para sorprendernos y ponernos en acción. Así que que el Espíritu nos polinice para una cosecha abundante de bondad fructífera.

Paz, Padre Jim

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.

La adoración terminará 5pm del 12 de diciembre por **celebración de Guadalupe**. 6pm potluck. 8pm Misa. Música de mariachis y bailarines mananitas. Todos están invitados.

SVDP Árbol del amor... Ayúdenos a hacer que la Navidad sea un poco más brillante este año para las familias necesitadas del condado de Clark siendo un patrocinador de Tree of Love.



Cada decoración del árbol tiene información sobre el niño o residente del hogar de ancianos que patrocinará. Simplemente tome la etiqueta de dos partes del árbol, **ponga su nombre y número de teléfono en la etiqueta blanca y colóquela en la caja cerca del árbol**. Sujeta firmemente la etiqueta de colores a los regalos envueltos. **LOS REGALOS DEBEN DEVOLVERSE** a más tardar el 14 de diciembre. Llama a Tari Morse al 931-494-4596 si tienes o desean ofrecerse como voluntarios para envolver, comprar o entregar regalos. Bendiciones para ti y tu familia.

Las clases de educación religiosa son los miércoles a las 6 pm para todos los niños de los grados K-7 que no asiste a una escuela católica. Todas las clases de los años son obligatorias para recibir los sacramentos.

"¿No os dais cuenta de que Jesús está en el Santísimo Sacramento expresamente para vosotros? ¡Arde con el deseo de entrar en tu corazón!" +Santa Teresa de Lisieux **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.

Fiesta de Adviento de la Parroquia



de San José 7 de diciembre a las 15:30. Se ofrece el plato principal y las bebidas. A-L Postres M-Z Ensalada o acompañamientos ¡Lleva un adorno para el Intercambio de Adornos! ¿Puedes guardar un secreto... ¡Papá Noel llegará! Todos están invitados!!

El servicio de penitencia de San José será el 10 de diciembre a las 18:00.

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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