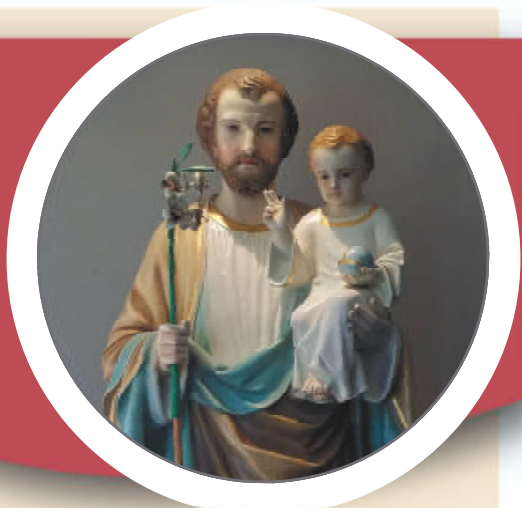


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Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:00 am—2:30 pm
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00pm
Hispanic Mass 2:00pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Monday, Tuesday 8:15 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

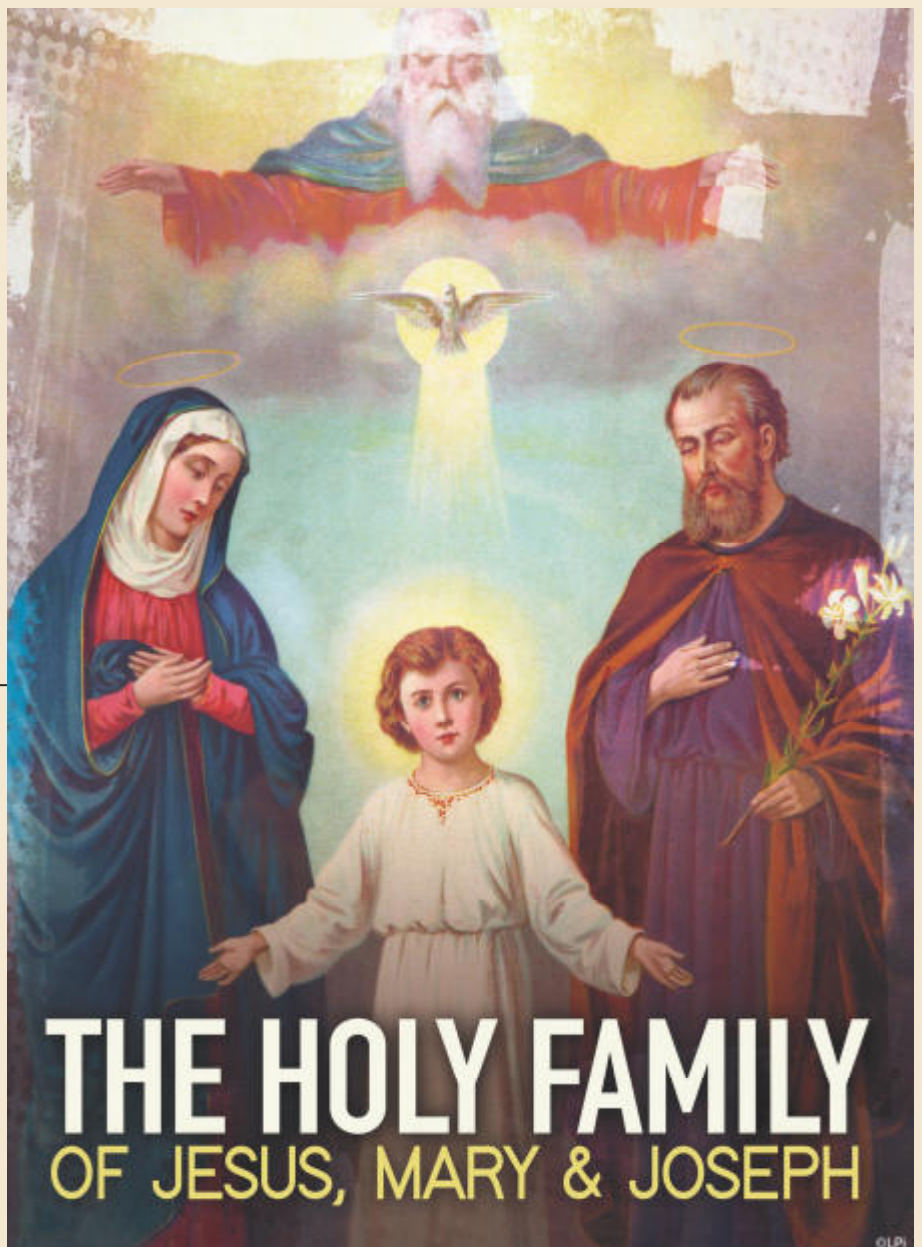
Holy Day Mass: TBA, See Mass Intentions
Confession: Saturday 4:00 pm-5:00 pm & on request

Religious Education

PSR (Children) Sundays 9:45 am
RCIA Thursdays 5:30 pm
Baptism: Preparations program required, contact parish office for information.
Confirmation: Two-year program, ninth and tenth grade.
Marriage: At least six (6) months notice required in advance of proposed wedding date.

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO :

We would like to thank all of our sponsors who have ads on the back of the bulletin, this week we would like to thank Kindred at Home Thank-You for supporting the Bulletin

From the Diocese: We hope to mobilize as many people as possible for both the MASS at 9:00am Cathedral of St. Paul and the Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life, Planned Parenthood at 10:45am.

Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life
Saturday, January 15, 2022
 Respect Life Mass · Bishop Steven Raica
 9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul
 2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL
 Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life
 10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood
 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham
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Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree, every angel has been taken and your generosity provided those in difficult situations to have a bit of comfort and joy this Christmas Season .

We are getting ready to do our Tax letters for 2021 please make sure we have your correct address so the letters will get to you on time. If you have moved please let the office know the new address.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY
 JAN 1ST & JAN 2ND THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers
Father Joseph Deacon Greg	Father Joseph Deacon Greg	Father Joseph Deacon Greg
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Austin Jackson Tobin Magee Hydie Reischman	Daniel Koskey David Koskey Wesley Mauter	Jarrett Ray Justin Ray Conner Hovater
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Nicholas Reischman Elvira Herston Stan Herston	Joe Burkhart Jackie Mauter Matt Wear	Chris Gremillion Trav Hovater Joshua Kilpatrick
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
Louis Bailey	Wayne Bergeron	Bobby Owens
Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers
Clemons Family	Newton Family	Ray Family

Fr. Joseph and the Staff at St. Joseph Church wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Christmas!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27
 8:15 am Sister Mary Noel
Tuesday, December 28
 8:15 am +Kenneth Killian
Wednesday, December 29
 5:30pm +Ronnie Ritchie
Thursday, December 30
 8:15am + Cecil & Lena Carpenter
Friday, December 31
 6:00pm +Rick Thompson
Saturday, January 1, 2022
 8:15am Peggy Wallace
 5:30 pm
Sunday, January 2, 2022
 8:30 am
 11:00am
 2:00pm

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Financial Stewardship:

<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
December 12, 2021	\$ 8,132	\$ 6,588
Year to Date	\$ 323,664	\$ 329,400
<u>BUILDING FUND & SJS Scholarship Assistance</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
December 12, 2021	\$ 470	\$ 1,502
Year to Date	\$ 62,593	\$ 75,100



Scripture for
Jan 2, 2021
1st Reading /
2nd Reading /
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Canned food collection by children for
offertory

*To volunteer to serve at Mass,
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John Foust, at*

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scheduled through the Parish Office.*



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St. Joseph School News:
Re-enrollment for 2021 ~2022
school year is ongoing.

We have been given an opportunity to participate in a match donation campaign. All monies raised from these donations will be used towards further renovations at the school including new bathrooms for the boys and girls.

A donation of \$100.00 will be matched dollar for dollar up to 10 donors, equaling a 1000.00 match

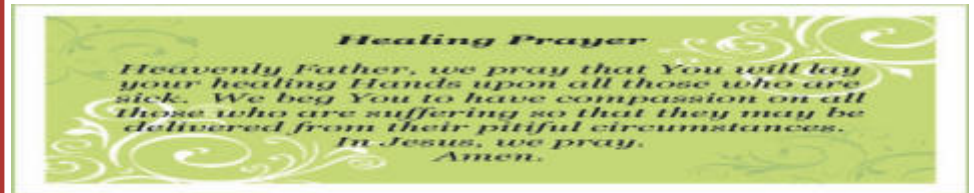
A donation of \$500.00 will be doubled matched up to 10 donors, equaling a 10,000.00 match

A donation of 1,000.00 will be double matched up to 5 donors, equaling a 10,000.00 match

Our last day to receive donations would be December 17th! Please contact the school if you wish to make a donation. You may either call at 256-766-1923 or email Mrs. Elena Peralta at secretary@catholicill.com. Thank You so much for your continued support of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School and Catholic Education

Please LIKE our Facebook page for the latest news and events happening at SJS

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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