

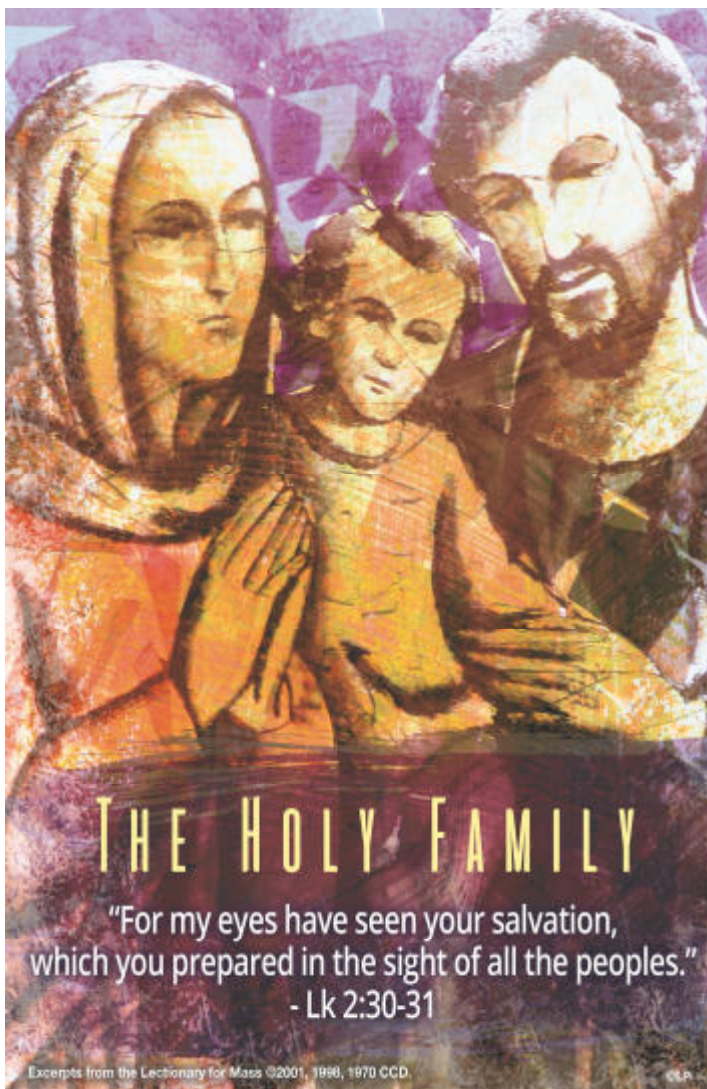
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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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.



In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2

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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

The Holy Family • December 27, 2020

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Mass Schedule - The Holy Family

Sat	12/26	4:00 pm	†Ralph Henderson
Sun	12/27	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Lowell "Bud" Corbin
Mon	12/28	8:30 am	†William F. Buehler
Tue	12/29	8:30 am	†Loreatta A. Buehler
Wed	12/30	8:30 am	†Jim Carr
Thu	12/31	4:00 pm	Scott Hilmes - Birthday
Fri	01/01	8:00 am	Mitch Kruse
		10:30 am	†Pearl Healey
Sat	01/02	4:00 pm	†Marvin Dummer
Sun	01/03	8:00 am	The Rohrer Family
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for next week January 3rd

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Calendar of Events *For the Week of December 27th*

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	4:00 pm	Mary, Mother of God - Vigil Mass
Fri	8:00 am	Mary, Mother of God Feast - Mass
	10:30 am	Mary, Mother of God Feast - Mass

Our Gifts to God *For the Week of December 13th*

Envelopes \$2,867.00, Plate \$4,26.75,
Building & Maintenance \$575.00,
Donation \$4,620.00, Poor Fund \$1,000.00
Food Pantry \$400.00, Flowers \$254.00
Catholic Charities \$20.00, Retired Religious \$245.25,
Support-a-Child \$2,638.00 and Online Giving \$169.02



Please Pray For Our Sick...

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

Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation: January 1st New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, "Mary the Mother of God." Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm on New Year's Eve, 8:00 am, and 10:30 am Masses on New Year's Day. *The Parish Office will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.*



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.
(Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19)

2021 Annual Christmas/Epiphany Party for volunteers has been canceled due to COVID-19. Thank you for all the hard work you do, and we will plan a get-together party in the Spring/Summer of 2021.



THANK YOU! A big thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! It was very confusing until we got all the decorations up out of the basement, then everyone found their task, and it came together beautifully! Thank you so very much, and blessings for a happy new year 2021! Please stay well!

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) Next Monday, January 4th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We invite all women of the parish to attend. Please follow safe practices and wear your facemask.

Christmas Bazaar: Thanks to your donations, patronage, and support, we were able to raise \$873.65, which will go toward the parish's needs. The raffle winners: Christmas tree- Pat Henderson, Wand's Gift Certificates - Jeff Ryan & Laura Justiss, Lego Advent Calendar- Pat Henderson, Lap Quilt- Fontana Young, Afghan- Sandy Hein, Gas Card- Amy Jenkins, and the Money Jar- Terry Kenslow.

~The Ladies Group

Stewardship Reflection

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so, it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

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Ministers for January 2 – January 3, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister)

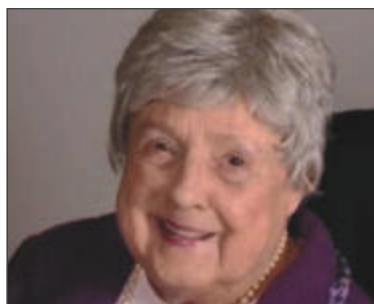
Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	Ryan, J.	Hale, L.A.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Gaynor, P.	Henderson, P.	Need Volunteer
	Gaynor, G.		McClanahan, D.	
			Strader, P.A.	
8:00	Father	Darrow, H.	Blanton, C.	Fronick, A.
	Deacon	Darrow, M.	Cetola, C.	Fronick, G.
	Cetola, C.		Cherry, G.	
			Cherry, N.	
10:30	Father	Dobbs, J.	Berry, T.	Combs, G.
	Deacon	Dobbs, M.A.	Duff, R.	Combs, M.
	Stokes, J.		Fiddymt. I.	
			Sifferman, K.	
	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Cantor</i>	
4:00		<i>Joe Crim</i>		
8:00	Gail		Gail	
10:30	Theresa		Kim	



New Catholics, New Parishioners: We welcome Charlie Prorok to our parish. Charlie made his Profession of Faith as a Catholic on December 13th and was confirmed and received Communion for the first time. Charlie lives at Franciscan Villa, has attended daily Mass for several months, and actively supports our food pantry. We also welcome Dylan Kimery. Dylan is a Hall Manager at Missouri State University. His fiancée currently lives in Arkansas. They are planning to be married in her home parish in El Salvador.



Photo: Left to right: Mary Ling (sponsor) Erica Ewing, Charlie Prorok, Francis Skalicky (Sponsor) Rear: Jim Dobbs (Sponsor), Fr. Karl, Don Emge



Pearl Healey passed away on December 17th. Her funeral was held here at St. Joseph on December 21st. Pearl was a member of St. Joseph and was loved by so many. She will be missed dearly. Please keep Pearl and her family and friends in your prayers.

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!



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St Joseph Catholic Academy

Christmas time is here! Students made a list and checked it twice (and then some) as they carefully looked over the gifts they bought for each member of their family at the beloved Kris Kringle store, which is open only one day a year at St. Joseph, Catholic Academy!



RCIA: Is it too late? Many think of RCIA as an educational program that begins in September and graduates at Easter. Current thinking, though, among our Catholic leaders is that RCIA is a process that begins whenever the inquirer feels moved by the Holy Spirit to do so. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic beliefs or knowing someone else who is raising these questions, please call the parish. Let's begin the journey together—now.

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2. Marriage: a sacrament of holiness. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two sacraments in His Church to make society holy – the sacrament of the priesthood and the sacrament of marriage. Through the sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish church through the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members respect one another in the Christian spirit of sacrifice.

3. Make the family a confessional rather than a courtroom. A senior Judge of the Supreme Court recently congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: “See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead, let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law, and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife -- as in a confessional -- are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one.”

4. Let us extend the boundaries of our family: Homeless men or women today in Springfield, fighting the cold and the snow, are part of our family. The addicted are a member of our family. The sick, dying, alone, dirty, and maybe even obnoxious are members of our family. For whatever reason, prison inmates are children of God, and as such, are members of our family. All these, as well as the cherished intimate members of our family, are “family valuables” and, as such, are worthy of safekeeping and reverence.

On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: “children are a gift from God to you.” Children serve as the joy of their parents’ young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, each member of the parish family, and all families of the universal Church. May God bless all your families in the New Year 2021.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



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.



Pastor's Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We offer our own families and all the members on the altar for God's blessing. **The first reading** is a commentary on the fourth commandment: 'Honor your father and your mother.' Ben *Sirach* has many good things to say about living properly, according to the Torah. *Sirach* reminds children of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He also mentions the two-fold reward that God promises to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is "riches," and the second long life: "*Whoever reveres his father will live a long life.*" He reminds children how God blesses them if they obey, revere, and show compassion to their father. In **the letter to the Colossians**, Paul advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul's timeless advice is part of the "Household code" – the rules for members of the Christian family, the underlying message of being careful with one another. Paul teaches that children should learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and sharing in the family's warmth. In a truly holy family, all members are respected, cherished, nurtured, and supported, united through the bond of love. **Today's gospel** describes how Joseph and Mary protected the Child Jesus from King Herod's sword by escaping with Him to Egypt.

Parents and children's rights and duties: Although more emphasis is given in the first two readings on children's obligation to their parents, there is a profound lesson for parents. "Like father like son." If parents fail to do what is right and just in the sight of God, they can hardly complain if their children turn out disobedient to God and them. The young learn from example. If parents give their children the example of a life of obedience to the laws of God and their country, the children will, in turn, carry out their duties to God, to their parents, and their fellowman.

Life Messages: 1. Learn lessons from the Holy Family: By celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for inspiration, example, and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to Joseph and Mary's family as he brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2223) provides the same advice to parents... live good Christian lives as an example for your children." Be responsible for your children!

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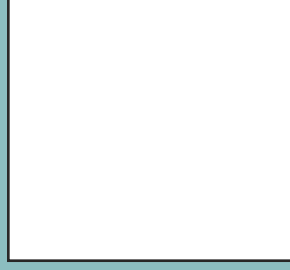
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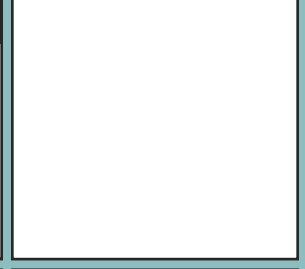
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