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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 **servng** 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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**A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney**

How often do we find happiness synonymous with Blessedness? I could argue that they're as close as the Sermon on the Mount is to the Sermon on the Plain. Yet, like the love that defines God, our so-called love does not always carry the sacred connotation that God's love for us bears. In today's Gospel, Jesus sums up in eight statements a way of life that brings true happiness and blessing already in the present, with the promise of fullness of joy in the days to come.

Because those blessed are in the third person plural, the first thing Matthew's Gospel tells us is that living those beatitudes is not an individual pursuit. Poverty, grief, landlessness, hunger, war and persecution can surely threaten happiness. And Jesus does not advise us that those so afflicted simply wait for a reversal of fortune in the hereafter, even though the final verse does speak of great reward in heaven. But it is in the plurality of the body of Christ acting in concert that it is possible to overcome these afflictions while still on earth.

Notably the Beatitudes link blessings with God. The clean of heart will see God. The peacemakers will be called children of God. And both the pure in spirit and those who are persecuted ultimately find happiness in the promise of God's very kingdom. Ultimately as well, true happiness is found in God and we come to that happiness in how we live our lives- not in the acquisition of goods or success falsely associated with happiness. We find our happiness in relating to the world in the way that God intends and by nurturing traits of humility, mercy and kindness in that pursuit.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

**Liturgical Roles**

<p><b>Saturday, February 7</b></p> <p><u>Lector</u> <b>Amelia Winters-Roberts</b></p> <p><u>Communion Minister</u> <b>Katie Beauchamp</b></p> <p><u>Servers</u> <b>Volunteers</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, February 8</b></p> <p><u>Lector</u> <b>Linda Rector, Sharon McDaniel</b></p> <p><u>Communion Minister</u> <b>Nick Comer, Courtney Davis</b></p> <p><u>Servers</u> <b>John McBride</b></p>
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**Blessings for February:** Jeremy Hatler-6, Alice Hatler-8, Blanche Zalone-9, Cory Davis-10, Kelly Ann Keesee-11, Cheri Wellner-11, Suzanne Jacobs-12, Patricia Fuller-13, Rosemary Ann Mayzes-15, Daniel Vetter-15, Fr. Jim Kinney-16, Francese Hatler-17, Mary Kicha-18, Courtney Davis-20, Florida Alma Blanco-21, Philipp Roseman-24, Annie Taulbee-24, Richard Brown-26, Cole Horn-26, Katherine Vetter-26

**Happy Birthday !**



	<b>Thru 1/25</b>
Total (Offertory Only)	\$194,055
Budget (Offertory Only)	\$173,100
Excess/(Short)	\$20,955

**Bulletin for Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, February 3**

12:00 pm

**Sunday DeCapio**  
(Chapel)

**Wednesday, February 4**

12:00 pm

**Moses Family**  
(Chapel)

**Thursday, February 5**

12:00 pm

**Michael Poer**  
(Chapel)

**Friday, February 6**

8:30 am

**Barbara Merimee**  
(Church)

**Adoration in the Chapel**  
9am to 8pm

**Saturday, February 7**

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

**Ann Kip Family**  
(Church)

**Sunday, February 8**

8:30 am

**Janet Greiser**  
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.



"The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me -- it is the Eucharist." +St Faustina  
**Join us for Adoration Fridays**  
9am-8pm in the Chapel.

**The Women of St. Joseph:**

**Upcoming Events:**

February 6: Discussion on Prayer in Office Blue Room 6pm  
February 28: Clean the Church for Easter 9am to noon. All hands on deck! :)  
April 4: Decorate the Church For Easter 9am All are invited!!

**Senior Group:**

Senior Outing: January 22 at Woody's in Winchester's at 11:30 am. RSVP to Tina Flinchum 859-771-7168.  
Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on February 2 at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:**

Meeting February 3 at 7pm  
SVDP Item of the Month: Can Soup/Manual Can Openers  
SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)  
ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

**Knights of Columbus:**

Grand Knight: Matt Goulet (606) 425-1980  
Next Meeting: February 10 at 7pm

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

## Parish Information:

**“Building on our Heritage” Program:** This week you should receive a brochure introducing our renewal program “Building on our Heritage”. I’m proud to be part of the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church community. On Commitment Weekend, February 7/8, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Joseph’s Catholic Church by renewing your annual commitment to financially support our ministries, further our mission, and reinforce our future. We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included along with the brochure for you to: • mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing. • bring your card to Mass next Sunday • or visit our parish website [www.stjosephwinchester.com](http://www.stjosephwinchester.com) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

**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 and St. Vincent de Paul Society **Volunteer Appreciation party on February 1 at 4pm.** Volunteers, their spouses and family members are invited. A buffet dinner and prizes awarded. For Information contact Joe Prekopa (859) 595-2948, Chuck Bast (859) 749-0951 or Mark Bordas (859) 556-3539. Check Flocknotes for cancellation.

**It’s Pancake Time!!! Join the Knights of Columbus for our COMPLIMENTARY Pancake Breakfast after Mass on February 8** Items served include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits n’gravy with juice, milk and coffee. There will be **no** Fellowship coffee and doughnuts.

**Bible Study:** The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline. Sundays after Mass (9:45) starts **This Sunday.** Call Kathie (859) 808-1269.

**Parish Council Nominations:** Immediately after Easter, on April 11/12, we will be asking parishioners to submit their nominations for our parish council- either themselves or another parishioner who qualifies for membership on our council. Each parishioner will nominate one candidate. Three current members will be retiring from our council as required by our by-laws and they will be replaced from among the nominees you submit. To qualify for membership, nominees must be members of our parish and understand that their primary responsibility will be to advise the pastor, in good faith, on the implementation of parish programs under the guidance of our pope and bishop as well as the pastor.



## 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!**

## Now Enrolling for 2026-2027

Enrollment at St. Agatha Academy begins January 25 for students in PreK (3 year olds) through 8th grade! Discover a Classical Catholic School where faith, academics, and community come together to help students thrive. Enroll online today at [saintagathaacademy.org](http://saintagathaacademy.org). Have Questions? Call 859-744-6484.

## Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269  
February 4: Religious Ed Mandatory First Communion Parents Meeting 6pm No Children Religious Ed  
February 5: Youth Group 6pm

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**Children under 18 are not to be left unattended in the Parish Hall.** Please treat the Parish Hall as you would treat your own home. It is a shared space by many. Blessings.

**If you have something that needs to be announced at Mass PLEASE** email it to [stjoseph@cdlex.org](mailto: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.

**Mass Intentions are available for the second half of 2026. Please call the office to schedule a Mass for your loved ones.**

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:** St. Joseph Participation Goal is 65%. We are at 64% we need 3 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.

**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](http://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:

**AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE** is again offering free tax preparation at Central Baptist Church in Winchester beginning February 2. We will begin accepting appointments January 20 from 9 to 4pm call 859-361-9290. For more information call Pat Roncella 859-771-3124.

**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 [jlist@cdlex.org](mailto:jlist@cdlex.org) or Mrs. Renata Babicz-Baratto at [ribabicz@cdlex.org](mailto: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!*

**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](http://www.freewill.com/catholicdioceseoflexington) Contact Robert Watts, Sara Spellman or Emma Jones in the Development Office at 859-253-2993.



**St. Blaise Feast: February 3**

Physician. Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. Lived in a cave on Mount Argeus. Healer of men and animals; according to legend, sick animals would come to him on their own for help, but would never disturb him at prayer. Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute Christians. His huntsmen went into the forests of Argeus to find wild animals for the arena games, and found many waiting outside Blaise's cave. Discovered in prayer, Blaise was arrested,

and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners, including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone; this led to the blessing of throats on Blaise's feast day. Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and prove the power of their gods; they drowned. When he returned to land, he was martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs (which led to his association with and patronage of those involved in the wool trade), and then beheading. Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches. In 1222 the *Council of Oxford* prohibited servile labour in England on his feast. He is one of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*. **Born:** Armenian **Died:** flesh torn by iron wool-combs, then beheaded c.316 **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

**Ask A Franciscan: A friend believes that Mary did not have free will as other humans have. Therefore, she had no choice but to say yes to the angel at the Annunciation. They believe that God, who is all-knowing, knew that Mary was going to say yes and would not say no after God had created her immaculate in her conception.** Your friend is wrong on one count and right on another. God is indeed all-knowing, but why should God's foreknowledge of what Mary would say be any different from God's foreknowledge of your decisions or my decisions? They are assuming that God is limited by time the way that we humans are. Living sequentially; is a limitation that God does not share. The living and the dead are all equally present to God. The term foreknowledge presumes God lives, as we do, sequentially. Taken to an extreme, wouldn't God's foreknowledge about Adolf Hitler and Mother Teresa make God equally responsible for their vastly different actions? If not responsible for personal decisions, why should God have toyed with Mary's freedom at her Annunciation? Human freedom is very real and produce different results. God's knowledge does not cancel human freedom -for good or for ill. God freely created everything that exists. Part of being made in God's image is that we have a limited but very real freedom, that we need to use wisely and generously. Mary can inspire us to grow as disciples. The generosity she showed at the Annunciation can help in that process. *Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM*

**Información de comunidad Español**

¿Con qué frecuencia encontramos la felicidad sinónimo de Bienaventuranza? Podría argumentar que son tan cercanos como el Sermón de la Montaña al Sermón de la Llanura. Sin embargo, al igual que el amor que define a Dios, nuestro llamado amor no siempre lleva la connotación sagrada que el amor de Dios por nosotros tiene. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús resume en ocho afirmaciones un modo de vida que trae verdadera felicidad y bendición ya en el presente, con la promesa de plenitud de alegría en los días venideros.

Como los bendecidos están en tercera persona del plural, lo primero que nos dice el Evangelio de Mateo es que vivir esas bienaventuranzas no es una actividad individual. La pobreza, el duelo, la falta de tierras, el hambre, la guerra y la persecución pueden sin duda amenazar la felicidad. Y Jesús no nos aconseja que los afligidos simplemente esperen un cambio de fortuna en el más allá, aunque el último versículo hable de gran recompensa en el cielo. Pero es en la pluralidad del cuerpo de Cristo, actuando en conjunto, donde es posible superar estas aflicciones mientras aún estamos en la tierra.

Cabe destacar que las Bienaventuranzas vinculan las bendiciones con Dios. El corazón limpio verá a Dios. Los pacificadores serán llamados hijos de Dios. Y tanto los puros de espíritu como los perseguidos acaban encontrando la felicidad en la promesa del propio reino de Dios. En última instancia, la verdadera felicidad se encuentra en Dios y llegamos a esa felicidad en la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas, no en la adquisición de bienes o el éxito falsamente asociado a la felicidad. Encontramos nuestra felicidad relacionándonos con el mundo de la manera que Dios quiere y cultivando rasgos de humildad, misericordia y bondad en esa búsqueda.  
*Paz, Padre Jim*

**Nominaciones para el Consejo Parroquial:** Inmediatamente después de Pascua, el 11/12 de abril, pediremos a los feligreses que presenten sus candidaturas para nuestro consejo parroquial, ya sea ellos mismos o otro feligrés que cumpla los requisitos para ser miembros de nuestro consejo.

Cada feligrés nominará a un candidato. Tres miembros actuales se retirarán de nuestro consejo según lo exigido por nuestros estatutos y serán reemplazados entre los nominados que presentes. Para poder ser miembros, los nominados deben ser miembros de nuestra parroquia y entender que su responsabilidad principal será asesorar al párroco, de buena fe, sobre la implementación de los programas parroquiales bajo la guía de nuestro papa y obispo, así como del párroco.

**Niños menores de 18 años no deben quedarse sin supervisión en el Salón Parroquial.** Bendiciones.

"El valor y la fuerza que hay en mí no son míos, sino de Aquel que habita en mí — es la Eucaristía." +Santa Faustina **Únase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.**



**Educación Religiosa** 4 de febrero: Educación religiosa Padres obligatorio de Primera Comunión Reunión a las 6pm. No educación religiosa por los niños.

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