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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY

Monday - Friday: 7:30 A.M.
National Holidays: 9:00 A.M. only
Holy Days of Obligation:
9:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday from
3:30—4:00 P.M.
Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M., or
by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays from 12 Noon - 6:00 P.M.

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MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM **PRO POPULO**

SUNDAY, December 26 —The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Therien Family**
(By Sandra Therien)

11:00 AM **PRO POPULO**

MONDAY, December 27—Saint John

7:30 AM **M/M Edward J. Careau**
(Christmas Remembrance, By M/M Gerard Michaud)

TUESDAY, December 28—The Holy Innocents

7:30 AM **Linda Ferland**
(23rd Anniversary, By her sister, Sylvia)

WEDNESDAY, December 29—Saint Thomas Becket

7:30 AM **Marguerite Brien**
(13th Anniversary, By family)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOON to 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, December 30—Weekday

7:30 AM **Louise Laprade**
(10th Anniversary, By Bob & Sandy Laprade)

FRIDAY, December 31—

7:30 AM **David Sheeman**
(8th Anniversary, By the family)

SATURDAY, January 1—The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM **Camille Guilbert**
(By the family)
4:00 PM **Roland Laramee**
(By wife Aline)

SUNDAY, January 2 — Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM **PRO POPULO**
11:00 AM **Angelina Payette**
(21st Anniversary, By children and family)

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **MARIE GAGNON.**



This week the Altar Candles burn in memory of **EMILE HARNOIS.**



CHURCH HOURS

Our Church is open daily from 7:00AM until 12:00NN and Sunday mornings from 7:00AM-12:00NN.

On Wednesdays we will hold Eucharistic Adoration from 12:00NN - 6:00PM.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAYS FROM 12NN - 6 PM
CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE FROM
5 PM - 6PM

"Could you keep watch with me for one hour?"

(Matthew 26:46)

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Pastor's Ponderings...

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

This weekend the Church calls our attention to the Manger as we once again honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Pope John Paul II often referred to the Holy Family as the "School of Nazareth" and alluded to the fact that every Catholic has something to learn from the Holy Family.

Take Saint Joseph, our Patron, for example, who did not speak one word in Sacred Scripture but communicated so much through his actions and character. Our Church is in dire need of more men to step forward and lead their families with the courage and vision of Saint Joseph! Our Blessed Mother, Mary, is the perfect human being and the example par excellence of Christian Motherhood, complete openness to God's plan and perfect docility to God's will. And, of course, the Christ child who reminds us that children teach their families how to love as God calls us to. Children, in a very particular way, teach their parents how to be selfless and how to love unconditionally. Furthermore, they teach us all how we are to depend utterly on God for everything, how we should grasp for him as a toddler grasps for their parent to pick them up, how we should find rest, security, and peace in our Heavenly Father. Where is the Lord calling you and your family this year to more perfectly image the Holy Family?

Peace,
Father Ryan

DAILY MASS

Please join us for Daily Mass every morning at 7:30 A.M., Monday through Friday at Saint Joseph Church. 25 minutes that could radically change your life and deepen your relationship with our Eucharistic Lord.

Join us for the recitation of the Rosary daily after Daily Mass.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Because this feast day falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. If you would like to begin your new year by entrusting yourself to the protection of our Blessed Mother, Mass will be offered on Saturday January 1st at 9:00 AM at Saint Joseph's Church. Please note that this Mass does not satisfy your obligation to attend Sunday Mass.



An Update From Father Ryan About All Saints Parish

On December 7th, the Council of Priests (aka the Priest Senate), of which I am a member, met with Bishop Tobin and Bishop Evans and were briefed about All Saints Parish. After hearing the evidence, the Council of Priests voted unanimously to move forward merging All Saints Parish with Saint Joseph Parish and permanently closing All Saints (Saint Aloysius) Church. Father Reilly, the Chancellor for the Diocese, will draft the official decrees and then give them to Bishop Tobin for his signature. The decrees will then be published in both parishes' bulletins. Any parishioner with concrete evidence as to why All Saints is not financially insolvent and why All Saints Church is not in dire physical condition will have ten (10) days to file an appeal to the Bishop's decrees. We would expect those decrees to become effective after a "Last Mass" at All Saints sometime in late January or early February.

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SAINTS JOSEPH PARISH PRAYER LINE



Call Jeanne Dubois 231-6240, and she will contact the members of the Parish Prayer Line to pray for your intention.



AROUND THE PARISH



Weekly Offerings: 12/12/2021

175 Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,377.50
Loose	\$ 1,027.77
2nd Collection	\$ 1,652.60
Parish On Line Giving	\$ 7,73.48
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$ 2,255.00
Total Offertory for 12/13/2020	\$ 7,310.50
Total Offertory for 12/12/2021	\$10,086.35

God Bless you for your continued generosity to the parish.

COUNTERS

01/02/2022 C. and M. SAMSON AND D. and A. GENDRON

SECOND COLLECTION

There is no second collection THIS weekend or NEXT weekend.

DID YOU KNOW ...

How would you get in touch with us if you wanted to? Did you know Saint Joseph's has a Facebook page? You should give us a LIKE!



Well, guess what? We have a BRAND NEW website too! Make sure to check it out, we've worked SO hard on it. You will see some familiar faces from the parish, read the "From The Pastor" column, and find ways to get involved!

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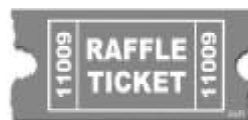
The Men of St. Joseph is a Catholic group for men who wish to grow in their relationship with God and claim their role as the spiritual leaders of their families. For more information, contact Dennis Blanchette at dennis_blanchette@yahoo.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Group welcomes new members, call Mary Ann for more information 1-508-498-5884 or if in need of a Prayer Shawl for anyone.

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ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Schedule:

Grades 1 & 3 Sunday 9:15-10:15
December 26 - No Class
January 2 - No Class
January 9 - Class

Level 2 Sunday 9:15-10:15
December 26 - No Class
January 2 - No Class
January 9 - Class

Grades 4-6 Monday 6:30-7:30pm
December 27 - No Class
January 3 - No Class
January 10 - Class

Grades 7 & 8 Monday 6:30-7:30pm
December 27 - No Class
January 3 - No Class
January 10 - Class

Confirmation I & II Sunday 12pm-1:15pm
December 26 - No Class
January 2 - LaSalette Trip 7-9:30pm
January 9 - Class



THANK YOU

We collected a total of \$990.00 for ProLife Across America's Billboard Campaign!

Thank you to everyone who donated.



READ**First Reading:**

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

REFLECT**First Reading:**

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

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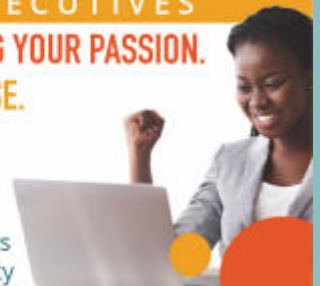
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