

One Parish Family



December 9 & 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Our Parish!

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am

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412 E. Washington St.
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OFFERING COLLECTED

ST. JOSEPH, December 2 & 3

Bills for the week of Nov. 19	\$4,322.27
Envelopes, Votives, & Loose	\$5,653.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$50.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$440.00
Christmas Offering	\$130.00
Capital/Renovation	\$270.00
Diocese Collection for the Needy	\$20.00

ST. ANDREW, December 2 & 3

Chapel	\$10.00
Sharon Kesler Memorial for Cemetery	\$1,570.00

ST. MARY, December 2 & 3

Chapel	\$10.00
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Mass Ministers for Saturday, Dec. 16, 4:30 pm

Ken Hungate-Usher/Greeter & Offertory Gifts
Doris Roesch, Harold Campbell, Linda Dawe-Eucharistic Ministers
Angela Witges-Lector/Reader

VOLUNTEER-Server

Dorothy Yancik-Sacristan

Mass Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:00 am

Dennis & Jama Kinkade-Usher/Greeter
YFF Students & Family-Offertory Gifts
Mike Young, Betty Batts, Nicki Bishop-Eucharistic Ministers
Harold Olandini-Lector/Reader
Elaine Heimgartner & YFF Student Volunteer-Server
Elaine Heimgartner-Sacristan
Elaine Heimgartner, Pat Borgra, & Mary Beth Simpkins-Money Counters

If anyone would like to join St. Joseph Church or would like to receive envelopes (which makes it much easier for Counters) please call the office at 618-438-9941 or see Ellen, our secretary.

St. Joseph Church Calendars are available for pick up at all the entrances of church. Please pick up as many as you & your family need.

ST. JOSEPH QUILT CLUB

The St. Joseph Quilt Club will hold its last meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 for 2023. They will resume meeting on Monday, January 8 from 12 Noon to 5 pm



During the month of December, St. Joseph Parishioners are asked to donate **Mac & Cheese** to the Benton/West City Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The donated items can be left at the entrances to the church. Aluminum cans can be deposited in the bins on the east side of the Parish

ST. JOSEPH (Names will be kept on list for 1 month) Jeanette Buscher, Jerry Buscher, Lou Cooper, Diane Koloziej, Julie Murphy, Patsy Nave, Kimberly Romani, Janie Rowland, Tina Smith, Donna Spencer, Mike Sponsler, Steve VanUytven, & Vickie Wolf



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE

MILITARY Marco Alvarez, Anthony Clark, Andy Wolf, Jeremy Knight, Shane Murray, Aaron Sisk, Landon Wolf, Jami

Tedrow, Carston Sanders, Andrew Salmo, Patrick Schepers, Kryslyn Shew, Dustin Richard, & Bryson Wilson.



FUTURE DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Christmas Program & Breakfast after Mass, Sunday, Dec. 17

Office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, January 2 per the Diocese of Belleville

New Year's Day Mass, January 1, at 10:00 am

Christopher Knights of Columbus Meeting, Wed., January 3, 6:30 pm, Columbian Club Hall

Rosary will be recited before Mass on Jan. 6 & 7

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Meeting, Mon., Jan. 8, 6:30 pm, Fr. Joseph Trapp Room

ST. JOSEPH ADVENT SCHEDULE

Christmas Breakfast & YFF Program, Sunday, Dec. 17 after Mass

The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:30 pm

The Nativity of the Lord (Mass during the Day) Monday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am

NO Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass, Sunday Evening, Dec. 31

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass, Monday, Jan. 1, 10:00 am



CATHOLIC TRIVIA

1. In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the apostles at Pentecost?
2. Who is the patron saint of grandfathers?
3. What are the three colors found in the uniform of the Swiss Guard?
4. What part of the Mass comprises the readings, responses, Gospel, & homily. Name this part of the Mass.
5. According to ancient Catholic Tradition, why do we cover our mouths when we yawn?
Answers are found on the next page

ST. JOSEPH MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm

Repose of the Souls of

Sharon Kesler & Marcus Cunningham

Sunday, Dec. 10th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am

Repose of the Souls of

Robert Buscher & Don Sebastian

*YFF Classes will meet in the
Parish Center after Mass*

Monday, December 11th

Quilt Club 12 Noon to 5:00 pm NO MASS

Tuesday, December 12th

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm

Repose of the Soul of Marcus Cunningham

Wednesday, December 13th

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm

Repose of Souls of Special Intentions

Thursday, December 14th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 am

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am

Repose of the Souls of Deacon Michael Rowland
& Mr. & Mrs. Kozicki

Friday, December 15th

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am

Repose of the Soul of Karen Jamrozek

Saturday, Dec. 16th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm

Repose of the Souls of

Donald Sebastian & John "Hunior" Mocaby

*Decorating Church for Christmas,
9:00 am, Everyone is welcome & help.*

Refreshments will be served.



Sunday, Dec. 17th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am

Repose of the Souls of Michelle Williams
& The Bill Britton Family

*YFF Christmas Program & Breakfast in the
Parish Center immediately after church*

**WEEKDAY, (MONDAY-FRIDAY) WHEN A
FUNERAL MASS IS CELEBRATED AT ST.
JOSEPH THERE WILL NOT BE A REGULAR
DAILY MASS**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY UPDATES

Bud Burnell's Birthday is Dec. 4th

CSMA

Our Goal for CSMA for 2023 is \$12,714.00

Donations as of 12/3, 56% 7,130.00

Please think about giving and helping us to reach our goal as well as those in need. Thank you & God Bless

RCIA TUESDAY, December 12th

Topic: Sacraments of Reconciliation

Presenter: Helen Pagano

Location: St. Joseph, Benton

6:30 pm– 8:00 pm

Questions: Sr. Laura 923-4345

CRADLE OF HOPE

St. Andrew's Altar Society will be collecting for "Cradle of Hope" this year instead of Pregnancy Matters. This is in Carbondale and was set up by the Bishop & the Diocese. They are in need of diapers (Size 6&7), Pull Ups (Size 3-4 & 4-5), Body Wash & Lotion, etc., along with monetary gifts. **The last day to donate is Dec. 10.**

Please contact Debra Wood at 618-927-0557 to make arrangements for pick up of items. Thank you .

Due to Holiday Schedules, the upcoming bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin Dates

December 23 & 24

December 30 & 31

Deadline for Submitting Info

December 14

December 20

**THE WORD AMONG US IS IN THE FIRST PEW
BY THE PIANO FOR PICK UP**



St. Joseph Parish & St. Andrew & St. Mary Chapels would like to offer their Prayers & Condolences to the Family & Friends of
Sharon Kesler

who passed away on November 20, 2023.

"We pray God shares your sorrow & carries you close to his heart at this most difficult time. Amen"

St. Joseph Parish would like to send their Prayers & Condolences to Mary Mocaby, her Family, and Friends on the passing of her husband, their Father,
John "Hunior" Mocaby
on December 2, 2023.

"We pray God heals your heart through love & memories. And he guides you to a place of peace at this difficult time. Amen"



Answers for Catholic Trivia

1. Tongues of fire
2. Saint Joachim (Father Of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
3. Yellow, red, & blue
4. Liturgy of the Word
5. According to superstition, that's where & when a demon entered a person



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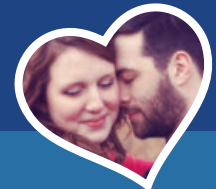
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