



**SAINT
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Tuesday- Friday

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Kathleen Thompson-St. Agatha Principal
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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 **servicing** 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

One of the most intriguing ways that we are tempted to do wrong is by taking the truth that God gives us in scripture and twist it so that it fits nicely into our desire for wealth, power and prestige. The irony in such temptation is that, as children, these temptations are part and parcel of our innate drives for survival. But through the graced discipline that God inevitably brings our way, we are led to evolve beyond these impediments to grow into the individuals God calls us to be.

Both initially and ultimately we are in relationship with God, each other and the creation that surrounds and nourishes us. We are so intertwined with God and creation that it can be subtly tempting to translate our lives, as with scripture, into an isolation from these relationships, driven by ego, our false self, and a death separated from the Spirit and the bread of life which is God's gift to us. But, as Paul tells us, the gift is not like the transgression. As sin exists, God's mercy and love prevails even more so.

The great tempter Satan is not ignorant of scripture, but on the contrary is quite biblically literate. What separates Jesus's response from Satan's is that Jesus refuses to give into the temptation of self-aggrandizement. Lent is a great time to grow nearer to the word of God - not on our terms, but on God's. If we approach the scriptures in humility, God will reveal himself to us. Take a moment to examine your own conscience before God, trusting in his desire to purify your heart.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

Have you met Fr. Jim's sidekick? His name is Fr. Jesuraj. He will be with us until the Diocesan assignments happen July 1. If you need to contact him, his email is mjesuraj@cdex.org and his # is 606-269-7727.

Fun fact about Fr. Jesuraj is ... His birthday is Christmas Day. Welcome Father to Winchester and St. Joseph Parish!!!

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 28

Lector

Katie Vetter

Communion Minister

**Kathy Gatson,
Volunteer**

Servers

Volunteers

Sunday, March 1

Lector

**Jason Thomas,
John Rompf**

Communion Minister

**John Hall,
Anna Hall**

Servers

**Markell Mattingly,
Kelton Mattingly**

Happy Birthday Fr. Jim!!!

Join us for cupcakes after Mass!

Blessings for February: Jeremy Hatler-6, Alice Hatler-8, Blanche Zalone-9, Cory Davis-10, Kelly Ann Keese-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 Blanca-21, Philipp Roseman-24, Annie Taulbee-24, Richard Brown-26, Cole Horn-26, Katherine Vetter-26 **Happy Birthday!**



Bulletin for Sunday, February 22, 2026

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 24

12:00 pm

Kathie Schweikart (L)

(Chapel)

Wednesday, February 25

12:00 pm

Fr. Jim Kinney (L)

(Chapel)

Thursday, February 26

12:00 pm

Fr. Arock (L)

(Chapel)

Friday, February 27

8:30 am

Bill Gay

(Church)

Adoration in the Chapel

9am to 8pm

Saturday, February 28

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

Jim and John Bachman

(Church)

Sunday, February 29

8:30 am

Lucy Fiefhaus

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, 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.

Choir Practice:

Thursdays at 6pm

The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:

February 28: Clean the Church for Easter 9am to noon. All hands on deck! :)

March 13: Spring Paint Party with Sova's Workshop 6pm

April 4: Decorate the Church For Easter 9am All are invited!!

Senior Group:

Senior Outing: March 19 at Cattleman's in Mt. Sterling at 11:30 am. RSVP to Tina Flinchum 859-771-7168.

Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on March 2 at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

Meeting March 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

ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

Knights of Columbus:

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

This Months Special Collections:

First Weekend of the Month St. Agatha February 21/22 Mission among Black and Native Americans

Parish Finance Council Members: Karen Ward, Mary Clay and Tom Lynch

Parish Pastoral Council Members: John Stokes, Tim Patrick, Janie Perales, Nick Comer, Shiela Medina, Mark Bordas and Connie Stokes

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

Thru 2/15

Total (Offertory Only)

\$204,230

Budget (Offertory Only)
Excess/(Short)

\$190,410
\$13,820

Parish Information:

A New Pastor for St. Joseph: Fr. Kinney has served our parish for the past three and a half years. He wants to make sure that you are aware that, while this has been a great blessing for him, his role as pastor here will end as of July 1st of this year. He asks that you pray for the new pastor who will be assigned and that you welcome him with the same warmth and grace that you have always given him. Finally, he asks that you understand how grateful he is for your hospitality and all that you have done to make St. Joseph a welcoming beacon of Christ's love for all.

"Building on our Heritage" Program: 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 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. If you need a card please contact the office or visit our parish website www.stjosephwinchester.com for an electronic Card. *Fr. Jim*

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.

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.

Little Black Books for Easter are available in the back of church.

If you are in need of a Year End Contribution Statement, please contact the Office at 744-4917. Thank You.

Missed the Parish Calendar in the Bulletin? Check the bulletin board in the back of church for a copy. If you have something you would like to add please let us know.



St. Agatha Academy News:

Queso Times Voucher Fundraiser. How it works: buy a \$10 Queso Times voucher from St. Agatha. Redeem it at Queso Times during the month of March. 100% of the proceeds stays at SAA. Help us meet our Fundraising Goal of \$5,000. Vouchers can be purchased at the school office or from any St. Agatha family.

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 is now open 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. Have Questions? Call 859-744-6484.

Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

February 25: Rel Ed 6pm

February 26: Youth Group 6pm

February 28: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Club 1pm in the Conference Room

Stations of the Cross is each Friday during Lent at 6 pm in church and Estaciones de la cruz en espanol 8 pm.

Parish Lenten Soup Supper provided by the Knights of Columbus

February 27 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Menu: Clam Chowder or Vegetable Soup and a roll. Cost is FREE Donations are welcome. All are invited.

Mass Intentions are available for the second half of 2026 starting in August.

Ways to have a Mass said...drop a list of dates in the collection basket or in the parish mailbox. Call or email the office, Kathie or Jennifer. Simply drop by the office to schedule a Mass for your loved ones.

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 by Thursday at 5 pm!

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

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: We have met our St. Joseph Participation Goal. Please consider helping to meet our Financial goal as well if you have not yet donated. Thank you for your support!!!

Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers are needed.

Extra Offertory Collection Counters Needed. One month commitment on Sunday after Mass.

COUNTERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY AND MAY!

We have a volunteer that will be out of town.

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

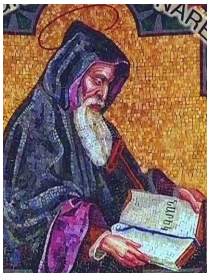
Withdrawal system for your Offertory Collections... Vanco Solutions manages the Donate button located on our website:

www.stjosephwinchester.com and is PCI Compliant. Click on the Donate

Norms of the Church for Lenten Penance

FAST - Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ABSTINENCE - The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age or older. If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.



St. Gregory of Narak Feast: February 27
 Grigor, the son of Bishop Khosrov Andzevatsi, was descended from a line of scholars and churchmen, and was educated by his father and Anania Vartabed, abess of Narek monastery. He and both his brothers became monks as young men. Gregory excelled in music, astronomy, Geometry, mathematics, literature and theology. He was ordained a priest in 977 in his mid-20's. He lived most of his life in the

Narek monastery, where, for his entire adult life, He taught theology in the monastic school. His writings began with a commentary on the *Song of Songs*, which was commissioned by an Armenian prince, but continued through his life with letters, poems, hymns, music, and essays. Many of his prayers are included in the Divine Liturgy celebrated each Sunday in Armenian Churches around the world, and his masterpiece is considered to be his *Book of Lamentations*, which has a theme of man's separation from God, and his quest to reunite with Him; it has been translated into at least 30 languages. He is one of the greatest figures of medieval Armenian religious thought and literature, and has been declared a Doctor of the Universal Church. *Born:* c.950 in Andzevatsik, Kingdom of Vaspurakan, Armenia (in modern Turkey) *Died:* c.1005 at the monastery of Narek, on the southern shores of Lake Van, Armenia (in modern Turkey) of natural causes; buried in the Narek monastery; chapel was built on his tomb; the monastery and chapel were destroyed by Turkish authorities in the mid-20th-century, and a mosque was built over the site *Canonized:* equipollent canonization and proclaimed a Doctor of the Universal Church on 12 April 2015 by Pope Francis at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy

Ask A Franciscan: Who goes there? How can we help them? Purgatory is a state of cleansing so that people don't enter heaven ready to "set straight" everyone who disagrees with them. It enables people not to complain who they sit next to or across from at the heavenly banquet. Imagine that two state senators who cast opposite votes recently died on the same day and were judged almost ready to be admitted to heaven. To the extent that they want to continue denigrating the other's vote on that issue, to that extent they are not ready for heaven, where God will be quite enough for everyone there. Imagine a person who died with some racist feelings. Is she or he truly ready to sit opposite a person of that race? We help the souls in purgatory by praying for them and by living deeply in God's truth now so that we won't need a great deal of cleansing before we are ready to take our place at the heavenly banquet. (Part 1).

Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM

Información de comunidad Español

Una de las formas más intrigantes en que nos sentimos tentados a equivocarnos es tomando la verdad que Dios nos da en las escrituras y tergiversándola para que encaje perfectamente en nuestro deseo de riqueza, poder y prestigio. La ironía de tal tentación es que, de niños, estas tentaciones forman parte de nuestros impulsos innatos de supervivencia. Pero a través de la disciplina honrada que Dios inevitablemente nos trae, nos lleva a evolucionar más allá de estos impedimentos para crecer hasta convertirnos en las personas que Dios nos llama a ser.

Tanto al principio como en última instancia estamos en relación con Dios, el uno con el otro y con la creación que nos rodea y nutre. Estamos tan entrelazados con Dios y la creación que puede ser sutilmente tentador traducir nuestras vidas, como ocurre con las Escrituras, en un aislamiento de estas relaciones, impulsados por el ego, nuestro falso yo y una muerte separada del Espíritu y del pan de vida, que es el regalo de Dios para nosotros. Pero, como nos dice Pablo, el regalo no es como la transgresión. Como el pecado existe, la misericordia y el amor de Dios prevalecen aún más.

El gran tentador Satanás no ignora las escrituras, sino que al contrario es bastante alfabetizado bíblicamente. Lo que separa la respuesta de Jesús de la de Satanás es que Jesús se niega a sucumbir a la tentación del engrandecimiento personal. La Cuaresma es un gran momento para acercarse a la palabra de Dios, no en nuestros términos, sino en los de Dios. Si nos acercamos a las escrituras con humildad, Dios se revelará ante nosotros. Tómame un momento para examinar tu propia conciencia ante Dios, confiando en su deseo de purificar tu corazón. *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 **Unase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.**

Educación Religiosa 25 de febrero: Educación religiosa 6pm Todos grados.

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.

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