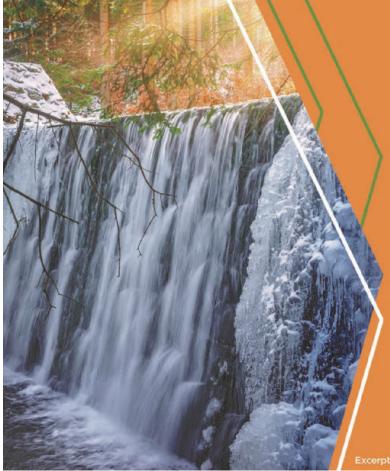
## The Catholic Communities of

## St. Joseph Church

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Mass Times Saturday Vigil Mass: St. Joseph-4:30 pm Sunday Masses: St. Paul-9:00 am St. Joseph-10:30 am

Morning Prayer-St. Joseph Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:40 am Friday: 11:30 am-Rosary

#### Daily Masses

Tuesday and Thursday: St. Joseph-8:00 am Wednesday: St. Paul 12:00 pm Friday: St. Joseph-12:00 pm

> Sacrament of Penance Saturday: St. Joseph-3:30-4:00 pm Sunday: St. Paul-8:30-8:50 am

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Jo Mayer: Coordinator

> **Music Director** Melissa Bound

**Choir Director** Patty Lynn

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#### Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Remember all the sick and homebound of our parish especially: Agnes Benzek, Betty Blades, Everett Blades, Gene Blades, Doris Bound, Carol Davis, Judy Evans, Ernie French, Ed Glos, Celeste Grider, Diane Gualdoni, Kelley Halper, Matthew Heckel, Robert Hopkins, Thom Ivastanin, Jan Jansco, Jr., Tammy Jones, Betty Lou Kainz, Maureen Kee, Joshua Loyd, Melody Lukesh, John Macier, Margaret Mocaby, Harry Mosley, Lorraine Musial, Agnes Olsen, John & Sheila Phillips, Angela Poskevich, Debbie Pulley, Ernie Rinella, Bernadette Romans, John & Cathi Roth, Leticia Sanchez, Christian Shoaff, Dorothy Shoaff, Herbert Soberg, Ida Nell Wargel, and Patti Zanotti.



Anyone who needs prayers because they are sick and/or homebound, please call the office and your name will be put on the above list.

## Sunday 9

Mass-9:00 am-SP **PSR** after Mass Mass-10:30 am-SJ Children's Liturgy Word

## Young Baptism after Mass

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 **YFF**-6:00 pm

## Monday 10

Funeral Mass for Ida Nell Wargel 11:00 am-SJ Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Bible Discussion-12 pm

Church Bingo-7:00 pm-KC Marion

#### St. Paul

Parish Secretary Sandi West stpaulsw47@gmail.com

> Bookkeeper Pat Restivo

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) **Cindy Pulsford** stpaulcp85@gmail.com Elizabeth Williams-Megan Leitzen

#### E-giving Benefits

A greener approach to giving. As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.

## **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**

## St. Joseph

January 3, 2022

Weekly Budget Goal	\$8621
Sunday Offering (94)	\$10,708
Loose	\$761
E-giving (7)	\$280
Pay Pal ()	<u>\$21954</u>
Total:	\$11,968 <sup>54</sup>
Candles	\$58
Solemnity of Mary (26)	\$705
Christmas (4)	\$253

#### **Church Building Fund**

Contributions (6)

St. Daul

\$20

Weekly Budget Goal	\$1800
Sunday Offering (29)	\$4675
Loose	<u>\$261</u>
Total	\$4936
Solemnity of Mary (13)	\$223

You must each decide in your heart how much to give, and don't give reluctantly. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9.7

#### Morning Prayer-7:40 am-SJ **Communion Service Readings:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Tuesday 11



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## Mass Intentions

- Sat Jan. 8 Vigil: Baptism of the Lord -4:30 pm Parish Family-SJ
- \*Sun Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord -9:00 am † Ken Sine-SP -10:30 am † Don Irwin-SJ Young Baptism after Mass
- Mon Jan. 10 Weekday -11 am Funeral Mass-SJ † Ida Nell Wargel
- Tues Jan. 11 Weekday -7:40 am Morning Prayer-SJ -Communion Service
- Wed Jan. 12 Weekday -No Services
- Thurs Jan. 13 Weekday -7:40 am Morning Prayer-SJ -Communion Service
- Fri Jan. 14 Weekday -11:30 am Rosary-SJ -Communion Service
- Sat Jan. 15 Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -4:30 pm Parish Family-SJ
- Sun Jan. 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -9:00 am † Joan Skyles-SP -10:30 am † Lambert & Louise Abell-SJ

\*In Memory of Richard Hoffman

## Pray for Those in the Military

We remember in prayer our parishioners, relatives and friends serving in the military, especially Jesse Armstrong, Jared Broemmel, Nathaniel Broemmel, Steven and Michael Garland, Christopher Garwood, Jim McCarty, Jacque Risley, Elizabeth Shaw, Ian Shaw, Simon Shaw, Kyle Shea, Sean Shea, Dakotah Smith, Dylan Teckenbrock, Brendan Vaughn, Paul Wetstein, Daniel Wiesner, Zachary Wiesner, Ashton Worack, and John Ryan Worack, Jr. Pray for peace in the world.

## Wednesday 12

**No Services Readings:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**RCIA**-6:00 pm **YFF**-6:00 pm

Marion KC Mtg.-7:30 pm

## Thursday 13

Morning Prayer-7:40 am-SJ Communion Service Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Pickleball 5-7 pm FLC

Grief Support-6:00 pm Bingo-7:00 pm-KC Hall

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Second Sunday in OT, January-15, 4:30 am

- L Mike Humphrey
- EM Sue Humphrey, Linda Lurkins
- S Banks Gordon, Aaron Simich
- HM PArnolds, DSmith, C&SVodrazka
- Sac. Dick Heckel

#### Second Sunday in OT, January 15, 10:30 am

- L Matt Lees
- EM Steve Bly, Angela Lees
- S Hayden Lees, Madison Lees
- HM S Dingrando, C Ehrhardt, G Frugé D Smith
- Sac. Carl Sternberg
- CLW Janice Abell

#### **Mass for Life**

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL. We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail at mail to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org



From 5:00pm-7:00pm Family Life Center Gym For more details call Chuck Ehrhardt 618-525-1005.

## Friday 14

**Rosary-11:3**0 am-SJ **Communion Service Readings:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

## Sanctuary Candles

<sup>1</sup> A Sanctuary Candle burns in the Church to indicate the presence of our Lord. The candle burns for 14 days and then is replaced by a new candle. If you would like to have a candle in memory of a loved one or as a thanksgiving offering ("on the occasion of..." "In honor of...,") please call LaVerne at the parish office 618-993-3194. The stipend for a candle will be \$10.00. The name(s) or occasion will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

# Home Bound and Hospital Visits

Please call if you or a family member would like to receive a livit visit from Father Brian Barker or one of the parishioners.
Please call Rita Dutton at 889-7215 or the office in Marion at livit 993-3194, opt. 1 or Sandi West in Johnston City at 983-5073.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that an **IN-PERSON** Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to <u>wwme.org</u>, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

## Joint Pastoral Council

## St. Paul Representatives

Matt Leitzen Barbara Cooksey Brue Steh Thomas Burton

## St. Joseph Representatives

Andrea Arnold Scott Gimmy Teresa Machicao-Hopkins Leticia DeMattei

### St. Joseph and St. Paul Nominations for Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council asks you to prayerfully discern candidates to replace our three (2 from SJ and 1 from SP) outgoing council members. If you know any fellow parishioner who has:

- Enthusiasm about the direction of the parishes.
- A willingness to listen to others.
- Desire for spiritual growth in oneself and in parish.
- Is willing and able to make the commitment to this ministry.

### Nominations will begin the weekend of December 18

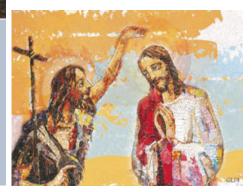
## Saturday 15

Reconciliation-3:30-4:00 pm Mass-4:30 pm-SJ

## Sunday-16

Mass-9:00 am-SP Welcome Fr. Frank Coen PSR after Mass Mass-10:30 am-SJ Children's Liturgy Word Readings: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**YFF-**6:00 pm



## From the Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's feast is the Baptism of the Lord. It's the last day of the Christmas season for the Church. So if you haven't taken down your decorations yet, today is the day!

The place where most Scripture scholars and biblical archaeologists believe Jesus was baptized is called today Qasr el Yahud. It's just above the Dead Sea, which is quite the barren place with no plants, fish or visible signs of life. It's located 1,412 feet below sea level, the lowest elevation on the planet. Does that mean something? Perhaps. I like to think that this spot where Jesus was baptized reveals that he meets the human race at the lowest point of our earthly existence. Amid this lifeless scene, Jesus stands underneath the Father's loving watch and assures us he's with us from our very highs to our very lows.

From the lowest places of our lives, God also invites us as well to stand with Jesus, under God's love and mercy. When we really dare to come close to this unapproachable light, however, we often don't think of ourselves as worthy, and our fear and perhaps shame would have us believe that we don't deserve the washing away of our sins. Today's readings remind us that God loves us not because we are good but because God is good. Jesus came not for the right-eous but for sinners like you and me. Living out our baptism means living out our lives knowing that we are loved without reservation and condition. The best way to respond to this is to love others as God loves us.

Jesus descends to the lowest point on earth so that we might know the heights and depths of God's mercy. May we center our lives around this and live out our own baptism by making more visible the invisible heart of God.

Father Brian

#### JustFaith Catholic Program Offered Virtually

Starting 2nd Week of January 2022

How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response is an 8 week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. The program will be offered virtually on Zoom for any interested Catholics in our diocese starting the 2nd week of January. Every effort will be made find a meeting time that accommodates the schedule of those interested in the program. For a short introductory video go to youtube.com/watch? v=CRWqV KhwLQ. For more information go to https:// justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/. The program is sponsored through a local grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. For more information or to express interest, contact Chervl Sommer, Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-2838.





### MD INTENTIONS:

Prayers for better health for Barbara & Brian Pitcher from Carol Ratachie Special intentions of a Parishioner In honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Special Intention for Jan from Mom Special Intention for Jamie from Mamma Special intention from a Parishioner

#### LAMP INTENTIONS IN LOVING MEMORY AND REPOSE OF SOULS

Granny & Grampy Anderson with love Rob, Andrea, Amelia & Ava Polich, Zasada and Bishop Families from Donnie & Janice Joe, Agnes and Phyllis Poskevich from their Family Paul Farthing by Marilyn & Family Rebekah Anne from Grandpa & Grandma Joan Skyles from a Friend Rose Jansco Roberson from the Family Mary Moroni Thomas from Dwain & Martin Wally Musial from Lorraine Peter & Frances Glad & Family from Lorraine Musial Joseph & Palmira Poskevich from their Family Loren, Georgina, & Ben from Daniel & Nicki Tom Evans from Sandra Evans & Family Rebekah from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent Jack Hatfield from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent

## **Birthday Blessings**

#### January

- 10 Donnie Gaddis Matt Leitzen
- Dorothy Shoaff
- 11 Robert Cooksey
- 14 Mary Bain
- 15 Miles Leitzen



#### Thank You

A big Thank You to everyone for all the food items and monetary donations for the Christmas Food Baskets.

#### Reminder

At this time your yearly Lamps need to be renewed. If you have any questions, you can call Sandi at 618-983-5073.

#### Christmas Giving Tree - Dregnancy Matters

"The Christmas Giving Tree" is to help provide needed baby items for the Pregnancy Matters Center. Please take an "Ornament" and purchase that item and return it to church. The tree will be up from December 19th thru January 9th.

Holly Pyle from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent Grandma & Grandpa Helfrich from Gary, Tammy, John Michael, Jeremy & Brent William F. & Jimmy Smith by their Family Nono, Noni, JoAnn, Pedo & Chuckie from Chuck, Judy & Ryan Sam & Mary Davis, Dave, C.B. Scott & Jerry from Chuck, Judy & Ryan Erin from Dad, Mama & Ry Vernon Kee from Maureen, Scout, Karen, Judi, Tim & Rick Ralph & Eileen Lee by Maureen Kee & Family Molly Jeanette by her Dads Vernon Kee by son Tim & Rick Richard & Jeanette Wade by son Rick & Tim Loved Ones from a Parishioner Johnny from Sis Bob Sniegowski from Carol Ratachie Ron Evans from Agnes Benzek

#### **Calendar of Events**

- 9 Mass-9:00 am
  - **PSR** after Mass
- 12 **No** 12:00 pm Mass
- Mass-9:00 am-Welcome Fr. Frank Coen 16 **PSR** after Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS AT ST. PAUL

January 16, 2022-9:00 am

- L Beth Roberts S
  - Kadyn Martin, Marcus Leitzen
- EM Sandi West Matt & Megan Leitzen
- G GB
- Sue Jansco
- TKee, RWade, TBurton, JPulsford U

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secular-ism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



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