



**Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.,
at Pilot Grove & Fayette.
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m., SSPP**

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.

THE ROSARY is prayed before most Masses. Please join us.

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FLOCKNOTE Text SSPPBV to 84576 to receive occasional text 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.

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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December 15, 2024

GOOD NEWS TO THE PEOPLE.

LK 3:18



Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

First Reading: The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading: The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel: The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **"with the Holy Spirit and fire"** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

ADVENT CHALLENGE: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum toward others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. — *Father John Muir*

FATHER'S MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 14 **THIRD FRIDAY, December 20**
 6PM: People of the Parish 8:15AM: Jason Zirngibl
SUNDAY, December 15 **SATURDAY, December 21**
 10:30AM: SSPP High School 6PM: Dale Dinwiddie
 Class of 1958 **SUNDAY, December 22**
WEDNESDAY, December 18 10:30AM: Greg Larm
 8:15AM: Gary Brimer

PARISH COLLECTION & TITHING

Information unavailable due to early print deadlines.
Weekly Budgeted Collection & Tithing: \$17,846.15
YTD Collection & Tithing Received: \$385,782.67
YTD Budgeted Collection & Tithing: \$392,615.38

We are grateful to those who sacrificially tithe to financially support our parish. Thank you.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Alice Brownfield, sister of Marty Twenter**, who died November 28, 2024, **Virginia Litwiller, mother of Dan Litwiller**, who died November 28, 2024; **Kate Brown, mother of Colleen Brown-Litwiller**, who died December 2, 2024; and **Donnie Miller**, who died December 2, 2024. *“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.”*

Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/
 Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps
 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
 Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps
 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk
 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep
 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps
 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb
 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention for our Local Church: For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives.



The Pope's December Prayer Intention for Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SPIRITUAL HOMEWORK: QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

Second Reading: Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

Gospel: John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?



Mass Ministry Volunteers

December Altar Linens: Marilyn Vanderfeltz

Altar Angels Church Cleaning Team Families: Donnie & Amanda Estill, Ryan & Kate Fjell, Danny & Allison Frederick, Matt & Jayna Friedrich
 Parish families with school-aged children 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	Lectors	Offertory	Greeters/Ushers	Servers	Musicians	Money Counters
Saturday, Dec. 21 6 p.m.	Jennifer Spears	Janet Thompson	Brian Lutz	Candace Viertel Family	Kalen & Crystal Linneman (2 doors) Jerome Wirths	Corbin Linneman Emma Nave 2 Volunteers	Guitar Group	Team 8 Amanda Lutz Lori Rowlett Kate Fjell
Sunday, Dec. 22 10:30 a.m.	Hillary James	Heidi Selenke	Kim Wolfe Katie Drummond	Kerry Webster Family	Richard, Felicia, & Aspen Murphy (2 doors) Jessica & Aden Rapp	Janie Friedrich Cooper Lorentz Channing Lowe	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 liturgies reverent!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Friday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Friday, Dec. 13:** Donnie Miller visitation 10 a.m.-12 noon at Howard Funeral home with a prayer service at 12 noon
- **Friday, Dec. 13:** Bingo, KofC Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early Birds start at 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 a.m.:** Men's Group, parish office basement. Women's Group, church hall.
- **Saturday, Dec. 14:** Kate Brown visitation 10 a.m. at church with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m.
- **Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 14 & 15:** Daughters of Isabella Lucky Draw tickets sold before/after Mass.
- **Sunday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.:** OCIA, church hall
- **Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m.:** Penance Service, Sedalia
- **Monday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, church
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.:** Bible study, church hall
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5-6:30 p.m.:** Food distribution, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, 509 E. Water St.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4:45 p.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6 p.m.:** Ruth & Russell's small group, church hall
- **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.:** Penance Services at Pilot Grove and Fayette
- **Thursday, December 19:** Items due for the December 29 bulletin. Email to: bulletin@ssppparish.net
- **Thursday, December 19:** SSPP School Christmas Program, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Third Friday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.:** Adoration at church
- **Friday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Friday, Dec. 20, 12 noon:** SSPP School dismissal for Christmas break
- **Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22:** Religious Articles case open for sales.
- **Sunday, Dec. 22:** OCIA, church hall, 9 a.m.; church decorating & open house at the rectory after Mass; penance service/First Reconciliation, 2 p.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, church
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.:** Bible study, canceled

"Rejoice in the Lord always." (Philippians 4:4)

Help your children recognize the joy that comes from God's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life. This joy can signal a calling to share His love with others. Discuss this joy as a family and reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director

Advent Penance Services

SUNDAY, DEC. 15, SEDALIA, 4 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, PILOT GROVE, 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, FAYETTE, 6:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19, GLASGOW, 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, BOONVILLE, 2 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



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SSPP MASS TIMES
Tuesday, December 24
5 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25
10 a.m.

OTHER MASS TIMES
Tuesday, December 24
Pilot Grove, 4 p.m.
Clifton City, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25
Clear Creek, 8 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 722 Seventh St., Boonville, Mo.
660-882-6468 ssppboonville.diojeffcity.org

Support Our Seminarians & Infirm Priests

Through the Christmas Special Collection

Look for the envelope in the December 6 issue of *The Catholic Missourian* and bring it to Mass or the parish office



Community Christmas Service

Please join us Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.
First Christian Church, 301 Fourth St., Boonville

A reception will follow the service.

Ireland/Scotland Pilgrimage with Fr. Matthew Flatley is planned for August 18 - 31, 2025. The trip will include stops at Belfast, Dublin, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St. Andrews Scotch Whiskey Tour, Carfin Grotto, Scone Palace, Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg, Kylemore Abbey, Galway Cathedral, Cliffs of Moher, Knock Shrine, Blarney, Rock of Cashel, Dublin Eple Museum, Guinness Storehouse, St. Patrick's Church, Sailing Castle, Holyrood. and St. Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral.

Please call Fr. Matt @ 573-202-3590 or email mflatley@diojeffcity.org to learn more.

We will gather in Jefferson City on Thursday, January 9, 2025 for an information night with Travel Tyme Pilgrimages.



One of the longest running Christmas light displays at the Lake of the Ozarks returns this year through Jan. 5, 2025. The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, 176 Marian Drive in Laurie, will be offering the display to the public, free of charge, from 5-10 p.m. each night. On Fridays, 6-8 p.m., the gift shop will be open and free hot cocoa and candy canes will be offered.

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

Please pray for: **Technical Sgt. Matthew A. Babbitt**, USAF Charleston, SC, son of Tony & Jeanette Babbitt; **Lt. Col. Gregory Baker**, USAF physician, Kuwait, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Spc. Justin Coleman**, US Army, Fort Huachuca, AZ, son of Jim & Laura Coleman; **2nd Lt. Aaron Goedrich**, USMC, Guantanamo Bay, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Cadet Peyton Hahn**, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, son of Justin & Kristina Hahn; **Lt. Austin L. Hein**, US Navy, San Diego, son of Linda Hein and grandson of Gene & Emilie Herigon; **Staff Sgt. Dutch Muder**, US Army, Ft. Liberty, NC, grandson of Tom & Joyce Adair; **Senior Airman Logan Q. Pfeiffer**, Air Force, Alaska, grandson of Logan & Betty Pfeiffer; **Col. Matthew Pfeiffer**, USAF, Albuquerque, NM, son of Logan & Betty Pfeiffer; **Timothy Shelby**, USN pilot, seaside, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Lt. Chad Twenter**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC, son of John & Lori Twenter; and all Veterans.

To have your military family member included in the bulletin, please email the information to bulletin@ssppparish.net.

Author of "From the Crack House to God's House"
TIM FRANCIS PRESENTS
SIGNS FROM GOD
 ~ MIRACLES AND THEIR MEANING ~
 From altar boy to party boy; From non-denominational mega church back to the Roman Catholic Church. **Tim Francis shares with us his quest for truth.**

This is a LIVE presentation hosted by Tim Francis. Few things you will hear and see:
 • A statue of Christ weeping human tears and bleeding human blood.
 • Multiple communion hosts tested by science that transformed into human heart.
 • Lady being filmed & tested before, during, and after Stigmata.
 • + Much more!
 The meaning of suffering. Why be Catholic after all the confusion? Are all Religions the same? Why confess sins to a man when he might be just as sinful? etc....

He has since conducted over 100 parish missions conveying the meaning of the miracles with results similar to this:
Fallen away son returns after Mother drags him to presentation:
 "I wanted to thank you for changing my life. My mom went to day 1 of the 3-day mission... she got me to attend the second day... I was an occasional Mass attendee, mostly holidays. After your talk I made a good confession and now attend Mass DAILY..."
And this one from a fallen away Catholic turned Protestant Pastor:
 "Without hesitation, nor exaggeration, I can say it was this presentation that was the pinnacle of my return to the Catholic Church..."
36-year-old fallen away Catholic son. His Mother has been praying years for his return to the Church.
 "Seeing the miracles that no science can refute, and the people personally touched by Jesus and Mary forever changed the direction of my life and the makeup of my heart... I felt the power of Jesus and for me that could only have happened by seeing what Tim presented. Since that day in May I have not missed a Mass."

WATCH TIM EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT ON THIS SHORT VIDEO:
WWW.SCIENCETESTSFAITH.COM/JOSEPH

Sunday, December 15th
 115 Potluck Dinner Starts
 1:30 - 4:00 pm - Presentation (with intermission)
Monday, December 16th
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm (with intermission)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
 125 E. Main St.
 Westphalia, MO 65085
 Same presentation each day. Choose one

ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS

(1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace.

The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

[facebook.com/catholicsknowtheanswerofficialpage](https://www.facebook.com/catholicsknowtheanswerofficialpage)

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party at the hall, 1515 Radio Hill Rd. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 which includes a Fun Bingo Card. All proceeds will benefit the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. The event is a pot luck; please bring a dish to share. BYOB. There will be music, activities, and a 50/50 drawing. Attendees must be 16 to play Bingo.



Q: "Are there different levels of heaven?" — Melissa D., 15

A: The Catholic Church teaches there are different levels of joy in heaven because there are different levels of reward (Matt. 20:21, John 14:1-5). This difference, though, will not cause any jealousy or distance between the saints because all are perfected in charity and perfectly happy in the presence of God.

Here's a frequently used analogy: Imagine your soul is like a glass. In heaven, some people will have a large "glass," others will have a small "glass." Those with a large glass will have more of God's love poured into it (i.e., poured into their soul) because they loved more perfectly on earth.

They prepared their soul to receive more of God. The person with the smaller "glass" will still be completely filled with God but will hold less of His love. Yet, he or she will want for nothing and will not be jealous of those who received more of God's love.

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

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained: CHRISTMAS

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself.

The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that

people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day.

Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

On behalf of the Cooper and Howard Counties Basic Needs Committee, we want to thank Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish for the generous \$1,000 donation to our Care Basket Initiative. Thanks for your donation and so many others, this program was able to benefit more than 800 residents with basic household supplies that aren't covered by SNAP benefits.

Thanks also, not only to Audra & Melanie Wassmann, Rita Rapp, and Celeste Bowman, but all who bundled up and spent an hour ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Nov. 30.

THANK YOU
for your generosity



2024-25 Stewardship Information

Please pray and discern how you can share your time, talent, and treasure in the coming year. Paper Stewardship packets are available at each of the church entrances. The forms may also be completed online by using this QR code.



In December, the Spiritual Adoption Program continues into the fifth month of pregnancy.

Our prayer cards are at each church entrance. We encourage you to pray daily.

Fifth month unborn baby development: In the fifth month, the baby responds to music, noises and voices in the mother's womb. The mother feels the baby's movements. The baby is fully formed and 7 1/2 inches long weighing about one pound. The baby can hiccup! The baby can even cry but cannot be heard because there is no air inside the womb! There are a billion nerve cells in the baby's brain! In June we will celebrate all the babies we have been praying for.

Additional note from Connie Gerling, ProLife Coordinator: Please pray for the My Life Clinic that serves women in need of help during pregnancy. They are hoping to enlarge the space as the number of clients have increased. Also, I received an email from My Life Clinic that they have heard from a conference they attended that Planned Parenthood will be starting abortions December 5 in Columbia; let's pray that this does not happen.



We have cards available for your Christmas shopping! They make GREAT gifts also! Contact Darlene Smith at 660-537-8638 for pickup at her house. You can also email us at stpspscrip@gmail.com.



As always, you can download the RaiseRight app to purchase e-cards for immediate use or to place an order.

Be sure to contact Darlene by noon on Sunday, December 15, to ensure arrival of any gift cards you need for Christmas.

For a complete list of cards available on the app or to order, visit the app or raiserright.com.

Available Inventory: Academy Sports \$25; Amazon \$10, \$25 & \$100; Arby's \$10; Bass Pro Shops \$25; Bredeaux \$10; Buffalo Wild Wings \$25; C&R Market \$50 & \$100; Casey's \$25, \$50 & \$100; Cenex \$25 & \$100; Dairy Queen \$10 & \$25; 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 & \$100; Maggie's \$25; Menard's \$25; McDonalds \$10 and \$25; Never The Same – any denomination; Olive Garden/Cheddar's/Longhorn \$25; Panera Bread \$10 and \$25; Sonic \$10 or \$25; Starbucks \$10 & \$25; Subway \$10; TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods/Sierra Trading \$25; Taco Bell \$10 or \$25; Target \$10 & \$25; Texas Roadhouse \$25; The Brew Brothers \$25; The Cove \$25; VISA (No activation fee!) \$25, \$50, or \$100; Walmart \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500; Wendy's \$25; WJ's \$25

Tolton Catholic H.S. Application Deadline for the 2025-26 School Year is January 15, 2025. Please select the "2025-26 9th-12th Grade" application. Only students currently in the 8th grade or above are eligible to fill out the application. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2025, but the earlier, the better! Please use this link to get started: toltoncatholic.org/apply. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Moore at amoore@toltoncatholic.org.

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 15, 2024



30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Christmas (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY: Check the parish calendar for meeting dates. Call the parish office for details, 660-882-6468.

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 Friday group meets in the cry room at 9 a.m. Contact Dave or Sue Miller at 660-888-6827 or 660-537-0437.

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 ssppboonvillemo@gmail.com. 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.

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