

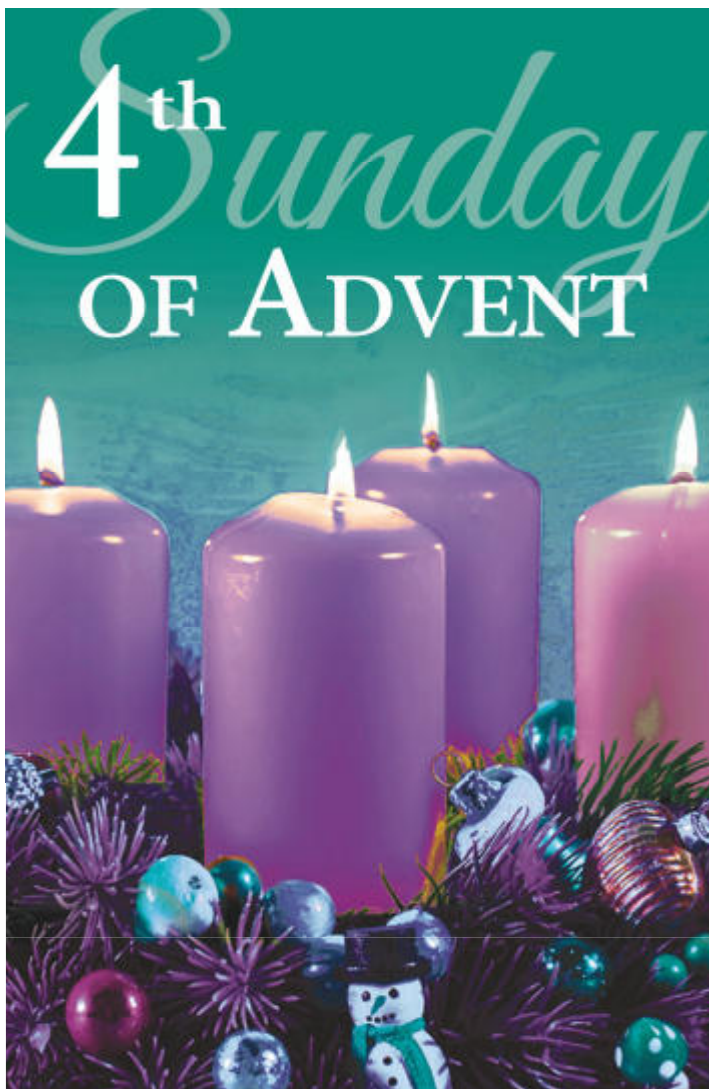
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an ever-more closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he
has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor*

Isiah 61:1

Parish Staff

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment, call parish office

Infant Baptism

Call for an appointment

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment, ordinarily
At least six months before the planned date

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am until Midnight
Friday 5:00 am until Noon

Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 20, 2020

• St. Joseph Church • Springfield, MO

Mass Schedule - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat	12/19	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	12/20	8:00 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
		10:30 am	†Joseph & †Irene Ryan
Mon	12/21	8:30 am	†William F. Buehler
Tue	12/22	8:30 am	Kristin Cummings
Wed	12/23	8:30 am	†Loreatta A. Buehler
Thu	12/24	5:00 pm	†Neal & †Jean Owens
Fri	12/25	Midnight	†Louis & †Janice Lechner
		8:00 am	Richard Summers
		10:00 am	Katie Self
Sat	12/26	4:00 pm	Ralph Henderson
Sun	12/27	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lowell "Bud" Corbin

Readings for next week December 27th

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

Calendar of Events For the Week of December 20th

Sun	8:00 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA in Library
Thu	4:30 pm	Christmas Caroling
	5:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass
	11:30 pm	Christmas Caroling
	Midnight	Midnight Christmas Mass
Fri	8:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Miguel Nelson	Becky Baum	Sharon Sifferman
Stella Kilmer	Toni Watson	Mike Banasik
Sharon Grant	Pearl Healey	Barbara Moore
John & Mary Wagner	Kim Nye	Bud Corbin
Carla Duff	David Zeszutek	Kathleen Hayter
Brenda Forte	Linda Hasler	Jack Bresee
Laurie Richardson	Ed Bailey	Jeanne Walsh
Fr. Bob Landewe	Samuel Torres	Cheryl Grooms
Carol Hewitt	Scott Hilmes	Deacon Matt & Marcella Fletcher
Ann Fender	Cheryl Grooms	
Thomas Kitchen	Mark Glenn	Mary Frances
Penny Harrison	Virginia Thompson	Kroutil
	Layla Cetola	



Prayer Hotline: If you have a special intention requiring prayer or would like to join our growing Prayer Hotline list, please contact Becky Sleeth at 865-1112. Voice or email options are available.



Christmas Collection: December 25th is for our Seminarian & the Diocesan Retired Clergy.

Got any White Elephants around – or know you might be receiving one or two? Well... we cannot wait to get them. Please donate them to the Parish for our Christmas Epiphany Volunteer Appreciation party. Please, leave them under the Giving Tree in the back of the Church – with a note that they are “white elephants”! these gifts make the party even more fun, and we thank you in advance for your contributions.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

1/3 – Epiphany of the Lord, due Tues 12/22, by 5 pm



Penitential Service Please, make your arrangements for reconciliation at one of the following times before Mass, Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm, or Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am. Added individual confessions on December 21st, Monday from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, December 22nd, Tuesday from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, or December 23rd, Wednesday from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. *(By Appointment/Call the Parish Office)*

HELP NEEDED this Sunday, December 20th, after the 10:30 Mass, to finish decorating the Church for Christmas! It takes many helping hands to accomplish this task-- and you always do a fantastic job! Please wear a mask and plan to work with your family/safe bubble group or on your own. There is plenty to do, and we will try to keep it socially safe. Thank you in advance for your much-needed help!

Stewardship Reflection

In the first reading, God promises King David that His house and His kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that promise finds fulfillment.

Our Gifts to God

For the Weeks of December 6th

**Envelopes \$6,842.00, Plate \$381.28,
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 Donation \$916.00, Votive \$39.60,
 Food Pantry \$520.00, Missals \$30.00,
 Mass Intentions \$390.00, Catholic Charities \$250.00,
 Fr. Denis Book \$15.00, Retired Religious \$72.00,
 (Online Giving \$905.08 - 12/1 to 12/11)**

Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 20, 2020



Ministers for December 26 – December 27, 2020
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Fellwock, L..	Gallagher, T.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Gaynor, P.	Holman, T.	Need Volunteer
	Ryan, J.		Sleeth, B.	
			Sleeth, M.	
8:00	Father	Skalicky, C.	Cetola, C.	Fronick, A.
	Deacon	Phillips, J.	Cherry, G.	Fronick, G.
	Cetola, M.		Cherry, N.	
			Witt, L.	
10:30	Father	Hammer, Ma.	Fiddymt. I.	Spencer, D.
	Deacon	Hammer, Mo.	Hmmer, M.	Spencer, N.
	Stokes, S.		Long, D.	
			Stokes, B.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		Joe Crim		
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Linda	

Christmas Caroling & Christmas Mass: Please join us to celebrate our Savior's birth on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm Christmas Caroling, at 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass and 11:30 pm Christmas Caroling, and Midnight Mass. Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 am, and 10:00 am.

St. Joseph Church, 23rd Annual Chili Cook-Off, will be held on Sunday, February 21st, after the 10:30 am Mass this year. We need committee members to make this the BEST and most memorable Chili Cook-Off ever!! Please call Deacon Matt Fletcher or the Parish Office if you would like to be on this committee.



24-Day Advent Food Drive: Get your boxes/bags filled for the hungry together, then bring them to the church on Dec. 24th and 25th and place them by the nativity. We are so blessed to reach out to those in need—what a beautiful gift for the baby Jesus on His birthday. If you have any questions, call Shirley Baum at 417-551-4680.

Are you a Parish Volunteer? Well, we cordially invite you to the 2021 Annual Christmas/Epiphany Party for volunteers. Sunday, January 3rd, after the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall. We want to thank you for all the hard work you do. There will be games, white elephant gifts, and door prizes; we will also have hors-d'oeuvres and libations. Please come and join the celebration of YOU. Adults only, please. If you need babysitting, call Becky at 865-1112.



Please Look at the Back of the Bulletin. Our Parish Bulletin is FREE to the Parish because of the advertisements placed on the bulletin's back. PLEASE take the time to look at the advertisements and THANK the businesses by supporting them for their donation. With additional ads, the Parish could receive a percentage of income! If you would like to donate by placing an ad, contact LPI at 1-800-950-9952 or www.4lpi.com

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA
Reflections of a Beloved Pastor! The book contains 77 Reflections written by Fr. Denis Dougherty, OSB, our former Pastor who died in April of 2018. Organized by liturgical season, the reflections are spot-on for your spiritual reading. At only \$10, the book makes a wonderful gift and might be especially appreciated since we are all spending more time at home. They are available in our gathering space.



Best Choice UPC Labels: Remember to save your Best Choice UPCs for the Lady's Group. They add up and help us tremendously!

FLOWERS TO COMMEMORATE. The Liturgy Committee is beginning a flower calendar for all the Sundays of Ordinary time. You may dedicate a flower arrangement for \$35 to honor a birthday, anniversary, or a deceased loved one. *The Liturgy Committee will take care of getting the arrangement.* If you are interested, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the gathering space and put your check/cash (\$35) in the special envelope provided. We will try this out for the Sundays between the end of the Christmas season and Ash Wednesday. If it seems to be something our parish responds to, we will continue after the Easter Season. Your commemoration will be reported in the bulletin for the Sunday you have chosen. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation: January 1st New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, "Mary the Mother of God." We will have a 5:00 pm vigil Mass on New Year's Eve, 8:00 am, and 10:30 am Mass on New Year's Day. The Parish Office will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) Our next meeting is on January 4th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and we invite all women of the parish to attend. Please follow safe practices and wear your facemask.

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that He has a plan for each person. Just as God called Mary, He calls every mother to raise her child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In many cases, our work for God seems rather ordinary, but the everyday tasks carried out all fit into God's plan in ways that we cannot yet understand. God desires, not the skill of our hands, but the love of our hearts. The Babe in the Manger reminds us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Let us show our gratitude to God by living as faithful followers of Christ, "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word."

3. St. Francis said, "We are the mother of Christ when we carry him in our heart... and we give birth to him through our holy works which ought to shine on others by our example."

Make sure you check the bulletin for Confessions before Christmas and the Christmas Mass schedule. We are looking forward to seeing you in person or online this year.

We wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



I attend St. Joseph, so I am a member of the Parish...

Right? *To become a member of the Parish, you must register with the parish office. As a member, you are eligible for The Mirror, envelopes, notifications of changes in parish activities, Masses, participation in ministries of the Parish, and receive sacraments from the priest, etc. If you wish to become a member of our Parish, please email your request to the parish office at stjosephspmo@stjosephspmo.org, call the parish office 417-862-0112, or complete the "Welcome" form below, place it in the offering basket, or mail it to the parish office at 1115 N. Campbell, Spfd, MO 65802.*

Welcome

We extend our hands and our hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the Parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

NAME _____

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New Parishioner New Address New Phone

Moving, please remove from parish census



Pastor's Reflection

Dear Parishioners

Today's readings focus on circumstances leading up to the first coming of Jesus, which sets the pattern for his coming to us now and at the end of time. The gospel stresses the key role of Mary in the work of our salvation. Today's Scripture texts describe God's promise to David, and its fulfillment in Jesus, the Son of David. They also tell us that God's preparation for the coming of Jesus was full of surprises. The **first reading** surprises us by telling of God's promise to David that he would have a long line of royal descendants terminating in a final king, Jesus Christ. **Today's gospel** surprises us by telling us that this king would be born to an ordinary virgin, and not by means of sexual relationship, but through the Holy Spirit and that Jesus becomes a descendant of David through Joseph, Mary's betrothed husband as he was "of the house of David." The gospel narrative also surprises us by reminding us that God's promise is best fulfilled not in buildings or even great kings like Solomon but rather in humble souls like Mary, who trusted in God's promise. The **second reading** also surprises us with Paul's explanation of the unveiling of God's plan for human salvation through Jesus. Thus, the unfolding of God's plan of salvation through history has contained many surprises.

1. Say a courageous and generous "yes" to God. True obedience comes from a free choice made in the light of what is right and good, and it often requires a great deal of courage because it can involve going against the tide of social expectations. True obedience also aims to put oneself at the service of something greater than oneself by accepting what God wants us to do or what He wants to do through us. Like his Mother, Jesus' moment of greatness came when he said 'Yes' to his Father, and Jesus' obedience is our model. Will we surrender to God and allow God to do what seems impossible from our human perspective? Will we offer our agenda, our will, and our kingdom to God and allow God's agenda, will, and kingdom to become a reality? It is by saying, with Jesus and Mary, a wholehearted and unconditional 'Yes' to Jesus that he will be re-born in me or maybe even born in me for the first time. By my saying 'Yes,' Jesus will be born or re-born in others too.

2. Try to learn God's plan for our lives: The good news in today's scripture message is not only that God is making provision for the salvation of His people, but also

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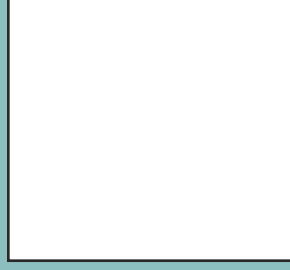
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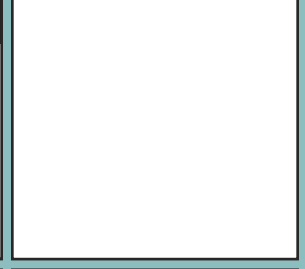
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