

St. Joseph the Worker

Roman Catholic Church

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December 24, 2017

4th 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.

Pastor's Ponderings

- I want to begin my column this week with several 'thank yous'...

THANK YOU to Jamie Burton, the St. Anne's Guild, and everyone who helped to make our third-annual ADVENTure Retreat a fun and prayerful event!

THANK YOU to those who helped to prepare-for and to all who participated-in our celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12!

THANK YOU to all of those who assist with our liturgies at the parish...our sacristans, readers, choir, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, musicians, servers, and everyone who helps to make our times of worship prayerful and reverent.

THANK YOU to everyone for their generosity to the parish and our local Church in southern Missouri over the past year. Your commitment to the support of our parish community in Ozark, as well as to the Diocesan Development Fund, Diocesan Capital Campaign, and other worthy causes, is a great, great blessing!

- 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).

- Our parish offices will be closed Monday through Wednesday of this week (Dec. 25, 26, and 27), but will be open again on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will not have Masses at the parish on Dec. 26 or 27.

- We will have two Masses to celebrate the Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God this year. Please notice that the Vigil Mass (English) will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 31; the Daytime Mass (Latin) will be at 10 a.m. on January 1.

*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

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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.

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 for more information.



Parishioner Brady Hathcock recently won a chance to ride to school in a firetruck! As a bonus, his older brother Kyle was able to join him (sons of Jonathan & Melissa Hathcock).

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 12/11 - 12/17

Operational \$5,220.00
 Children's Collection \$28.00
 Mass Intentions \$40.00
 Building Maint. \$50.00
 PSR/Youth \$852.00
 Christmas Flowers \$150.50
 Seminarians/Priests \$1.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Masses

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

The parish offices will be closed Dec. 25-27. We will not have Masses at the parish on Dec. 26 or Dec. 27, and we will not have a Holy Hour for Vocations on Dec. 27 (Holy Hour will resume in January).

ADORATION

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!

5th SUNDAY FOOD & GOODS DRIVE

Please mark your calendar for our parish's 5th 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.

AMAZON SMILE

Shopping online? 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).

Wedding Anniversaries

- Dec. 25:** Paul & Melynda Nord (13 years)
- Dec. 26:** Andrew & C. Rosemary Marmouget (52 years)
- Dec. 27:** Douglas & Patty Kissinger (23 years)
David & Lisa Officer (37 years)
Kevin & Tammy Polczynski (38 years)
- Dec. 29:** Bill & Nancy Duplisse (35 years)
Kurt & Cheryl Schubert (27 years)
Barry & Diana Reicher (33 years)
- Dec. 30:** Lance & Becky Ketchem (18 years)
- Dec. 31:** Arvin & Elsie Nielson (61 years)
Donald & Shirley Schortgen (51 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. 25:** Jose Allarado, John Gray
- Dec. 26:** Charles Coller, Camden Meyer, Cayden Meyer, Vicky Whelan, Jeff Williams
- Dec. 27:** Joan Behrends, Kimberly Dye, Camilla Dyke, Nicholas Edens, Donna Hulse, Adriana Longoria, Melynda Nord, Edd Ramey, Jim Wade
- Dec. 28:** Robert Baker, Angela Hurd, Robert Lambert, Hunter Tremain
- Dec. 29:** Justin Glazier, Gage Stout
- Dec. 30:** Jessica Majorahn, Emily Nichols, Paul Nord, Felicity Stockstill, Samantha Swift
- Dec. 31:** Becky Lipchik, Joshua Schafer, John Steiert



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Merry Christmas from the
parish staff of St. Joseph the Worker

*Father Scott, Deacon Horacio,
Carol, Terri, Rhonda, and J.B.*

As I celebrate the Christmas Masses this year, please know that I will take with me to the altar the intentions of our parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker, uniting them to the offering of each Mass and its specific intention. I also wish to extend to you a special gift at Christmas: a copy of Joy to the World for each family of our parish. This book I have selected was written by Dr. Scott Hahn, and is a beautiful read to help us go deeper into the rich mystery of Christmas. I hope that every family will receive and read this book and know of my prayers and those of the staff this Christmas, and into the New Year of Our Lord 2018.

- Fr. Scott

JAN. 1 MASSES

Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be Sunday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. (Vigil Mass in English) and Monday, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. (Daytime Mass in Extraordinary Form/Latin).

CALENDARS

The 2018 Parish Calendars are blessed and available for pick-up (one-per-household). **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.

FORMED

Visit www.formed.org to see some of the best Catholic online content available! SJtW Parishioners, enter code: **39B3HV**

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PARISHIONER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT FOR DECEMBER:
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Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Form): The call to rejoice echoes Old Testament passages that address Daughter Zion. In the prophets this refers to Mother Jerusalem, whose faithful children will rejoice in the messianic age because God has chosen to dwell in their midst. Luke 1:26-28

(Scott Hahn / Curtis Mitch, New Testament Study Bible, Ignatius Press, 2010)

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Extraordinary Form): The day of mercy is coming, proclaimed by St. John the Baptist. Luke 3:1-6

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

Daily Mass Readings (Ordinary Form)

Mon., Dec. 25 (Vigil): Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Tues., Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 32:3CD-4, 6, 8AB, 16BC, 17
Mt 10:17-22

Wed., Dec. 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1A and 2-8

Thurs., Dec. 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8
Mt 2:13-18

Fri., Dec. 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6
Lk 2:22-35

Sat., Dec. 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10
Lk 2:36-40

Sun., Dec. 31: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:22-40

Masses and Intentions

Sat., December 23 *4th Sunday of Advent*

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

Sun., December 24 *4th 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)

No Masses at the Parish on Dec. 26 or Dec. 27

Thurs., December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

9:00 a.m. Bela Sendry+ (by Fr. Scott & Staff)

Fri., December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

6:30 a.m. Sister Mary Jean+ (by C. Kinsey)

Sat., December 30 *Vigil of the Holy Family*

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

Sun., December 31 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

9:00 a.m. Pete & Bess Peterson+ (by Lewis Family)

12:30 p.m. Parish Family

Sun., December 31 *Vigil of Mary, Mother of God*

6:00 p.m. (ENGLISH) Sister Mary Jean+ (by C. Kinsey)

Mon., January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10:00 a.m. (LATIN) Anna Smith (by I. D'Souza)

Liturgical Ministries: December 30-31

	Ushers	Readers	EMHCs	Servers
Sat. Vigil 4:00 p.m.	Allen Conway Becky Ludwig	Melynda Nord Don Carriker	Gabrielle Cobb, Terry Nichols, Cheryl Schubert, Roiann Watts, Michael Watts	Dennis Nord Gabryel Nord
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Steve Boillot Mark Fisher Debbie Fisher Steve Green	Morris Dunger Debra Thompson	Mary Ann Dobbs, Jim Dobbs, Kevin Polczynski, Philip Dunger	Steven Heise Marcus Orellana Lydia Ruby

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!



Pray for our seminarians! Pray for vocations!

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to our annual Christmas Collection for the benefit of Seminarians and Retired Priests of our Diocese. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

+ In Memoriam +
Melissa Benna (12-26-1998)
Merlin Ecklund (12-28-1995)
Ida McNabb (12-29-1983)
Bernadette Guimond (12-31-1987)
Merle Orthel (12-31-1999)

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, 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

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 551: *The Virgin Mary cooperated through free faith and obedience in human salvation. She uttered her yes "in the name of all human nature." By her obedience she became the new Eve, mother of the living.*

