

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 26, 2021

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217-321-1155

## Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30PM  
Sunday ~ 8AM and 10:30AM  
Mon., Tues., Thur. and Fri. ~ 8:30AM

## Confessions

Saturday 3:15—4:00PM



*The Holy Family*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

# PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker:

MERRY CHRISTMAS! I am so privileged to spend this most glorious time in our Church with all of you for the very first time. The past 6 months have been ones of happiness, joy, discovery, faith, and fun for me. You all have opened your hearts to me, and for that I am very, very grateful. I have experienced the presence of the Lord born at Bethlehem in many ways through you and because of you.

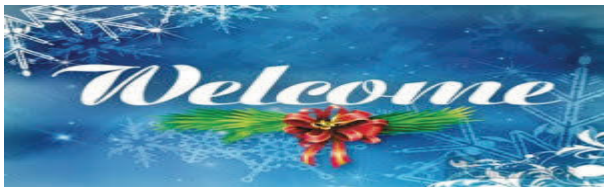
This time of year leads one to reflect on the goodness of our God. That He became one of us and took on humanity is something that should move us beyond words. In Jesus, the invisible God was shown. And He came to us poor and lowly, in a humble state, born in a cave. The Master of the world humbled Himself – should we not be humbled in our daily living, responding in humility to His call for us to follow Him unreservedly? He gave us such an example to follow. Over 2,000 years ago, the world was changed forever. Christ entered our world - let us ask Him to daily enter our hearts.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas day and season. May you know of my prayers for you and your families, especially at the Masses during these Christmas days. I am so grateful for all you have done for me since I arrived, and I am overly appreciative of your support and prayers. And your prayers and best wishes for my mom have touched me deeply.

I want to give a “shout out” to all who helped with our Advent/Christmas seasons. To John Kennedy, our choir and musicians for the prayerful music; to those who assisted with inspiring and beautiful décor, inside and outside; to those who volunteered for ministries during the liturgies; to those who donated to our various causes to help the poor and needy in our midst; to my wonderful staff who takes good care of me; to our pre-school and Faith Formation teachers/students who light up my life weekly; to all who use their time, talent, and treasure to benefit our parish and its numerous activities; to all on our various councils and groups who give so much; and to all others who pray for us daily.

How aptly we are named St. Joseph the WORKER parish, because there are MANY WORKERS here who WORK together to bring about the WORK of the Church. I am forever grateful.

Your Christmas Cleric,  
Father Joe



We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this Christmas season. If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the Parish Office at 217-483-3772. You can also find the registration form on our parish website at [stjoschatham.org](http://stjoschatham.org), click on Forms, then New Member Form. Please return your registration to the office.

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be a 4:30PM Mass for this Feast of Mary on Friday, December 31. The 4:30PM Mass on January 1 will be a Vigil Mass for the Sunday Obligation.

## Looking Ahead

### December

28 Men's Bible Study, 6:30AM—RR

28 Titus Women's Group via Zoom

31 Mass at 4:30PM—**NO 8:30AM MASS**

*OH: O'Hara Hall ~ KH: Kollross Hall ~ RR: Resource Room ~ K: Kitchen*

## Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 3.



## To Your Health

Winter fruits like grapefruit, kiwi and oranges are delicious in-season healthy fruits.



# VIBRANT AND ACTIVE DISCIPLES

## The Symbolism of the Candy Cane



Turned upside down,  
the cane makes a "J"  
for Jesus who was  
born on Christmas Day.

Turn it upright like  
the Good Shepherd's staff  
who pleads to the  
Father on your behalf.

At the top you'll see  
the saving crook,  
used on the lost sheep  
He never forsook.

The stripes whisper softly  
"By his stripes we are healed,"  
and the red represents  
His blood that was spilled.

The white gives us hope  
to become pure as He,  
by forsaking our sins,  
white as snow they will be.

The peppermint oil  
that flavors this treat,  
is known for its strong  
healing properties.

Now each time you see the  
striped candy cane,  
remember, dear child,  
He knows your name.

by Alana Lee

## An Advent Giving Challenge

During the month of December, the Men's Explorers Bible Study Group has received a "donation challenge" for Ball Chatham and Holy Family Food Pantries. What does this mean? Well, for every dollar St. Joe's receives as a donation for the food pantries, an anonymous donor will match it up to \$2,000. This is an opportunity to increase the impact of our giving.

To donate money to the food pantries, you may put your donation in an envelope and drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection box. Cash or checks will be accepted. **Checks should be written to St. Joseph the Worker, with "food pantry" written on the memo line.** You can also bring food to the parish office during work hours.

## Gratitude for Volunteers and Benefactors

This Christmas season is a perfect opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to our many **volunteers** and **benefactors** who give their time, talent and treasure for the needs of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. You give of yourselves, help with the needs of the parish, keep the parish vibrant and active, and you are appreciated!

You are a blessing for us all, and are remembered in prayer. May Christ's peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you in the New Year!



## Pancake Breakfast Canceled

With rising Covid-19 cases, **TEAM** has decided to cancel its pancake breakfast scheduled for January 2022. TEAM had already canceled the 2021 annual breakfast, with hopes to hold it in 2022. It's hard to socially distance inside for both preparing the breakfast and dining. Covid numbers were declining when TEAM was contemplating 2022, but with the increase, it was decided it's in the best interest of our parish members and the community to wait another year. TEAM thanks everyone for their support and we hope to see you next year!

## Prayer Line

Sam Beck  
Michele Becker  
Bill Bellot  
Judy Blakley  
James Burshears  
Bernard Clancy  
Kalli Creviston  
Kathleen DeAngelo  
Diane Dill  
Pat Felber  
Marilyn Franic  
Paula Gibson  
Christina Hand  
Colleen Hoerchler  
Michael Hoerchler  
Tim Hoerchler  
Daphne Hogan  
Jim Hogge  
Joyce Kazmierski  
Mary Alice Keith  
Matt Kern  
Mary Ellen Kingery  
Barbara Mangan  
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Bob Maurer  
Lucia Molloy  
Carol Olejniczak  
Jo Powers  
Malena Orbegoso  
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Donald Shay  
Nicholas Shay  
George Simmons  
Harold Smith  
Mark Thomas  
Jane Vetter  
Cindy Wheeler  
Thomas A. Woytych

Call St. Joseph's Prayer Line  
with prayer requests.

8:30AM - 4:30PM:  
Sr. Judith Pfile, O.P.  
217-483-3772

5:00PM - 9:00PM:  
Anita Bedell  
217-483-4566

Irene Burnet  
217-816-3962

Mary Lewis  
217-483-3166

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH

## Daily Readings

### Important Dates

Faith Formation classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th at 9:15AM (Session I) and Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30PM (Session II.)

### VBS Co-Directors Needed

If you are up for a challenge that reaps an abundance of fulfillment at watching youth of all ages grow in God's love, are dependable, organized, team oriented and have a passion for our faith and passing it along to our young church, then do we have the perfect opportunity for you! We are searching for 1-2 motivated individuals to work along-side the Faith Formation Coordinator in planning, promoting and overseeing our annual Vacation Bible School program. We are hoping for this to begin in January of 2022, with a shadowing experience under our current Co-Directors, and the intention of taking over full reigns in January of 2023. If interested, please reach out to Janice Anderson in the church office for further information, explanation, details and questions. A very heart-felt thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this meaningful and important ministry to our parish.



### In Deepest Sympathy

Our parish extends sympathy and prayers to Joan Mundhenke on the death of her husband **Verne Mundhenke**. May our gracious Lord grant **Verne** eternal rest and may He bless their family with the hope and consolation that only the Lord can bring.



### Baptism Preparation Classes

Parents who would like to have their child baptized at St. Joseph the Worker are required to attend a preparation class. The classes for 2022 will be:

January 13, 2022  
March 3, 2022  
May 12, 2022  
July 14, 2022  
September 8, 2022  
November 10, 2022

To sign up for a class, or to make alternate arrangements, call the church office at 217-483-3772. Thanks to Cindy Essex for helping our new parents prepare to raise the next generation of the faithful.



### Sew 'n Sews

St. Joe's sewing group usually meets every Tuesday afternoon. They will not be meeting again until after the New Year, January 4. If you haven't been a part of the group, think about getting involved in 2022.



### Adopt a Restored Order Candidate Friendly Reminder

If you adopted a Restored Order Candidate by taking a card the weekend of November 13th, please continue to pray for them as they approach their special day on Tuesday, January 11th at the Cathedral in Springfield. Thank you!

### Year End Giving

Some folks are in the habit of making an "end of the Year" donation to the parish. Please consider making a donation to the Parish Tithing Goal, which has replaced the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. This would help us towards reaching our parish goal for 2021. Each month the diocese requires us to send 10% of our monthly income to them. Please use the canary-colored envelope in your packet, or use an envelope marked "Bishop's Tithe" and drop it in the collection box or mail it into the office. All contributions need to be received or post-marked by December 31, 2021 to be reflected on your 2021 statement.

MON – DEC 27  
1Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

TUE – DEC 28  
1Jn 1:5—2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

WED – DEC 29  
NO MASS  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

THU – DEC 30  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40

FRI – DEC 31  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

SAT – JAN 1  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

SUN – JAN 2  
IS 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
MT 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

MON – DEC 27  
8:30AM  
All Parishioners

TUE – DEC 28  
8:30AM  
+Carol Shay

WED – DEC 29  
No Mass

THU – DEC 30  
8:30AM  
+Margaret (Peg) Sidener

FRI – DEC 31  
4:30PM  
+Deceased Members of  
Coombe Family

SAT – JAN 1  
4:30PM  
+Jerry Kornfeld

SUN – JAN 2  
8AM  
All Parishioners  
10:30AM  
+Tom Quevillon

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### A New Year Prayer

Gracious God,  
as we give you thanks and praise  
for the blessings of the past,  
forgive our sins and failures and help us  
to forgive those who have hurt us.

Bless each moment of the coming year.  
Help us to grow in wisdom in your sight.  
May we often sing your praise  
and bring your peace to those we meet.  
Keep us close to your heart and  
have mercy on us.  
Amen.

#### Christmas

*Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him.*

#### Holy Family

*The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?*

#### Advertiser of the Week Gypsy Soul

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#### Mission Statement of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

*We are a Roman Catholic faith family in Chatham, Illinois committed to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We live our faith with our words and through our actions. Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we seek to become a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and respected.*

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