

ST. JOSEPH & ST. AGATHA

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JANUARY 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon, Jan 10	Tues, Jan 11	Wed, Jan 12	Thurs, Jan 13	Fri, Jan 14	Sat, Jan 15	Sun, Jan 16
<p>St. Agatha events in brown St. Joseph events in black</p>	<p>8:15am MASS 8am Adoration 8am Quilting 9am Adoration 9am Quilting 6:30pm PTF 7pm KC Assembly Mtg</p>	<p>8am AGIE Crew 8:15am MASS 6:30pm Youth Ministry 6:30pm Endowment Mtg</p>	<p>8:15am MASS</p>	<p>8:15am MASS 4pm Fish Fry</p>	<p>8am KC Free Throw Contest 5pm MASS</p>	<p>8am MASS 8:30am PSR 9am Bible Study 9:15am PSR 10am MASS</p>

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00pm St. Joseph
Sunday, 8:00am St. Joseph
Sunday, 10:00am St. Agatha

Weekday Masses

Tues & Thurs 8:15am St. Joseph
Wed & Fri 8:15am St. Agatha

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3pm to 4:30pm at the parish with Saturday evening Mass or call either church office for an appointment.

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From Fr. Von's Desk

At a recent gathering, someone asked about Purgatory. Here are some excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Purgatory:

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

"As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come." (Pope Saint Gregory the Great, died AD 604)

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (2 Maccabees 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (Saint John Chrysostom, died AD 407)

Purification is required for unforgiven venial sins and temporal punishments incurred during life because of our sins. We can be purified of temporal punishment in this earthly life through our penances and acceptance of our trials and sufferings. We can offer these for those who are being purified in the next life as well.

Fr. Von Deeke

Our Parishes

St. Joseph Parish

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Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm
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St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement:
Walk by Faith, Trust in Hope,
Serve with Love

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Office Hours
Monday 9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday & Friday 9:00am-12noon

- THIS WEEK -

Readings for the Week of January 9

Sunday:

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17



TUES., Jan 11 8:15am—St. Joseph	Weekday Charlie Mulkey
WED., Jan 12 8:15am—St. Agatha	Weekday Pauline Brisk
THURS., Jan 13 8:15am—St. Joseph	Weekday Elsie Eitzenhefer
FRI., Jan 14 4pm—St. Agatha	Weekday Marvin Glaus
SAT., Jan 15 5pm—St. Joseph	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Julia and Wayne Pierpoint Pellagia Beckfeld
SUN., Jan 16 8am—St. Joseph 10am—St. Agatha	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Allen, Pauline, and Jim Dressler Rita Daubach For the People of St. Agatha and St. Joseph

	Jan 15, 5pm Mass Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 16, 8am Mass Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 16, 10am Mass Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Altar Servers	Sophia Belding Allison Dahm Oliver Reinhart	Luke Christ Abbie Garland Ryan Garland	Isaiah Lintker Brendan Phillis Jack Stewart
Ministers of Hospitality	Britlyn Kinzel Keith Kinzel Tim Reinhart 1 needed	Lori Kreher Jim Milford Bill Schaefer Diane Schaefer	Jerome Greten Denise Fietsam Mary Lu Johnson
Sanitizer	2 needed	3 needed	2 needed
Lector	Jay Johns	Jay Johns	Stephanie Vogel
Cantor	Pat Herzing	Pat Herzing	Marilyn Calvert
Organist	Elaina Reinhart	Jean Reinneck	Melissa Gummersheimer
Other Ministries		Live Streamer Jaxon Daubach Extraordinary Minister Dawn Dossett Cedar Trails Roni Juracek	Rosary Leader Nancy Metcalf

- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -

Vocation Corner

"I attended Catholic school in Guiana and the missionary priests there were my role models. Their authentic joy and unconditional love attracted me to religious life and I had a growing desire to respond to God's love through service to the poor. As I .. began my career as a teacher, I made time to pray and attend daily Mass. One day, I was meditating on the verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11). An online search led me to the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Despite the long distance, I felt an inner peace and happiness that I might join the congregation one day. I made my first profession in August 2019. *Sr. Mary Pauline Tamakloe Oblate Sisters of Providence; Columbia Oct. 2019.*

Bible Study

Today the group begins its study of the prophets. The scope of the study covers 8 of the 16 prophets during the time of the divided kingdom, the exile and Judah's return. The study will discuss the "who, what, when, where, how and why" of the prophets. People from all walks of life were called to be prophets. Their task was to call the people to repentance, warn of the judgment that they will face as a consequence of not returning to God, and to give hope of a future restoration that unites all of Israel and all nations under God's reign. The goal: to win hearts, not just relay a message. The key "take-away": we are tasked to be prophets in our day. All sessions will conclude with Pope Francis' prayer of renewal. May GOD bless, open your eyes and heart to HIS word and keep you safe.

Gibault Catholic Winter Play

Save the date for the GCHS Theater Department's Winter Play: **Failure: A Love Story** on January 27, 28, and 29 at 7:00 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, January 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Gibault Auditorium.



Apply to be Part of our Class of 2026

It's time for our Class of 2026 to begin the application process! The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Visit Gibault!

The best way to learn about life as a Gibault Hawk is to experience it! Bring the entire family for a Private Tour or spend a day as a Shadow Visitor. Schedule your tour or shadow visit at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

The Baptism of the Lord

Prayer. Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?
- What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?



Stewardship Gardens by Gene Racho

No question that these days have become a challenge for many individuals and families. It is the mission of the Stewardship Garden to help feed those individuals and families who are experiencing these challenges. This is done by providing fresh vegetables to food banks, senior centers and families within the limits of supply whether grown in the garden, donated by other gardeners or organizations. As you read last time the amount of vegetables distributed almost doubled from the prior year. There is no question it was GOD that provided. All trust is placed in HIM to meet needs. So, if you know a family/individual that can use fresh veggies; would consider becoming an associate garden donating your excess produce, or like to become a team member supporting the prime garden or just have questions or want to contact us for any reason, garden or otherwise, just Email: gr617@aol.com, or phone 618-475-2402, Leave a message and we will get back to you.

The garden depends on our LORD. In these troubling days who do you depend on? In whom do you place your full trust without reservation? Who never abandons you? Give it some thought and let's discuss next time. Recall what we have been taught: put GOD first; be Catholic; reflect the light of our Lord to all those you encounter. We pray God bless you and prosper all you do in His name.

A Message from Bishop McGovern

Diocese of Belleville: Mass for Life

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30am 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

Diocesan Employment Opportunity

Director of Respect Life Apostolate

The Director supervises, develops, and directs the Office in fulfilling the three-fold mission: to educate, to advocate, and to provide pastoral and spiritual programs that protect and respect human life from conception to natural death.

Essential qualifications include being a practicing Catholic; Bachelor's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role plus knowledge in Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org Application Deadline: January 21, 2022.

Pray for ...

Jean Price	Michael Houghland
Dorothy Normand	Clayton Melvin
Pat Kreher	Barb Speiser
Rose Hinrichs	Evelyn Rae Spier
Deloris Bramstedt	Rosanne Amann
Scott Kalina	Judy Mathews
Chris Elbert	Rose Bailey
Beckett Krieg	Rita White
Patricia McGuire Nordman	The family of Rose Skaer
Mary Racho	

Josh Reuter, US Navy

Please contact either Parish Office to add or remove someone from the prayer lists. Each prayer request will be honored for approximately six weeks, but can be added again. If you have a family member in active military service please contact either parish office to add them to our prayer list.

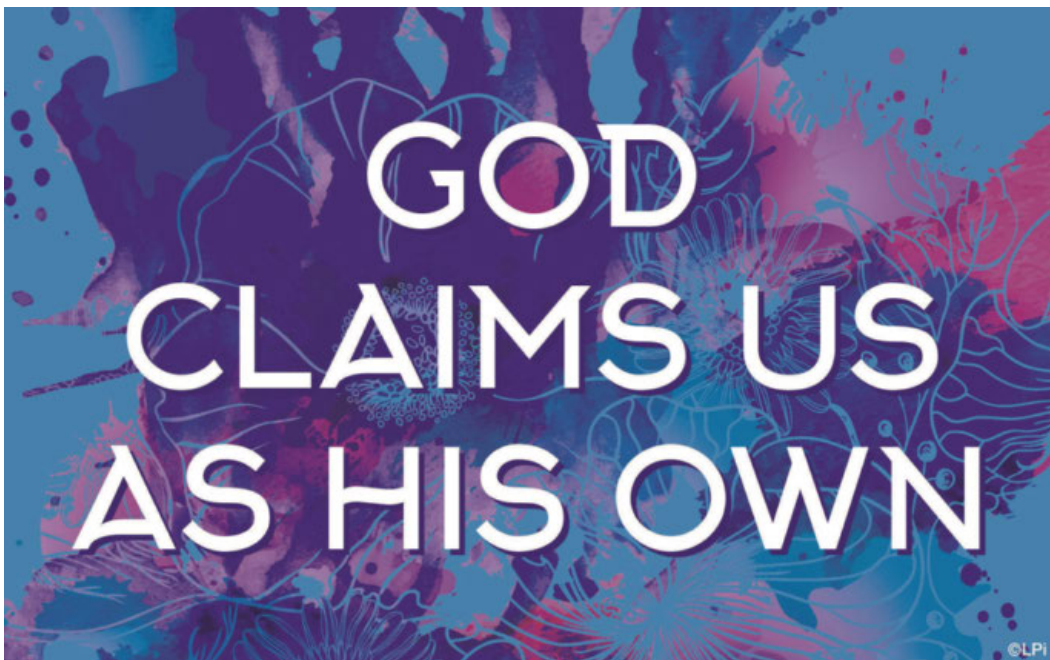
Neighboring Events

St. Augustine, Belleville—Blood Drive

January 10, 2022 — 2pm to 6pm, at 1900 West Belle, Belleville, To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: SAOC.

St. Peter & Paul Waterloo —Euchre Tournament

February 4, 2022 — Doors open at 6:30pm, tournament at 7pm. Tickets—\$25 includes Euchre, soda, water, beer, fried chicken. Contact Tim Huels (618-406-6399)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
St. Agatha and St. Joseph

In Memory Of

Harold and Loretta Birkner
Charles and Pellagia Beckfeld
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Jesse Tinoco
Cecile Terveer
Arch and Ruth Wottowa
Clem and Marie Wisnewski
Jacob and Ann Wiemer

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothes Drive

Hello faithful parishioners. This year St. Vincent DePaul shop is in desperate need of men's jeans, underwear, and socks. They said they have a plentiful stock of coats and blankets. I will collect all donations from the porch of the convent.

The collection will run through the entire month of November. Thank you in advance! Any questions please call me at 618-973-9828.

Thanks, Mary Frances Soltys

The Life and Ministry of St. Paul Continues

The Bible study of the life and ministry of St. Paul with Fr. Michael will meet on January 18th and February 1st. We will meet at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

KC Free Throw Contest

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus children's free throw contest will be held the week of January 10th, 2022. This event is open to all St. Joseph parish children ages 9-14. The St. Joseph grade school children will compete on Wednesday, January 12th as part of their P.E. program. All other children will compete on Saturday, January 15th starting at 9:00am in the Parish Center. Entry forms are available at the school office, from PSR director, and in the Parish Center lobby. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany the entry form. For additional information please contact any KC member or Tom Reaka, reaka@charter.net, or 618-616-1736.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

"You are invited to a pro-life prayer vigil Sun Jan 23, 2022: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens will host a brief pro-life prayer vigil on Sun Jan 23, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Afterwards in our fellowship hall a representative from Life Network, a pregnancy resource center with offices in Waterloo and Red Bud, will share some information regarding the ministry and outreach of Life Network. A free-will offering will be collected for Life Network. Refreshments will be served. "

Tai Chi and Yoga Classes—Resume Jan 11th

All classes are in the mornings

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:30AM

Regular Mat Yoga - Thurs. 6:15 - 7:05AM

Tai Chi. - Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30AM

For all Yoga, a yoga mat is required and the cost is \$5 a class.

For Tai Chi - you can start anytime, no experience necessary. There is no charge for Tai Chi classes.

Location - St Joseph Parish Center Gym

All St Joseph School rules concerning Covid will be practiced

For information - call/text - Dee Dee Ostman at 618-616-9043

Interested in a Description of the St. Agatha Church Bell Tower Project?

Mr. Randy Warneke, of Warneke Construction, will meet with interested parishioners to describe the planned maintenance work on the Saint Agatha Church bell tower and exterior. This meeting will be on Sunday, 16 January 2022, after the 10 AM Mass, in the Parish Hall. Coffee and doughnuts are planned.

Parish Prayer Chain

"St. Agatha Parish is a community of faith and prayer. If you are in need of immediate prayers or extra prayers, please contact Lori Main-Sinn (618/406-3438) any time to start your request on our Parish Prayer Chain. Our Prayer Chain is in addition to the bulletin prayer list. Remember -- there is power in prayer!"

St. Agatha and St. Joseph Children's Stewardship

Letting my brother get a bath first.
Helping do the laundry.
Picking up sticks from my yard.



Sister Thea Bowman

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a student for Christmas. On December 22 we took the St. Joseph bus filled with gifts to Sister Thea Bowman School; each of the 113 students received a gift. Their smiles and excitement was our thank you.

Pregnancy Care

The Pack 'n Play was filled more than once with diapers and wipes for the Belleville Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you to all who donated. Many moms and babies will benefit.

Knights of Columbus—Tornado Relief

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus thank all the contributors for their generous donations to the relief fund for the victims of the Edwardsville and Kentucky tornadoes. Donations received totaled \$2650.00 and were divided equally to each area.

St. Joseph Fish Fry

St. Joseph will have a Fish Fry on January 14 serving 4 to 7pm, dine-in or carry-out. You can place your order by calling 539-4720 or come in to order.

Workers are needed for the fish fry and bakers are needed to make dessert.

St. Agatha, Week of December 26, 2021	
Sunday Collection	\$1,535.00
Loose Collection	\$686.00
Online Giving	\$895.00
Total (December Goal is \$13,860.00)	\$16,824.00
Youth Collection (CESNA)	\$79.80
Christmas Offering	\$3,665.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$90.00
Church Donation	\$100.00
Capital Improvement	\$85.00
Kentucky Tornado Relief	\$855.00
Fiscal Year to Date Information (Operating Expenses Only)	
Collections required to date	\$90,090.00
Total Collections to date	\$82,040.89

St. Joseph, Week of December 26, 2021	
Sunday Collection	\$3,090.00
Loose Collection	\$46.00
Online Giving	\$0.00
Total (December Goal is \$30,000.00)	\$55,272.00
Youth Collection (Freeburg Food Pantry)	\$34.00
Christmas Offering	\$11,854.50
Christmas Flowers	\$1,352.00
Christmas Collection for the Needy	\$1,506.00
Debt Reduction	\$60.00
Adopted Parish	\$20.00
Kentucky Tornado Relief	\$892.00
Votive Candles (December)	\$233.00
Fiscal Year to Date Information (Operating Expenses Only)	
Collections required to date:	\$193,064.52
Total Collections to date:	\$205,791.00
Principal Balance - Parish Center Loan (Balance as of Dec 15, 2021)	\$185,365.00




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