

Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish...



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RECTORY

Mailing Address:
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Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

Confession:

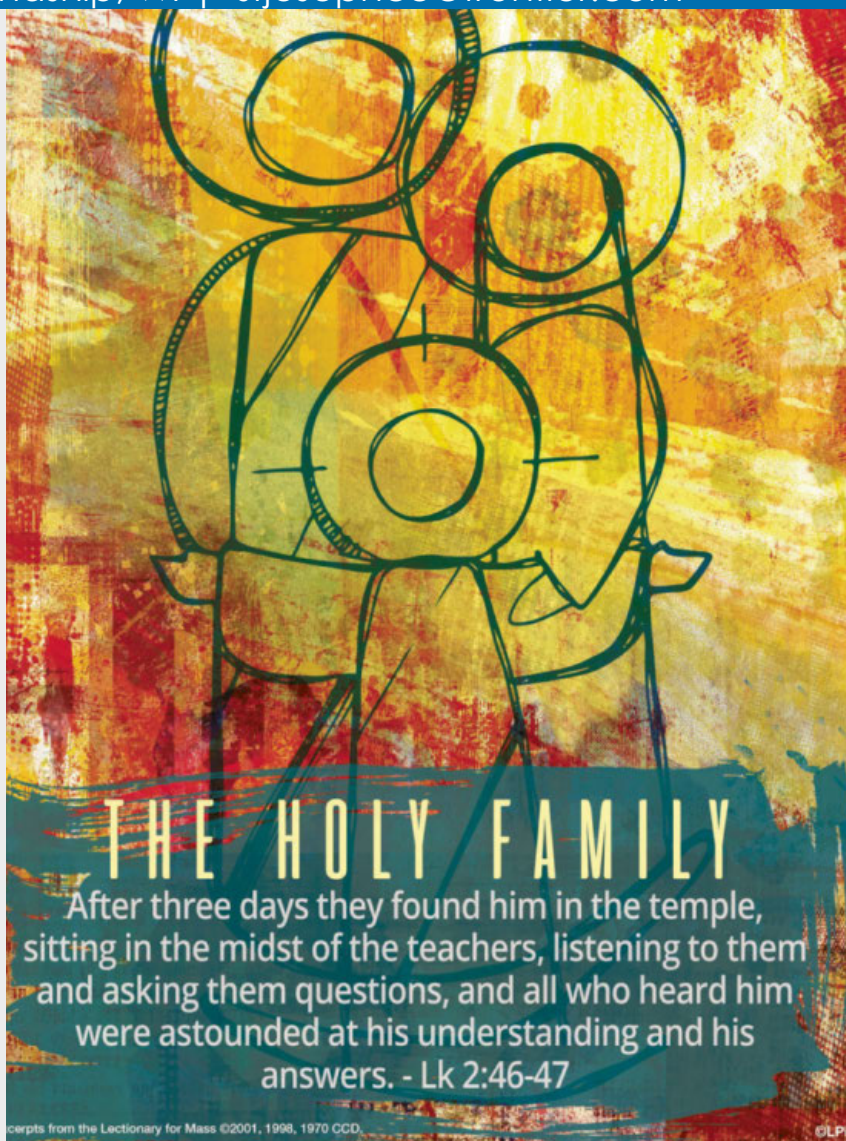
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 3:45pm
Sunday - 9:30 am - 9:45 am
or by appointment.

Parish Staff

Fr. Dave Bruener

Parish Secretary

Beth Griffith
(608)547-1729





Two good Catholic Resources:

1- Relevant Radio—Channel 93.9 FM

2- EWTN on t.v.

Please take advantage of these resources!

RCIA / Adult Formation. Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Or do you know someone who is? If you are not Catholic and interested in becoming Catholic or if you would just like to know more about the Catholic Faith, formation will be offered. Each week, a specific faith topic will be studied, so if you only have interest in a specific topic, you can go to that class and you do not need to attend all the classes. Please talk to Father or contact the office for more information.



**NO RCIA Meeting next week,
December 29th.**

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$25,320.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$16,585.00
Recurring Gift:	\$50.00
Recurring Received:	\$280.00
Amount Received:	\$13,222.50
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$8,735.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	65.5%
Percent of Goal Received:	52.22%
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Average Gift Amount:	\$255.15
Number of Donors:	65



The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! As we recall Jesus' words in Holy Scripture, "Behold, I make all things new," I am pleased to welcome all parishioners and visitors to St. Joseph's parish.

I hope you find the celebration of the Mass meaningful and enriching to your lives. It is important at this time of year and it is important all year long. My hope is that all of you celebrating tonight keep coming to church all year long.

The Mass is our intimate encounter with Jesus. We offer our lives together with Jesus to God the Father. We receive the fruits of the sacrifice of the Mass and the sacraments. We hear His word and then are able to obey His command to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

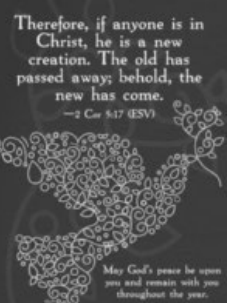
There is a necessary connection, then, between the reception of the sacraments and our call to make Christ present in the world, for the good of the world. All of us have learned this painful lesson during the past months. With the onset of the COVID pandemic --and for other reasons-- people have stopped participating in the Mass. There has been the return of the faithful to regular Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments, but the world has felt the loss of its soul and a harshness and crudeness follows as a result. People can testify to anxiety and fear and distrust; our communities bear the marks of sickness; and the daily news of our nation reports a life and culture far from God. So that we might begin again to live more fully and bring healing to the soul of our wounded world, it is necessary that we return to a regular reception of the sacraments, especially the Sunday Mass, the foundation of our lives as faithful and vibrant Catholics.

It is with open arms and a grateful heart that you are welcomed back to your Catholic family today! And we look forward to your regular participation at Mass, whether it is here or at your homes elsewhere.

God always wins! We are saved in Him!
It is good to see you back!

God Bless you all and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Dave



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 27th: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28th: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29th NO MASS

Thursday, December 30th:

8:30 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass


✦Cliff Rasmussen by Family

Friday, December 31st: Saint Sylvester I, Pope

8:30 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass

James T. Gately's
Birthday by Jim Gately



There will be an
hour of
Eucharistic
adoration, following Mass.

Saturday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m.

✦Dianne Bischel by John Bischel

4:00 p.m. MASS

✦Everett Johnson, Family & Friends by Florence Johnson and Sons

Sunday, January 2nd: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 a.m. MASS

ProPopulo (For the People of St. Joseph's Parish)

Monday, January 3rd: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 4th: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 5th: NO MASS

Allowing for social distancing in church, you can also participate in Mass and receive communion outside. Please let someone know you are wanting to receive communion.

*Just tune in to station **87.9** on your car's radio.*

Thank You!!

Parish Contributions from December 11th & 12th, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$2315.00
Offertory:	701.50
Christmas Flowers:	15.00
Mission Coop:	25.00
Religious Retirement:	<u>438.00</u>
Total:	\$3494.50
 Building Fund:	 \$300.00



VIGIL LIGHTS: There are small votive candles on the west side of the church, under the Statue of Prague. \$1.00 donation. You light these candles yourself along with your prayers/intention.

There are also larger vigil lights located near the west side of the altar. If you would like one of these candles lit for your intention, please place \$3.00 in an envelop, labeled vigil lights. These are 5-day candles.




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MASS VOLUNTEERS/MINISTRY MEMBERS

We are looking for Ministry Members; people who would like to help out with **sacristan, lectors, altar servers, ushers and money counters**. If you have been one in the past and would like to help out again, please sign up on the schedule, located in the Narthex. Any questions about the responsibilities or details, please call the office.

Thank You!!



Pope's Prayer Intention
December 2021
Catechists.

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses with courage and creativity and in power of the Holy Spirit.



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