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To the Catholic Churches of

**Mother of Dolors
&
St. Joseph**



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Mother of Dolors Vandalia:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am

St. Joseph Ramsey:

Sunday: 8:00 am; Tuesday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Mother of Dolors Vandalia:

Saturday: 3-3:45 pm (or by appointment)

St. Joseph Ramsey:

Sunday: 7-7:45 am (or by appointment)

Parish Office Hours

STJ — Monday 8 am—2 pm

MOD — Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8 am—4 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Tuesday

Email or call MOD office at 283-0214

BAPTISM

Preparation for parents by appointment. Celebrations during Mass or after Mass upon request

MARRIAGE

Couple should contact the office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office if seriously ill or awaiting surgery.

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† Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec 20

Late Advent Weekday
No Mass

Tues., Dec 21
8:00 am **STJ**

Late Advent Weekday
+Father Forster

Wed., Dec 22
8 am **MOD**
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Late Advent Weekday
+George R. Kelly (Kelly)
Adoration in Mary's Chapel

Thurs., Dec 23
8 am **MOD**

Late Advent Weekday
+Eric Gurtner (Gurtner)

Fri., Dec 24
4 pm **MOD**
8 pm **STJ**

Late Advent Weekday
+Betty Edgar (Edgar)
+Don Jones

Sat., Dec 25
12:00 **MOD**
9 am **MOD**

The Nativity of the Lord
+Martha Sommer (Gertie and Annette)
+ Edward Doedtman (John & Carolyn)

Sun., Dec 26
7:00 am - 7:45 am
8:00 am **STJ**
10:00 am **MOD**
4 PM **MOD**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Reconciliation **STJ**
+Ruth Holliday
+Holly Lidy
+Fr. Bob Porter (Edgar)

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Holy Souls in Purgatory

**CHRISTMAS
& NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Fri. Dec 24 Christmas Eve MOD 4 PM STJ 8 PM	Fri. Dec 31 New Year's Eve STJ 4 PM
Sat. Dec 25 Christmas Day MOD midnight MOD 9 AM	Sat. Jan 1 New Year's Day MOD 9 AM

MOD-Cheryl Bowen, Amber DeClerck, Tracy Fifer, Greg Philpot, Betty Mars, Joann & Herb Tessman, Lela Themig, Keith Hobler, Diane Straub, Fred Keck, Buddy Carroll, Hannah & Janet Shroyer, Marc Sasse, Ohren Simburger, Barb Mitchell, Luralene Tarter, Jennie Grimsley, Tom Bohle, Mike Mars, Gabe McGee, Bart Robbins, Anthony Otto

STJ-Joe Meyer, Vicky Graeser, RS, Sister Mary Lou Durbin, Erin Prather, Makenzie Elzer, Denice Prather, Gladys Maher, Everett Hoehn, Paul Moore, Megan Clark, Nancy Chatam, Annie Logsdon, Jed Crow, Debbie D, Marsha Grove, Linda Beck, Jeff Menken, Sara Smith, Janice Kirk, Fred Bauerle, Larry Pruitt

****Please help keep this list current****



4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, Catholics do not sing Christmas hymns, or use Christmas readings, in Mass until December 25th, the first day of the Christmas season.

Mass Assistants

Mother of Dolors

Friday, Dec 24— 4 :00 PM

Lector: Tim Daiber Ushers: Pat Jackson
Servers: Ivan & Ike

Saturday, Dec 25— Midnight Mass

Lector: Sally Shields Ushers: Joe Shields
Servers: volunteers

Saturday, Dec 25 — 9 AM

Lector: Ann Stock Ushers: volunteers
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, Dec 26— 10 AM

Lector: Lisa Murfee Ushers: Dan Stock & Buddy Carroll
Servers: Ivan & Ike

EXTRA MASS Sunday, Dec 26 4 PM

Lector: Dave Lidy Ushers: volunteers
Servers: volunteers

St. Joseph's

Friday, Dec 24 — 8 PM

Lector: Pat Harris Ushers: Dennis & Mike
Servers: Violet & Max Gifts: ushers

Sunday, Dec 26 — 8 AM

Lector: Mike Reiss Ushers: Larry M & Clem
Servers: Charlie & Kelsey Gifts: Pruitt's



Upcoming events:

NO PSR	Wed. Dec 22
NO RCIA	Thurs. Dec 23

Our Gifts to God and Our Parish

Mother of Dolors		St. Joseph's:	
12-12		12-12	
Regular	2,815.00	Regular	590.00
Candles	33.55	Online	66.30
Building fund	15.00	Retired Religious	88.00
Christmas Flowers	230.00		
Christmas	25.00		
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Mother of Dolours & St. Joseph's News

Dear Friends,

Advent is almost over. The Day of the Lord draws near.

God chooses a virgin to bear His Son in a manger, shepherds to hear first the good news, and wise men from the East to bring Him gifts.

Why? Why does God choose this/

With His coming in human form, to be with us as one of us, God means to invade our lives and take center stage.

And he desires to do so with all people—the chose, the poor, even non-believers—and to pull them gently to his crib. He does the same with the cross and the altar.

The crib, the cross, the altar, become the fixed points around which our lives revolve because God is there. There, His life and our lives blend, ours encircling his.

Remember the last child born in your family.

God asks us to once again re-imagine our lives with Christ as its center.

His is the greatest story ever told.

So let's make it our own

Merry Christmas! *Fr. Seth*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported the Caring and Sharing breakfast! Through your generosity we raised \$1,271.00

MOD & STJ

Decorating for Christmas will be after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 19th. All help is appreciated!

MOD—December CCW Committee

The next CCW meeting will be **Monday, Dec. 20th at 7 PM** in the church basement. Committee: Paula Edgar, chairwoman; Kathy Roberts, Marlys Hayner, Janis Edwards, Cheryl Gale.



There is **NO** 4 PM Mass at
MOD Sat. Dec. 25.

There will be 4 PM Mass at
MOD Sun. Dec. 26.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19

Micah 5:1-4a. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Hebrews 10:5-10. Luke 1:39-45.

Leaping for Joy. Let us take our cue from the six-month gestating baby in the womb of Elizabeth leaping for joy on encountering the Lord and the one who brings him. Let us sing again and again all week the antiphon of the psalm: “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

- How can I keep looking for the face of Christ in those around me?
- Whom will I visit, even virtually if needed, to help in some way?
- How can I get to Christmas Day in peace?

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