



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us. We're glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card. They are found at each of the church entrances.

WEEKEND MASSES

6PM Saturday

10:30AM Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:15AM Wednesday & Friday

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Some of our Masses are live-streamed on the church's Facebook page, SS Peter & Paul Church — Boonville, Mo.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is generally offered 30 minutes prior to Mass unless otherwise announced and by appointment.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

9AM Saturday

Father Mark Smith, Pastor

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FLOCKNOTE Text SSPPBV to 84576

to receive occasional communications from the parish.

ST. JOSEPH, PILOT GROVE

Father Mark is also the pastor at St.

Joseph, Pilot Grove. Mass times are

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:05 a.m.,

Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at

8:30 a.m. Contact the St. Joseph

office at 660-834-5600.



DECEMBER 3, 2023

BE WATCHFUL!
BE ALERT!

— MARK 13:36 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading: The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not

lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 2
6PM: William & Irene Oser, Jr.
SUNDAY, December 3
10:30AM: People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY, December 6
8:15AM: Margaret Twenter
10AM: Matt Horst, Hartmann Village
THURSDAY, December 7
6:30PM: HOLY DAY Vigil Mass

for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Hugh & Louise Overstreet
FRIDAY, December 8
8:15AM: For the Youth of the Parish
SATURDAY, December 9
6PM: Francis Youngblunt
SUNDAY, December 10
10:30AM: Edwin Kammerich

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Nov. 18 & 19 Collections:
\$8,569.80

Nov. 25 & 26 Collections:
\$10,562.71

YTD Total: \$371,749.13

The collection total includes what was given at church. The YTD total includes what was given at church, online, and by ACH. We are grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. Thank you.

NOVEMBER MASS COUNTS

DATES	6PM	10:30 AM
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	92	265
Nov. 1 (8:15 & 10AM)	158 & 15	
Nov. 4 & 5	199	132
Nov. 11 & 12	134	266
Nov. 18 & 19	119	219
Nov. 23	9AM: 70	
Nov. 25 & 26	153	231



Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention for our Local Church: "For our family, friends, and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next, may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead."



The Pope's November Prayer Intention for the Synod: "We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



SPIRITUAL HOMEWORK: QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

Second Reading: Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

Gospel: Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?



Mass Ministry Volunteers

December Altar Linens: Marilyn Vanderfeltz

Altar Angels Church Cleaning Team: Jason & Logan Comegys, Ben & Katrina Conrow, Andrew & Lauren Cowherd, Adam & Patti Day
Four families are assigned each week to clean the church. The first family listed is the Team Coordinator.
You will receive a text prior to your assignment with instructions. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish family!

	Sacristan	Coordinator	Lector	Offertory	Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Musicians	Money Counters
Saturday, December 9 6 p.m.	Maci Fjell	Paula Wiemholt	Christine Oswald	Bradley Nave Family	Brooklyn & Jaden Ronnfeldt Chandler Twenter	Sharon Ivy Jason & Ryder Comegys	Guitar Group	Team 2 Keith & Patty Kueckelhan Jean Hampton
Sunday, December 10 10:30 a.m.	Henry Rohrbach	Men's Group	Men's Group	Men's Group	Josh Solomon Sawyer Teson Channing Lowe	Men's Group	Jesse Rohrbach Nancy Windsor	

Please find someone to substitute for you if you are unable to fulfill your ministry. Sub lists can be found online at: tinyurl.com/5n78w677. Thank you for all you do to keep our liturgy reverent!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.:** Perpetual Help Devotion, church
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3, Blessing of the Advent Wreaths:** Bring your Advent wreath to church to have it blessed during Mass.
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3:** Dofl sells Lucky Draw tickets after the Masses. Scrip and Giving Tree tags will also be available.
- **Sunday, Dec. 3, 12 noon:** OCIA after Mass, high school students only, church hall
- **Sunday, Dec. 3:** KofC Christmas party at the hall. See bulletin announcement.
- **Sunday, Dec. 3, Advent Penance Service, 4 p.m.**
- **Monday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.:** ProLife meeting, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at church
- **Monday, Dec. 4:** Dec. 10 bulletin due to the printer
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5, 8-10:30 a.m.:** Food pantry distribution, 509 E. Water St.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.:** Bible study, church hall
- **Tuesday, Dec. 6 p.m.:** Women's Advent Retreat. Dinner at 6 p.m. in the church hall. Speaker at 7 p.m. in church. See bulletin announcement.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6-7 p.m.:** Ruth & Russell's small group meets, church hall
- **Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.:** HOLY DAY: Vigil Mass, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Friday, Dec. 8:** Dec. 17 bulletin due to the printer
- **Friday, Dec. 8:** Bingo at the KofC Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Road.
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- **Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-6 p.m.:** church hall rented
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 9 & 10:** Dofl sells Lucky Draw tickets after the Masses. Scrip and Giving Tree gifts

If you didn't have a chance to buy your 50th anniversary commemorative items from the Turkey Dinner, there are still some available in the parish office. Magnets are \$2, potholders are \$7, dish towels are \$12, and aprons are \$13. They'd make great Christmas gifts!

Many thanks to Mandy Eichelberger for creating our 50th anniversary logo!



Advent Penance Services

SUNDAY, DEC. 3, BOONVILLE, 4 P.M.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17, SEDALIA, 4 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, PILOT GROVE, 7 P.M.

Note: In Boonville, Father Mark is available for Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to all Masses with the occasional exception of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment, 660-882-6468.

"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe Judge there, but the immensely merciful Father." - Pope Francis



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 (VIGIL)
6:30PM, SS. PETER & PAUL, BOONVILLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:05AM, ST. JOSEPH, PILOT GROVE
8:15AM, SS. PETER & PAUL, BOONVILLE
6:30PM, ST. JOSEPH, PILOT GROVE

CHOSEN BY GOD, MARY REVERSES
THE SIN OF EVE, BECAUSE OF HER OBEDIENCE.
GOD'S SALVATION IS MADE KNOWN
TO ALL THE NATIONS.

Liturgical volunteers are needed for our Holy Day Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

We will have Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. and two Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. See information above. Sign-up sheets are in the dressing sacristy.



Sunday, December 17, after Mass
Help decorate the church &
then join us in the Rectory
for an open house!
Everyone is invited!

The Ladies Auxiliary: Giving Tree

We are asking for parish support in purchasing Christmas gifts for every resident of each of the area care facilities.



There are still a few tags left. Please take only what you are able to purchase and return.

We ask that you wrap the gift, taping the tag to the outside so it can be easily read. All gifts

must be returned no later than Dec. 10 so we can deliver them to the facilities for their

Christmas parties.

If you would like to participate, but would like for us to do the shopping for you, please feel free to

make a donation. Checks can be written to Ladies Auxiliary. If you have any questions, feel free to call Dawn Kuster at 660-441-1891. Thank you!

The Annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party will be held Sunday, Dec. 3 at the KofC Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Rd. All parish families are invited to attend. The social begins at 12 noon. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. There will be a brief awards ceremony after dinner, to be followed by entertainment and a visit from Santa.

The meal is a potluck/carry-in. Please bring a dish to share. Possible suggestions based on the first letter of your last name:

A-H: desserts; I-Q: appetizers/snacks; R-Z: side dish/vegetables/salads/ The council will provide place settings and drinks.

For more information, contact Gregory Hampton at greg@hamptonshop.com.

SSPP Women's Group is hosting Catholic speaker, Patty Schneier!

Please join us for her presentation!

WHO: This event is for all Catholic women in the area, ages 16+.

WHAT: Patty Schneier's presentation, "The Joy of Being Catholic," will lead us into the season of Advent. There is no charge for this event.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

WHERE: Join us in the Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 322 7th St., Boonville, at 6 p.m., for homemade soups furnished by the Daughters of Isabella, a fabulous charcuterie furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary, desserts furnished by the Social Concerns Commission, and wine. At 7 p.m., we will go upstairs for Patty's presentation.

WHY: Let's build our spiritual muscles with good food and fellowship!

HOW: Please register to help us plan for refreshments! Use the QR code on this flyer, or go to: diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-advent-events-registration.

Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She and her husband Larry are active members of their parish, where Patty cantors at Sunday Mass. Their son, Fr. John Schneier, is a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For the past 19 years, Patty has been speaking at parishes and Catholic Conferences across the United States.

In 2007, Bishop Paul Zipfel sent 25,000 copies of her testimony, "Prove It, God!"...And He Did, to every Catholic household in the diocese of Bismarck, ND, and in June 2013, it was distributed nationwide as the "CD of the Month" for Lighthouse Catholic Media. With additional talks on a wide variety of topics, Patty gives witness to the beauty of the Church's teachings and her love of the Catholic Faith.

Patty has been a guest on EWTN and various Catholic Radio shows, including Covenant Network, Ave Maria Radio, and Catholic Answers Live. From 2007-2008, she was host of the radio show, Ask the Archbishop, with Cardinal Raymond Burke (who was Archbishop of St. Louis at the time.) Currently, she hosts a weekly radio show on Covenant Network to foster holy vocations called The Pearl of Great Price and a podcast called The Daily Dose of Encouragement.



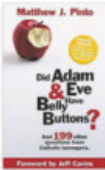
Her book, Love Letters from Mom on What Matters Most, is a compilation of personal letters written to her three children as they mature into adulthood and venture out on their own. Without preaching or scolding, she candidly discusses the joys of living a faith-filled life, what it means to be a Catholic in the world today, and why it matters. It is a book to inspire and encourage all parents and their children – no matter what their age – to live for Christ, to strive for holiness, and desire Heaven.

In 2015, Patty received the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Excellence in Communication Award and was named The St. Paul Woman of the Year for her work in evangelization by the Executive Board for the Daughters of St. Paul in St. Louis.





Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Wilma Bonen**, who passed away November 19, 2023. *"May the souls of your faithful departed, through Your mercy Oh God, rest in peace, and may their families and friends receive comfort from the Lord."*



"Why should the pope make our morals and define what is right and wrong?" — Rich T., 17

A: He doesn't; God does. The pope simply passes on what Jesus taught.

When a pope is elected to office, you can bet he is concerned about the awesome task he's been given.

He knows the weight of the world will rest on his shoulders every day. This undoubtedly leads him to prayer many times a day.

Defining and passing on faith and morals to a world tainted with original sin is no fun task. Like rebellious children, Catholics and non-Catholics alike often don't want to follow what Christ taught. This makes the pope's job the toughest one in the world.

We should pray for the pope every day so he might persevere in his difficult role as the earthly shepherd for mankind. We should also thank God we have a pope to give us a clear understanding of what is and is not true.

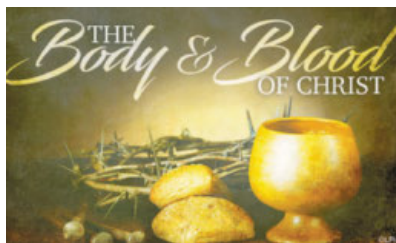
Reprinted from "Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons?" by Matthew J. Pinto

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Wine Distribution

Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that



community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred ves-

sels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than

gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside.

In the Dioceses of the United States of

America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330).

Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.



Looking for Christmas gift ideas for your family, friends, neighbors, employees, or employer? Scrip is the answer! We can order Visa or American Express gift cards with no activation fee, or Amazon, Walmart, Target, several restaurants, or many, many other places that all make for a perfect Christmas gift.

We will be selling cards and taking orders after mass every weekend until Christmas. Last date to order for delivery by Christmas is December 12.

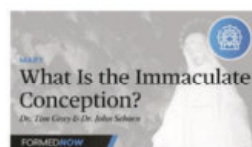
As always, cards are available by contacting Darlene Smith at 660-537-8638 for pickup at her house, or email us at stspsscrip@gmail.com. We can have them ready for you to pick up after mass. As a reminder, cards are available to order or receive e-cards via the RaiseRight app. For a complete list of cards available, see the app or visit raiserright.com.

Available inventory for immediate purchase:

Academy Sports \$25; Amazon \$10, \$25 & \$100; Arby's \$10; Bass Pro Shops \$25; Bath & Body Works \$25; Bredeaux \$10; Breaktime \$50; Buffalo Wild Wings \$25; C&R Market \$50 & \$100; Casey's \$25, \$50 & \$100; Cenex \$25 & \$100; Dairy Queen \$10; Dick's Sporting Goods \$25; El Rancho Viejo \$25; Food & Laughs (Valid at BJ's Brewhouse, Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Cheesecake Factory) \$25; Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic/Athleta \$25; Gordon Jewelers – any denomination; Happy Moments (Valid at Bed Bath & Beyond, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheesecake Factory, Macy's, Red Lobster, Regal, and Ulta Beauty) \$25; Hardee's \$10; Home Depot \$10 and \$25; Hy-Vee \$50 & \$100; Infinity Massage 30 (\$35) or 60 (\$60) minutes; Lowe's \$25; Maggie's \$25; Menard's \$25; McDonald's \$10 and \$25; Never The Same – any denomination; Olive Garden/Cheddar's/Longhorn \$25; Panera Bread \$10 and \$25; Pizza Hut \$10; Sonic \$10 or \$25; Starbuck's \$10 & \$25; Subway \$10; Taco Bell \$10 or \$25; Target \$10 & \$25; Texas Roadhouse \$25; The Brew Brothers \$25; The Cove \$25; Walgreens \$25; Walmart \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$250; Wendy's \$25; WJ's \$25

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 03, 2023



What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AQUARIAN INSTITUTE and spiritus paraen



"My Perfect Wife, Her Perfect Son," a reading by Joe Benevento, will be held Saturday, December 9, 3 p.m., Flanagan Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Columbia.

Author Joe Benevento will read from his novel about the Holy Family from the viewpoint of St. Joseph (as reported on in the Catholic Missouriian). The novel is sometimes gently comic, but always a reverently Catholic recreation of the Biblical Christmas narrative and beyond. Books will be available for sale after the reading, with 100 percent of all royalties being donated in perpetuity to Catholic Charities of Central and North Missouri. Light refreshments will be served.



Fr. Tolton Catholic High School Admissions Deadline — January 15

The deadline for students who are currently in the 8th grade or above to apply to Fr. Tolton Catholic High School for the 2024-25 school year is coming up soon! We encourage you to fill out an application for your 8th grader or above as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2024. Please use this link to get started: <https://toltoncatholic.org/apply>. Please select the "2024-25 9th-12th Grade" application. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sasser at lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.

Job Opening at Fr. Tolton Catholic High School

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has an opening for an English Teacher - Full Time. Full job description and information on how to apply can be found at <https://toltoncatholic.org/job-openings>. Join our team - apply today!

Tolton Catholic H.S. Trailblazer Annual Fund Drive

Many parishioners have already received a communication by mail inviting you to consider a contribution to Tolton Catholic's Trailblazer Annual Fund Drive. As you reflect on the spirit of giving this holiday season, please know that your contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on each students' educational journey... and the impact of your gift outlives the holiday season, as you're helping sustain an environment that values faith, service, and opportunity where students can explore their potential and thrive. Join us in ensuring that every student at Tolton Catholic has the resources they need to succeed. To make your contribution, please visit our secure online donation portal at tinyurl.com/TrailblazerFund. Thank you for considering Tolton Catholic in your holiday giving plans!

This year the Solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday and is a holyday of obligation. All the faithful are obligated to participate in two Masses, from the anticipated Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening Dec. 23 through the evening of Dec. 25. In the "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," no. 34 states, "The Vigil Mass of the Nativity is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I). On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day."

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) and so is NOT a holyday of obligation. As a Solemnity, however, it still outranks the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated that Sunday Dec. 31. Any Masses celebrated on the evening of Dec. 31 should be for Mary, Mother of God. — *Fr. Dan Merz, DLC Chair*

PRO LIFE UPDATES

Our next prolife meeting is Monday December 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the church office basement. All are welcome to attend.

The Bingo for Babies is Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Church, 5045 Chapel Hill Road, Columbia. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids older than 4. Call (573) 874-3561 to reserve tickets. You can purchase dinner from the 12 Baskets Food Truck. My Life Clinic provides free services for pregnant ladies during their pregnancy and after the birth of their baby. They even have a baby shop and classes. Their presence has saved lives and helped women recover from an abortion.

Save the Dates

Pro Life Pilgrimage, January 8th, 2024

We will leave the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m. for brunch, then to St. Raymond's Society, and, lastly, to My Life Clinic. We will return around 2:15 pm. We would like a couple of parents from our school to attend. We need people to help mothers and their babies in our community when the need arises. Call Connie Gerling for more information (660-621-2787). Information is being shared on upcoming events to provide education on protecting the unborn so they can have life. In Mis-

souri, there are groups that keep trying to place initiative petitions on the ballot that take the lives of unborn babies up to birth as a choice in our constitution.

- **Missouri Right to Life is having a Pro-life Lobby Day at the state Capitol in Jefferson City Tuesday, March 12th, 2024.**
- **Mid West March for Life is Wednesday, May 1, 2024 on the Missouri State Capitol Lawn, in Jefferson City.** Activities start at 8 a.m. and rally starts at 9:30 a.m. and continues till 3 p.m. Visit www.midwestmarchforlife.com.
- **The Keep Missouri ProLife banquet and program, sponsored by the Missouri Right to Life, is June 1, 2024.** Registration opens March 1, 2024. Register at: missourilife.com/banquet

Unborn Baby at Four Months

Thank you for praying for us. I'm bigger and stronger now. I am 7 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. Mom can listen to my heartbeat. I can roll around and do flips in the womb. I am excited to see my mom.

SSPP Spiritual Adoption Program Prayer for Life: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I pray that you will take care of the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted."

You can help a mother with unplanned pregnancy by sharing the resources that are posted in our church bathrooms. You may have noticed the pull-off tabs on the flyers posted on the walls. These resources can help mothers before and after birth. You can also call Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787.

Sacramental and Spiritual Life of the Parish

AUTOMATIC TRANSFERS If you would like your giving to be processed automatically, please download the authorization form at: ssppboonville.diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2019/12/sspp-ach-authorization-form.pdf or pick-up a form in the front entrance of church. Completed forms may be delivered to the parish office.

BAPTISM Preparation is required for both parents, preferably during the early months of pregnancy. Contact Theresa Krebs, 882-6468 or dre@ssppparish.net.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Adults interested in inquiring about becoming Catholic are invited to participate in this process. Contact Pete Seleke, 816-863-7103, for more information on the process. The **CURSILLO** movement is active in our parish. The Wednesday night group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the cry room at church at 5:30 p.m. Contact Ruth Wells, 660-888-5395. The Saturday morning group meets in the parish office. Contact Dave or Sue Miller at 888-6827 or 537-0437.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held on First and Third Fridays after the 8:15AM Mass until 9PM. Please come and pray with the Lord.

FORMED.ORG Join Formed for information on faith formation, sacramental preparation, Bible studies and youth resources. To register, go to signup.formed.org and select our parish. No code needed!

LEGION OF MARY meets Monday mornings at 9AM in the Parish Office basement. Their main ministry is to reach out to people to witness the Good News of Jesus. For more information, contact Nancy Poulsen Fangman, 660-466-0145 or email nancy56@iland.net.

MARRIAGE Contact the parish office at least six months prior to your proposed wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

MEN'S GROUP Contact Deron Widmer, 573-289-0360.

MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND Please contact the office when a parishioner is hospitalized or sick.

Father will schedule a visit and communion call, as appropriate. (Due to patient confidentiality, the parish is not automatically notified of hospital admissions.) Homebound parishioners can be added to our list as needed.

Any parishioner in need of transportation to/from Mass may contact the office and we will attempt to schedule a ride for you.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please take advantage of belonging to our parish by getting involved in a ministry! To register, pick-up a form in the back of church, download the form from our website or visit the parish office.

PRAYER LINE To place someone on the Prayer Line, please call Phyllis Lauer at 882-6367. You need not give your name, just let us know who we can pray for. Prayer requests may also be sent to prayerline@ssppparish.net. If you want to be a part of our e-mail prayer chain, contact Russell Gerling at rgerling@iland.net. Prayer request cards can be found at each of the church entrances. You may put them in the collection basket.

PROLIFE GROUP Contact Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787, to get involved.

REDUCED GLUTEN HOSTS are available at each Mass. Please check-in at the sacristy so the priest will know to have it available. You will need to go to the center aisle to receive communion from Father.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CASE is generally open every third weekend of the month. Items are also available by contacting the parish office, 882-6468.

VOLUNTEERS Anyone who is volunteering with the youth in the parish (at church or the school) is required to be Virtus certified. Contact the parish office, 882-6468 or dre@ssppparish.net for more details, or visit www.virtus.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP meets monthly, on the third Wednesday in the parish office basement, unless otherwise announced, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jill Birch, jb081973@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. We are closed to walk-in visitors, but you may call for assistance: 660-882-6468.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 4 P.M. Email bulletin items to: bulletin@ssppparish.net.

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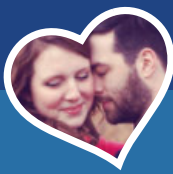


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