

# St. Joseph the Worker

Roman Catholic Church

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December 17, 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to St. Joseph the Worker!

*St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church is a faithfully formed welcoming community, alive with love for God and one another. We have an unwavering focus on Christ and are committed to fulfilling our responsibilities as members of God's family by sharing and proclaiming the faith. Day by day, we are working toward our goal of growing a vibrant Catholic community of faith for all by embracing our blessings and generously sharing of our time, talents and treasures.*

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## Pastor's Ponderings

- This Sunday is "Gaudete Sunday," which takes its name from the Latin word for 'Rejoice!' Have you ever noticed in the evening, or early in the morning, as the sun sets and rises, the beautiful colors giving way to pinks and purples (ROSE), letting us know of the conclusion of one day and the beginning of another? This is a very visual image for the purpose of our rose vestments this weekend, in the midst of the Advent purple. I am reminded of a verse from one of our Advent hymns: "The king shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes." Advent is preparing us in the watching and the waiting, to make straight the Lord's path in our life and to welcome with joy his coming in history, at Mass in mystery, and one day in glory. Sometimes, the watching and waiting seems long, and cold, and even at times dark, in the spiritual life. But "Gaudete Sunday" reminds us that the Lord is true to His word and that we have reason to rejoice! We are almost to Christmas, but it is still Advent for now.

- This Tuesday, December 19, is our ADVENT CONFESSALOOZA from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (an opportunity to drop by, confess - with several priests available - and then stay and pray or leave for those who must).

### **Confessalooza Schedule:**

5:30 p.m. – Confessions begin

6:00 p.m. – Mass (confessions will continue)

6:30 p.m. – Advent Novena (confessions will continue)

7:30 p.m. – Confessions end

- Our Advent/Christmas Novena has begun! We will be praying each evening between 6:30 and 7 in the main church.

- As previously announced, we will offer three parish Masses to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord this year. Please notice that the Christmas Eve Mass for families will be at 6 p.m.; the Midnight Mass will be in English this year (Latin last year); and the 10 a.m. Mass will be in Latin this year (English last year).

- THANK YOU to those who participated in our Sunday Mass Times survey this past weekend. We have had the survey available the last two weekends now, and the total results of the survey are as follows: 101 responded "Current Mass Times meet my/our needs"; 18 responded "9 a.m. Mass moved to 8 a.m."; 39 responded "9 a.m. Mass moved to 10:30 a.m."; 87 responded "I would like to see current 9 a.m. Mass dropped and return to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses." This information will be reviewed and discussed at Parish Council as we go forward and consider any possible changes or adjustments.

- Our Director of Social Ministry and Family Life for the diocese, Nicholas Lund-Molfese, would like to invite all Catholic families and individuals to the Homeless Persons Memorial Service. This event will take place at the Gathering Tree, 634 W. Wall St., Springfield, MO 65806 this weekend (Sun., Dec. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.). The event is intended to be a recognition of homeless individuals who have died on our streets and is hosted on or near the longest night of the year. The event is free and will be held by candlelight. Last year, Bishop Rice attended and found it both "respectful and moving."

- Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus for hosting an excellent breakfast last weekend that was well-attended and delicious!

*To Jesus through Mary,  
Fr. Scott*

# Mass Times

## Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Ordinary Form, English

## Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m. Ordinary Form, English

12:30 p.m. Extraordinary Form, Latin

## Daily Masses (Ordinary Form)

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wed. & Thur. 9:00 a.m.

Friday 6:30 a.m.

## First Friday Masses (Ordinary Form)

6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.\*

\*Adoration follows 9 a.m. Mass until 9:30 p.m.

## Reconciliation

5:30-5:50 p.m. & after Mass on Tues.

3-3:40 p.m. Sat. or by appointment

# Staff

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**Webmaster:** Contact J.B. Kelly about website-related items.

# Sacraments

**ADORATION:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on First Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

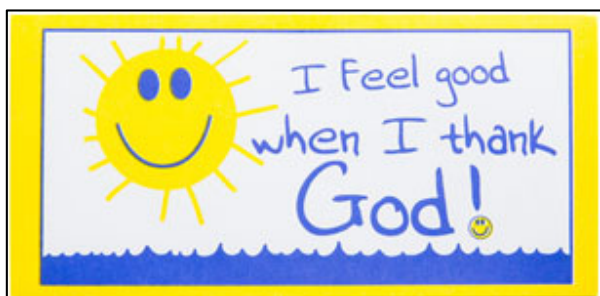
**BAPTISM OF INFANTS:** Preparation classes for registered parishioners are scheduled as-needed. Expectant parents or parents of newborns can register for a class by contacting the parish office or emailing [sjwdre@saintjosephozark.org](mailto:sjwdre@saintjosephozark.org).

**BAPTISM OF ADULTS:** Please contact the parish office to arrange for participation in RCIA.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Our diocesan policy requires the parish priest be contacted at least six months prior to the *proposed* date of the couples' wedding to schedule preparation catechesis.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If facing serious illness, please contact the parish office to arrange for anointing.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FIRST SACRAMENTS, CONFIRMATION:** As of August 2017, we are directing a "whole-family catechesis" program for families, sacramental preparation classes on Sundays, as well as other classes for youth and adults. Please email [sjwdre@saintjosephozark.org](mailto:sjwdre@saintjosephozark.org) for more information.



The 'Smiling Sun' envelopes that are available in the main entryway of the church are for the Children's Collection. These donations benefit LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home in Springfield.

# Office Hours

**Mid-September through Mid-May**

Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Mid-May through Mid-September**

*Closed Mondays*

Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wed., Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed on Fridays, Holy Days, and major holidays

# Parish / Diocesan News & Events

## FINANCE REPORT

### Stewardship for 12/4 - 12/10

Operational \$3,821.83  
 Children's Collection \$6.25  
 Mass Intentions \$40.00  
 Building Maint. \$210.00  
 Christmas Flowers \$670.00  
 Catholic Charities \$10.00  
 Cemetery Maint. \$10.00  
 Needy Support \$1,000.00  
 Seminarians/Priests \$5.00

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY FOOD & GOODS DRIVE

Please mark your calendar for our parish's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Food & Goods Drive the weekend of December 30-31 for the benefit of 'Least of These' in Nixa. Bring canned food, hygiene products, etc., to drop off at the parish that weekend.

## ADVENT / CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Our Advent/Christmas Novena begins this Sat., Dec. 16 and will conclude on Sun., Dec. 24.

The novena will begin each evening at 6:30 and conclude by **7:00** (except for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, which will last from 5:30 to 6:00). Each evening will consist of song, scripture, meditation, and prayer. We are still in need of readers, cantors, and other to help lead us in prayer during the Novena, committing to assist on one or more evenings. Please see Fr. Scott for more information or call the office to be a part of this parish event!

## VOTE TO NAME THE PARISH HALL!

We are beginning a contest this month to name our parish hall! Parishioners are invited to submit suggestions by cutting out this form, filling it out, and dropping it in the collection basket at Masses the weekends of Dec. 16-17 and Dec. 23-24, or by bringing it by the parish office. A committee formed by Parish Council will vote on the 'top three' suggestions, and the parish will cast final votes in January 2018!

### SUGGESTED NAME FOR PARISH HALL

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## Wedding Anniversaries

**Dec. 19:** William & Tiffany Duncan (19 years)

**Dec. 22:** John & Sherri Gott (10 years)

**Dec. 23:** Dale & Linda Bourg (50 years)



*The lists are based upon a report generated from our parish's electronic database of parishioner information. Please contact the parish office if you notice any errors.*

## Birthdays

**Dec. 18:** Pauline Grounds

**Dec. 19:** Jacob Hoerning, Jacob King

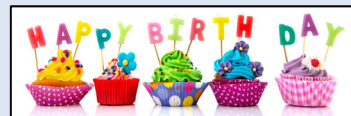
**Dec. 20:** Nancy Faight, Cynthia Kinsey,  
Susan Kramer, Isabella Quiles, Tania Velazquez

**Dec. 21:** Elizabeth Cowherd, Gerald Operle,  
Melisa Thomas, Tomas Velazquez, Kendra Wade,  
Brad Wrinkle

**Dec. 22:** Yvonne Costales, Karlitos Forge,  
Vanessa Landers

**Dec. 23:** Cheryl Haik, Sy Rosipal

**Dec. 24:** John Harpole, Susan Redmond



# Parish / Diocesan News & Events

## GIFT SHOP at SJW!

This weekend's coffee-and-books sale after Masses will benefit our Youth Formation programs. Please stop by and peruse the selection of coffees, teas, books, rosaries, and other gift items!

## FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD

It's STILL not too late to pick up a copy of the 'Five Minutes with the Word' Advent devotional booklets in the Gathering Space! Consider taking an extra one to share with a relative or friend!

## ADORATION

Advent has arrived and a new liturgical year has begun! Make a spiritual resolution to grow closer to God this coming year by committing to one hour a week with Jesus at our Regional Adoration Chapel at Holy Trinity in Springfield. Call Joyce Blades at 881-4367 or Diane Hoy at 860-7134 to sign-up. It will change your life!

## LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch ladies group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at **Salvatore's in Ozark** (note the change in location). Please RSVP to Doris Chudomelka at 417-581-6842. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come!

## CALENDARS

The 2018 Parish Calendars will be blessed and available for pick-up (one-per-household) this weekend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. **THANKS** to Denise Jameson and Frank Orellana for sponsoring the calendars!

## LOST & FOUND

Two nice jackets (one found outside, behind the church; the other found in the 'cry room') were left at the church the weekend of Dec. 2-3. We also have a few rosaries that have been turned in, found at different locations on the parish campus. Please stop by during office hours (listed on page 3) if you think one of these might belong to you.

## DEC. 23-25 MASS SCHEDULE



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses**  
Dec. 23 (Vigil) – 4 p.m.  
Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



**Christmas Masses**  
Dec. 24 (Vigil) – 6 p.m. (English)  
Dec. 25 – Midnight (English)  
& 10 a.m. (Latin)

## AMAZON SMILE

Planning to shop online for holiday gifts? Our parish can benefit from eligible purchases made at smile.amazon.com (search for "St. Joseph the Worker Church" and select the one for Ozark, MO).

# FORMED

Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) to see some of the best Catholic online content available! SJTW Parishioners, enter code: **39B3HV**

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SPRINGFIELD  
KELLERWILLIAMS.

PARISHIONER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT FOR DECEMBER:  
**Anthony Carriker, Realtor with Keller Williams**  
**417-209-0316 / anthonycarriker@kw.com**

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KELLERWILLIAMS.

# Liturgy

**Third Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Form):** (See note below on John 1:19-28, the same Gospel passage for both forms this weekend.)

**Third Sunday of Advent (Extraordinary Form):** St. John announces the coming of the Messiah, tells of His Majesty and greatness, and effaces himself before Him, for “he gives testimony of the true Light, Who is Jesus.”  
John 1:19-28

(Notes from Roman Catholic Daily Missal, Angelus Press, 2004)

## Daily Mass Readings (Ordinary Form)

**Mon., Dec. 18:** Jer 23:5-8  
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Mt 1:18-25

**Tues., Dec. 19:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25A  
Ps 71:3-4A, 5-6B, 16-17  
Lk 1:5-25

**Wed., Dec. 20:** Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6  
Lk 1:26-38

**Thurs., Dec. 21:** Sg 2:8-14  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Lk 1:39-45

**Fri., Dec. 22:** 1 Sm 1:24-28  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD  
Lk 1:46-56

**Sat., Dec. 23:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Ps 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Lk 1:57-66

**Sun., Dec. 24:** 2 Sm. 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## Masses and Intentions

### Sat., December 16

4:00 p.m. Deacon Mike Steele+ (by Fr. Scott & Staff)

### Sun., December 17

9:00 a.m. Steve Merritt (by A.P.)

12:30 p.m. Parish Family

### Tues., December 19

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Reznicek Family+  
(by J. Ecklund)

### Wed., December 20

9:00 a.m. Kandi Maria Wilson (by R. Hipp)

### Thurs., December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

9:00 a.m. Stephanie Marie Walden (by R. Hipp)

### Fri., December 22

6:30 a.m. Neil & Janet Saskowski (by R. Hipp)

### Sat., December 23 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

4:00 p.m. Helen Gourley+ (by C. & M. Gourley)

### Sun., December 24 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. James Vann Johnston, Sr.+ (by K. Sunnenberg)

12:30 p.m. Parish Family

### Sun., December 24 *Christmas Eve*

6:00 p.m. Ollie Sunnenberg+ (by Fr. Scott)

### Mon., December 25 *Christmas Night/Day*

Midnight Randy Stotler+ (by J. Combs)

10:00 a.m. Patrick Cullen+ (by J.B. Kelly)

## Liturgical Ministries: December 23-24

	Ushers	Readers	EMHCs	Servers
<b>Sat. Vigil 4:00 p.m.</b>	Donna Black Monica Mathena	LuAnn Shinault Barbara Grace	Bill Hennessey, Jim Jackson, Pat Keohane, Ann Keohane, Eric Shinault	Andrew Bauer Spencer Bauer Gabriel Bauer
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Troy Davidson Tom Davidson <i>Volunteers x 2</i>	Jack Steiert Paula Steiert	Jerry Knetzke, Sallie Knetzke, Robert Lambert, Melinda Novik	Luke Lupton Adam Lupton Dan Lupton

*If you cannot fulfill your liturgical ministry, please find a substitute.*

# Prayer



## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for Dec. 2017:**

*That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.*



## **Bishop Rice's Prayer Intentions for Dec. 2017:**

*May each of us prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child!*

### AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

12-17: 7 p.m. @ St. Joseph, Springfield

12-18: 7 p.m. @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield

12-19: 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark



*Pray for our seminarians! Pray for vocations!*

+ In Memoriam +  
Virginia Brush (12-19-1979)  
Paul Jansen (12-20-2005)

*Please remember to pray for and visit our shut-ins and nursing home residents:*

Geraldine Ruzicha, David Netzer, Olive Parsons, Roma DeWitt, Richard & Peggy Mosier, Shirley McKee, Carmen Ascenio, John DeSano, Merlyn Haag, Michael Leggins, Jane McMillen.

*Please pray for the sick:* Jimmie Whitfield, Kay Buffington, Sam Normand, Sue Camacho, Marge Gourley, David Pestle, Adelina Carson, Katherine Dorival, Rosemary Mika, Kevin Englund (Terry Nichols' brother), David Souza, Lynn Shaffer, Gary Howard (son of Tom & Judy), Sharon Wright, Ron Apperson, Ann Webb, Steve Merritt, Anna Copeland, Anne Carriker, Janice Ecklund, Doris Meekins, Robert Heffernan, Donna Foster, Irene Burks, Connie Benna.

**Prayer for Vocations** Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Source: USCCB*

A FAMILY OF  
*Faith*

What are our PSR families learning about in December?

A FAMILY OF  
*Faith*

**Lesson 5:** *We see the beauty of God's plan unfold in the moment the Word became flesh: the Annunciation. Mary said yes to God, and God became man: a baby in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus is Emmanuel, or God with us.*

