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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

Myth may be found untrue in a strict historical sense and yet there might still be some very profound reality contained in myth that merits our belief. Herod's ordering a massacre of children born around the time of the Magi's travels merits that sort of belief even if historians are hard pressed to posit such a reality. Typical of Jesus's enemies, Herod couldn't tolerate the danger Jesus posed to the evil powers that propped him up. Even if Herod didn't order the massacre, he was cruel enough to order the death of his own sons, whom he saw as rivals.

Matthew's gospel was written primarily for a Jewish audience which struggled to welcome Gentile believers. This is the gospel in which Jesus told his disciples to go out on mission but "only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." And he told the Canaanite woman that he had been "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." It was her faithful persistence that caused him to see that his mission could embrace others beyond his own people. That change of mind was found at the end of his gospel in his instructions "to go and make disciples of all nations."

This all-inclusive mission of Christ is already foreshadowed in the opening chapter of Matthew's gospel, where exotic visitors from the East are the first to do homage to Jesus. The Magi were actually Persian priests, astrologers who served their king with skills such as interpreting dreams. With gifts for the Christ child, they foreshadowed the way Gentiles will flock to Christian communities, bearing gifts for mission. Paul in his own way reflects the Magi's spirit through his life-changing discovery of the mystery of Christ's love. The gospel of Matthew will go on to highlight Christ as our Emmanuel, God with us, with no strangers to be found in God's eye's.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 10

Lector

Katie Vetter

Communion Minister

Katie Beauchamp

Servers

Volunteers

Sunday, January 11

Lector

**Joe Prekopa,
Emily Roche**

Communion Minister

**Dick Brantigan,
Nick Comer**

Servers

Carmen Roche

Blessings for January: Terry DeCapio-1, Geneva Gonyer-1, Kevin Skillern-1, Danny Abner-2, Kateri Hurley-3, Nathan Davis-6, Stacey Maslin-6, Christine McDaniel-6, Bobby McDaniel-8, Bill Dodson-10, Annette Icenogle-10, Jennifer Thomas -10, Jose Velazquez-Cruz-12, Matthew Turner-13, Elaine Harrison-14, Sandra Sandoval-15, Tim Patrick-18, John Pica-20, Daniel Fanning-24, Jake Halverstadt-28, James Barger -30

Happy Birthday !



Bulletin for Sunday, January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 6

12:00 pm

Ronald and Charlene Fox
(Chapel)

Wednesday, January 7

12:00 pm

Stephen Ahern (L)
(Chapel)

Thursday, January 8

12:00 pm

Lee Poston III
(Chapel)

Friday, January 9

8:30 am

Terry Shupe
(Church)

Adoration in the Chapel
9am to 8pm

Saturday, January 10

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

Kevin Lacore
(Church)

Sunday, January 11

8:30 am

Michael B. Poer
9:30am Rosary
2:00 pm (Spanish)
"Pro Populi"
(For the People)



Prayer List

Dolores Strohacker, Wanda Bachman, Greg Pena, Gene Woestman and the Woestman Family, 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, Royce A. Paynter, Jr., Diane Gilbert

LAUDATO SI: May we have an ever-deepening trust in the faithful presence and loving work of God in us, among us, and through us. **Please remember those deprived of their human needs, and their human rights: that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all his people.**



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



"Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid." - St Alphonsus Ligouri

Join us for Adoration Fridays
9am-8pm in the Chapel.

The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:

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: TBA

Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on January 5 at 11:30 am. 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>

Thru 12/28

Total (Offertory Only)

\$150,260

Budget (Offertory Only)
Excess/(Short)

\$150,020
\$240

Parish Information:

Children under 18 are not to be left unattended in the Parish Hall. Several items have been broken that do not belong to the Church, also our bathrooms in the hall have been abused. Repairs are costly and most can be avoided. Please treat the Parish Hall as you would treat your own home. It is a shared space by many. Blessings.

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.



It's Pancake Time!!! Join the Knights of Columbus for our COMPLIMENTARY Pancake Breakfast after Mass on January 11. Items served include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits n'gravy with juice, milk and coffee. There will be **no** Fellowship coffee and doughnuts.

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:

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!



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

January 7: Family Rosary All Grades 6pm
January 8: 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 62% we need 6 more families to meet goal.

Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers are needed.

Extra Offertory Collection Counters Needed.
Contact the office if interested, 859-744-4917.

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 available for the second half of 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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON AND OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

RETURN TO HIM: A Message of Hope for Divorced Catholics
"THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL AND HE WILL NOT TURN AWAY HIS FACE FROM YOU, IF YOU RETURN TO HIM." -2 Chronicles 30:9 God has a plan for our happiness in this life and in eternity. The time to begin the process is always the present! Please let us help you! Contact your local parish advocate with any questions you may have or email Fr. John List at jlis@cdlex.org or Mrs. Renata Babicz-Baratto at ribabicz@cdlex.org. or call at (859) 253-1993 and ask for the Tribunal Office. *Why do you wait? Return to Him as soon as possible!*

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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



Saint of the Day: John Nepomucene Neumann January 5

Son of Philip, who was German and owned a stocking factory, and Agnes Neumann who was Czech. John was a small and quiet boy with four sisters and a brother, and was named after St. John Nepomucene. An excellent student, he early felt drawn to religious life. Seminarian at Budweis, Bohemia in 1813, he studied astronomy and botany in addition to theological topics. Studied theology at Charles Ferdinand University at Prague in 1833. When time for his ordination, his bishop was sick; the ordination was never re-scheduled

as Bohemia had an over-abundance of priests. John decided to go to America to ask for ordination, and to work with emigres. He walked most of the way to France, then took ship for America, arriving unannounced in Manhattan in 1836. Bishop John Dubois was happy to see him; there were 36 priests for the 200,000 Catholics in New York and New Jersey. John was ordained on 28 June 1836, and sent to Buffalo. There the parish priest, Father Pax, gave him the choice of the city of Buffalo or of the rural area; John chose the more difficult country area. He stayed in a small town with an unfinished church, and when it was completed, he moved to a town with a log church. There he built himself a small log cabin, rarely lit a fire, slept little, often lived on bread and water, and walked miles to visit farm after remote farm. John's parishioners were from many lands and tongues, but John knew twelve languages and worked with them all. He joined the Redemptorists at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1840, taking his vows at Baltimore, Maryland in 1841, the first Redemptorist to do so in the United States. Home missionary in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Rector of Saint Philomena church in Pittsburgh in 1844. Vice-regent and superior of the Redemptorists in America in 1847. Bishop of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1852. Bishop John built fifty churches and began building a cathedral. He opened almost one hundred schools, and the number of parochial school students in his diocese grew from 500 to 9,000. He wrote articles, two catechisms, and many works in German. First American man and first American bishop to be canonized. **Born:** 28 March 1811 at Prachitz, Bohemia (Czech Republic) **Died:** 5 January 1860 of a stroke at 13th and Vine Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, interred in a glass tomb under the altar at the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann in Philadelphia **Venerated:** 11 December 1921 by Pope Benedict XV (decree on heroic virtues) **Beatified:** 13 October 1963 by Pope Paul VI at Rome, Italy **Canonized:** 19 June 1977 by Pope Paul VI

Información de comunidad Español

El mito puede considerarse falso en un sentido estricto histórico y, sin embargo, puede que aún exista una realidad muy profunda contenida en el mito que merezca nuestra creencia. Que Herodes ordenara una masacre de niños nacidos en la época de los viajes de los Magos justifica ese tipo de creencia, aunque a los historiadores les cueste mucho publicar tal realidad. Típico de los enemigos de Jesús, Herodes no podía tolerar el peligro que Jesús representaba para los poderes malignos que lo sostenían. Aunque Herodes no ordenara la masacre, fue lo suficientemente cruel como para ordenar la muerte de sus propios hijos, a quienes veía como rivales.

El evangelio de Mateo fue escrito principalmente para una audiencia judía que tenía dificultades para acoger a los creyentes gentiles. Este es el evangelio en el que Jesús dijo a sus discípulos que salieran en misión pero "solo a las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel." Y le dijo a la mujer cananea que había sido "enviado solo a la oveja perdida de la casa de Israel." Fue su fiel persistencia lo que le hizo ver que su misión podía abrazar a otros más allá de su propio pueblo. Ese cambio de opinión se encontró al final de su evangelio en sus instrucciones de "ir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones."

Esta misión inclusiva de Cristo ya está anticipada en el capítulo inicial del evangelio de Mateo, donde visitantes exóticos de Oriente son los primeros en rendir homenaje a Jesús. Los Magos eran en realidad sacerdotes persas, astrólogos que servían a su rey con habilidades como interpretar sueños. Con regalos para el niño Jesús, anticiparon cómo los gentiles acudirán en masa a las comunidades cristianas, trayendo dones para la misión. Pablo, a su manera, refleja el espíritu de los Magos a través de su descubrimiento transformador del misterio del amor de Cristo. El evangelio de Mateo continuará destacando a Cristo como nuestro Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, sin desconocidos a ojos de Dios.
Paz, Padre Jim

Los menores de 18 años no deben quedarse sin supervisión en el Salón Parroquial. Se han roto varios objetos que no pertenecen a la Iglesia, además nuestros baños del pasillo han sido maltratados. Las reparaciones son costosas y la mayoría se pueden evitar. Por favor, trate el Salón Parroquial como trataría su propio hogar. Es un espacio compartido por muchos. Bendiciones.



Levantaos, nobles y campesinos; María invita a todos, ricos y pobres, justos y pecadores, a entrar en la cueva de Belén, a adorar y besar los pies de su hijo recién nacido... Entrémonos; No tengamos miedo." - San Alfonso Ligouri **Únase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.**

Educación religiosa 2026 Rosario familias en la iglesia para todas las familias de educación religiosa este miércoles 7 de Enero a las 6 pm Bilingüe. Las clases de educación religiosa a las 6 pm para todos los niños de los grados K-7 que no asistían a una escuela católica. Todas las clases de los años son obligatorias para recibir los sacramentos.

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