

*Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish...*



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**JANUARY 2, 2021**

**RECTORY**

Mailing Address:  
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(608)339-3485

**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



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



**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.



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



**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal:	\$25,320.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$16,705.00
Recurring Gift:	\$50.00
Recurring Received:	\$330.00
Amount Received:	\$13,605.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$8,615.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	65.98%
Percent of Goal Received:	53.73%

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Average Gift Amount:	\$245.66
Number of Donors:	68



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, January 3rd:** NO MASS


**Tuesday, January 4th:** NO MASS

**Wednesday, January 5th** NO MASS

**Thursday, January 6th:** Saint Andre Bessette, Religious (USA)  
**8:30 a.m. Rosary**  
**9:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Berniece Orluck & Donald Tomaszewski by Maria Orluck**

**Friday, January 7th:** Saint Raymond Penyafort, Priest

**8:30 a.m. Rosary**  
**9:00 a.m. Mass**  
**✦Chuck Parr by Harvey & Bev Wagner**

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

**Saturday, January 8th:**  
**4:00 p.m. MASS**  
**Pro-Populo (For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's)**

**Sunday, January 9th:** *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*  
**10:00 a.m. KC MASS**  
**Pro-Life**

**Monday, January 10th:** NO MASS



### Young Adult's Group

Father Dave would like to get a Young Adult Group gathering established in our parish. This is for those parishioners who are in the age range of 20ish-40ish. The first gathering would be on Friday evening, January 21st, starting with adoration and prayer from 6:00—6:30. Following adoration, there will be time for socializing, and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP for this event by calling the rectory at 608-339-3485.  
 Thank You very much!



### Pope's Prayer Intention January 2022

**For True Human Fraternity.**  
 We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecutions; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

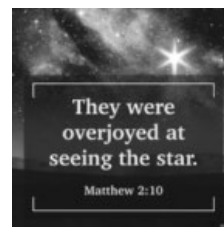
*Allowing for social distancing in church, you can also participate in Mass and receive communion outside. Please let someone know you are wanting to receive communion. Just tune in to station 87.9 on your car's radio. Thank You!!*

### Parish Contributions from December 18th & 19th, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$4258.00
Offertory:	713.05
Christmas Flowers:	50.00
Religious Retirement:	140.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5261.05</b>

**Building Fund:** \$150.00

**Religious give thanks.** "'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection!



St. Josephs Knights of Columbus would like to thank the many members of the Parish who supported our Food Pantry collection both with food and monetary donations. It was a big success this year.



God Bless and once again Thank You.  
 Rick Semrow, Grand Knight

St. Josephs Knights of Columbus Council #6718 is proud to announce the addition of five new members: John Celek, Tim Frank, Peter Jakopec, Doug Avery and Jerry Sonnenberg.

Thank you men for joining the Knights of Columbus and keeping our council strong.  
 Rick Semrow, Grand Knight

**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. These candles will be lit by the parish secretary only! No one else is to lite them!



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