

# ST. JOSEPH & ST. AGATHA

UNITED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

JANUARY 16, 2022



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

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### A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon, Jan 17	Tues, Jan 18	Wed, Jan 19	Thurs, Jan 20	Fri, Jan 21	Sat, Jan 22	Sun, Jan 23
<b>St. Agatha events in brown</b> <b>St. Joseph events in black</b>	8:15am MASS <b>8am Adoration</b> 8am Quilting 9am Adoration <b>9am Quilting</b> 6:30pm School Board	<b>8:15am MASS</b> 7pm Pastoral Council	8:15am MASS 7pm KC Council Mtg <b>7:30pm KC Officers Mtg</b>	<b>8:15am MASS</b> <b>4:30pm Fish Fry</b>	5pm MASS	8am MASS <b>8:30am PSR</b> 9am Bible Study 9:15am PSR <b>10am MASS</b>

# - TOGETHER IN FAITH -

## 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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Music Director

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## From Fr. Von's Desk

At Mass, we are called to worship God the Father through the Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, by joining in offering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father. As the US Conference of Catholic Bishops explains:

The celebration of Mass is a corporate act, an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. All the particular ministries serve this corporate function. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ, *the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit.* We are joined to this divine action through baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at the center of the whole Christian life is not initiated by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the body of the risen Christ. It becomes our action only to the extent that we give ourselves to this mystery of redemptive worship. The liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly *a participation of the faithful both in body and mind, a participation burning with faith, hope, and charity.* To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation, we make the actions and prayers of the liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship. In the celebration of Mass, the faithful are a holy people, a chosen people, a royal priesthood: they give thanks to God and offer the Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him and learn to offer themselves. They should endeavor to make this clear by their deep sense of reverence for God and their charity toward brothers and sisters who share with them in the celebration. They should become one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or joining in prayers and liturgical song, or above all by offering the sacrifice together and sharing together in the Lord's table. Because the whole liturgy is a corporate act of the gathered assembly, there are certain parts of the Mass that are to be done by the whole assembly, the congregation of the faithful and all the ministers, in order to express the corporate nature of this act. Through these actions, the entire congregation of the faithful joins itself to Christ in acknowledging the great things that God has done and in offering the sacrifice.

May we be conscious of our participation in the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus when we participate in the Mass.

Rr. Von Deeke

## Our Parishes

### St. Joseph Parish

P.O. Box 98  
6 N. Alton Street  
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p: 618-539-3209  
w: stjosephfreeburg.org  
Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am to noon

St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement:  
Walk by Faith, Trust in Hope,  
Serve with Love

### St. Agatha Parish

205 S. Market Street  
New Athens, Illinois 62264  
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p: 618-475-3579 (Parish Hall)  
w: stagathaparish.com

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

# - THIS WEEK -

## Readings for the Week of January 916

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**First Reading:**

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

**Psalm:**

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

**Second Reading:**

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

**Gospel:**

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21v



<b>TUES., Jan 18</b> 8:15am—St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Rita Neff Ruth Groth
<b>WED., Jan 19</b> 8:15am—St. Agatha	<b>Weekday</b> Garry Kramer
<b>THURS., Jan 20</b> 8:15am—St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Rev. Joseph Thoonkuzhy
<b>FRI., Jan 21</b> 4pm—St. Agatha	<b>St. Agnes, Virgin and Maryr</b> Donald and Jacqueline Hagen
<b>SAT., Jan 22</b> 5pm—St. Joseph	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the People of St. Joseph and St. Agatha
<b>SUN., Jan 23</b> 8am—St. Joseph 10am—St. Agatha	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeanne Cocoran Charles Sandheinrich Robert Ditch

	Jan 22, 5pm Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 23, 8am Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 23, 10am Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Amber Haas Blake Haas Kaylee Jacknewitz	Lucas Hopfinger Wyatt Hopfinger Luke Lysakowski	Aubrey Waeltz Reid Waeltz 1 needed
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Wayne Harris Mike Kurtz, Jr Dennis McKay Joan McKay	Dave Dossett Annette Swierczek Kyle Swierczek Paul Wolf	Denise Fietsam Debra Matzenbacher David Parker
<b>Sanitizer</b>	2 needed	3 needed	2 needed
<b>Lector</b>	Rose Buchmiller	Dawn Dossett	John Schweiger
<b>Cantor</b>	Laura Wolf	Laura Wolf	Michelle Schweiger
<b>Organist</b>	Carol Schlitt	Jean Reinneck	Alaina Geppert
<b>Other Ministries</b>		<b>Live Streamer</b> Geraldyn Erwin <b>Extraordinary Minister</b> John Dittmann <b>Cedar Trails</b> John Dittmann	<b>Rosary Leader</b> Robert Kreher

## Vocation Corner

Today we hear the great story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And, He honors His mother's request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – "Do whatever He tells you." As this was the "beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory", are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

## 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. "

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

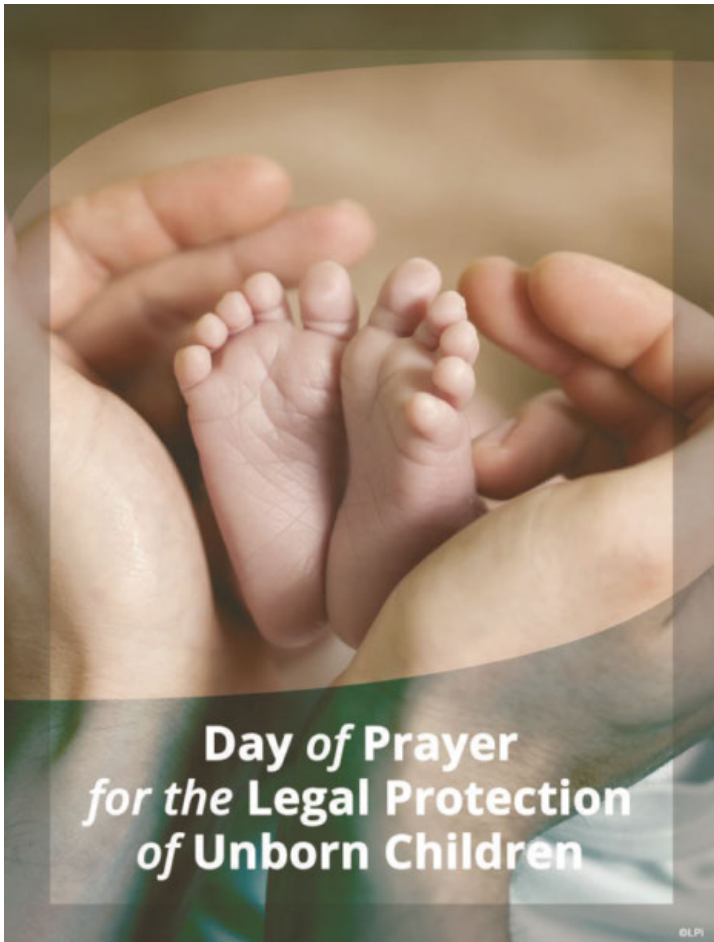
**Believing Signs.** At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

## Stewardship Gardens by Gene Racho

Here it is the middle of January and, thanks to our LORD, the garden received 2500 lbs of cabbage, carrots, potatoes and onions. 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 garden, just have questions or want to contact us for any reason, garden or otherwise, just Email: [gr617@aol.com](mailto:gr617@aol.com), or phone 618-475-2402, Leave a message and we will get back to you.

Have you thought about the question asked last week? About placing all your trust and dependence upon our LORD? Have you spoken to HIM about HIS plans for you? Have you thought about who you are and what HE expects of you after you leave the Mass? All are critical questions that you need to answer. Start by asking HIM for wisdom which leads to discernment. You read correctly. ASK and HE will grant it to you. Quick change in direction. Last week the Youth Group sponsored a hot chocolate/cookie and coffee/donut gathering after Mass. Great idea for regathering this community in spite of efforts towards separation. Look forward to the next one. Show support and all will reap rewards. 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.

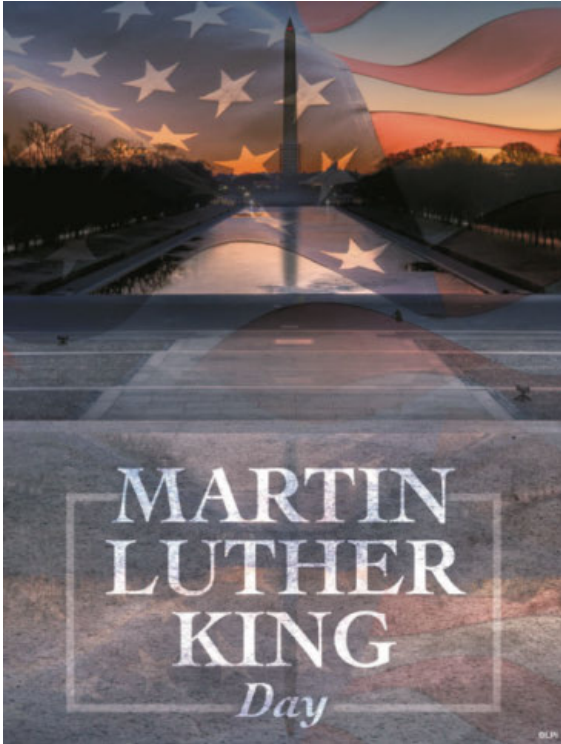


**Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

**January 22, 2022**

## The Messenger

**Make *the Messenger* a part of your New Year's Resolution!** *The Messenger* brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois.



## Neighboring Events

### 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)

### Freeburg Women's Community Club—Designer Purse Bingo

January 30, 2022—Doors open at 1pm, Bingo at 2pm.  
Belle Vegas 517 S. Illinois St, Belleville  
Tickets—\$30 in advance includes 6 paper cards, 10 games and dabber. Contact Missy Kinard (618-593-6195)

### A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger  
November 28 to December 9, 2022; Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty  
This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after Feb. 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) or 618-624-2838.

## Pray for ...

Jean Price	Rosanne Amann
Pat Kreher	Judy Mathews
Rose Hinrichs	Rose Bailey
Deloris Bramstedt	Rita White
Scott Kalina	Alex Ingram
Beckett Krieg	The family of Jeremy Lake
Mary Racho	The family of Bonnie Root
Michael Houghland	
Barb Speiser	
Evelyn Rae Spier	

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.

## Bible Study

The study begins with Hosea ("caused to be saved"), the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 12 minor prophets. God calls him to speak to the 10 Northern tribes of Israel during reign of Jeroboam II. While prospering, they worshiped the gods of Canaan and stopped worshiping GOD and following HIS commandments. Hosea is called to deliver and live out GOD's message; to marry and remain faithful to a harlot mirroring GOD remaining faithful to HIS unfaithful Israel. His ministry lasts until Israel falls to the Assyrians in 722 BC. Ch 1-3 talks of his marriage and children, Ch 4-14 speaks to Israel's infidelity and consequences. Ch 11 describes GOD's love for Israel and Ch 14 is a plea to return. May GOD bless, open your eyes and heart to HIS word and keep you safe.

## Gibault Catholic

### Placement Test Make-Up Date

Missed our December placement test? Your 8<sup>th</sup> grader can still test on January 28 beginning at noon. Contact Kelly Day at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com) to RSVP or to get more information.



### 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>.

## - PARTNERSHIP NEWS -

### From the Principal's Desk



School is back in session and we have already finished our 2nd week of the spring semester! It feels good to be back in school and see all of the students. Prior to Christmas break we had to postpone our Christmas program, Santa's Cottage, and Christmas classroom parties due to Covid. Last week we were able to have our Christmas program and we ended our first week back with the classroom Christmas parties. If you would like to watch our Christmas program, it can be found on the St. Joseph School YouTube channel. You can also find the link to the Christmas program on our school Facebook page. The students and teachers did an outstanding job putting together and performing the Christmas program.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTF Dine Out night at Village Pizza in New Athens on Tuesday evening!  
Kelly Schaaf  
School Principal



- Ice Skating at The Loading Dock in Grafton, IL, on Saturday, January 29. Meet at 10:00 at St. Joseph.
- February's meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, 6:30-8pm, at St. Agatha.
- We'll be helping serve at the Knights of Columbus Steak Dinner on Saturday, February 12 and their Breakfast on Sunday, February 20.

For more information about any of the above, contact Melissa ([melissabiver@hotmail.com](mailto:melissabiver@hotmail.com); 979-2412) or Amanda ([Amanda.morgan@eckerts.com](mailto:Amanda.morgan@eckerts.com); 410-4762).

### St. Agatha Fish Fry

St. Agatha will have a Fish Fry on December 17 from 4:30-7:30pm. You may dine in or carry out. You can place your order by calling 475-3579 or walk in to order.

### New Athens Nursing Home Bingo

St. Agatha Parish is in charge of Bingo at the Nursing Home on the 3rd Friday of January. All residents who participate receive prizes. If parishioners would like to donate prizes for the bingo games, it would be a great help. There is a box in the back of church with suggestions of what prizes you could donate. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**St. Agatha  
Pork Sausage Dinner  
(or Pulled Pork)  
Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>  
11am - 2pm**

Carry Out OR Dine In (618-475-3579 or 406-3438)  
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Mashed Potatoes and Gravy or German Potato Salad  
Green Beans or Corn  
Applesauce  
Sauerkraut Optional  
Roll  
Dessert

### 2022 Quilt Social—March 20

St. Joseph Parish will hold their annual Quilt Social on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 11AM. For now, please mark your calendars and spread the word among family and friends! In the weeks to come we will be asking for donations to help offset the costs of this event, handing out raffle tickets, and selling basket raffle chance tickets at the upcoming Fish Frys. Point of contact for this event is GERALYN ERWIN, 618-277-9442 and tagerwin@gmail.com.

### 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, February 1st and February 15th. We will meet at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Parish Center. All are welcome.

### 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

### St. Agatha and St. Joseph Children's Stewardship

Being nice to a new kid at school  
Helping my mom and dad paint the basement.  
Doing my laundry.  
Helping a friend with homework.

St. Agatha, Weeks of January 2 and 9, 2022	
Sunday Collection	\$4,152.00
Loose Collection	\$283.00
Online Giving	\$2,235.00
Total (January Goal is \$17,325.00)	\$7,045.00
Youth Collection (CESNA)	\$54.61
Christmas Offering	\$375.00
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$121.00
Capital Improvement	\$250.00
Cemetery	\$328.00
Fiscal Year to Date Information (Operating Expenses Only)	
Collections required to date	\$97,020.00
Total Collections to date	\$89,085.89

St. Joseph, Weeks of January 2 and 9, 2022	
Sunday Collection	\$9,227.00
Loose Collection	\$198.00
Online Giving	\$0.00
Total (January Goal is \$37,500.00)	\$9,425.00
Youth Collection (Freeburg Food Pantry)	\$26.00
Debt Reduction	\$5,190.00
Adopted Parish	\$35.00
Fiscal Year to Date Information (Operating Expenses Only)	
Collections required to date:	\$207,096.77
Total Collections to date:	\$215,018.00
Principal Balance - Parish Center Loan (Balance as of Dec 15, 2021)	\$185,365.00




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