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# St. Joseph Church

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Leitchfield, Ky. 42754**

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## **Coordinator of Ministers to Sick**

Jed Johnston 270-259-4848

## **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

270-287-3776

## **Confession**

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

## **Pastoral Council**

Susan Clark, Chair, David Clemons,  
Billy Dallas, Tim Nelson  
Sharon Smart V. Chair, Phyllis Payne, Secretary

## **Finance Council**

Charles Corbett. Beverly Harrison, Ben Hodges, Chair

## **Masses: December 30-January 4**

Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Fr. Phil Riney
Thursday	10:00 am	Jerry Mattingly
Friday	7:30 am	Bea Alvey
Saturday	4:00 pm	Carole Petrocelli
Sunday	10:00 am	Clevie & Margie Higdon

## **January 3, 4:00 PM**

Lector – Angie Whitworth  
Server- Jarek Whitworth  
Communion - C) Kim Smith  
                  C) Mary Decker  
                  H) Sharon Smart  
Ushers – Tony Rishkofski, Vivian Green  
Greeters – Joyce Green, Judy Warren  
Gifts – Billy/Jerri Johnston Family  
Music –Bethany Kannapel

## **January 4, 10:00 AM**

Lector – Catherine Corbett  
Server – Sarah Young, Lydia Mudd  
Communion - C) Joan Dobson  
                  C) Jed Johnston  
                  H) Linda Clark  
Ushers – Eddie Clemons, David Clemons  
Greeters – Carol Gatto/Norma Hodges  
Gifts – Jagers/Logsdon Family  
Music – Bethany Kannapel

## **Stewardship of Finance**

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 3555.00

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## St. John Church

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430 St. John Church Rd.  
Sunfish, KY 42210

**Website:** [stjohnch.org](http://stjohnch.org)

### St. John's Prayer List

Lyla Abel, Audrey Burke, Bob Clark,  
Margaret Clark, Jack Coop, Judy Dombrowski,  
Anna Durbin, James Durbin, Kenny Durbin,  
Margie Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Leonard Duvall,  
Kevin Hayes, Pamela Hughes, Betty Jennings,  
Juanita Logsdon, James Pierce, Olen Raymer,  
Leonard Simon, Linda Simon, Maggie Simon

**Mass for New Year's:** New Year's Day Mass will be at 8:00 am.

**Coffee & Donuts:** Next Sunday, January 4, we will be having coffee and donut following Mass.

**Journey of Faith:** On Wednesday, January 7 at 5:45 pm we will be continuing our Journey of Faith Program in the parish hall. New people are welcome to join at any time. Journey of faith is an hour long weekly program on the basics of our Catholic Faith. Parishioners or anyone interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to attend. Consider making this a New Year's resolution.

**St. John's Thrift Store:** The store will be closed this week and reopen next Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

### Pastoral Council

Margaret Clark                      Dick Dyche  
Margie Durbin                        Nancy Farmer  
Barbara Fitzhugh                    Tom Pohlman  
Joe Durbin

### January 4, 2015, 8:00 AM

Lector- Chris Wolfe  
Server- John Gay  
Communion- Peggy Hayes, Dwayne Fitzhugh,  
Margaret Clark  
Usher- Jim Sims & Bill Duvall  
Gifts- Steve Durbin/Betty Jennings  
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

Wednesday, 12/31/14-No Mass  
Thursday, 1/1/2015-8:00 am -St. John & Joseph  
Parishes  
Sunday 1/4/2015-Jerome(Jake) Logsdon

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 577.00
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### This Week at St. John:

Wed		NO Mass
<b>Thu</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>
Sun	9:00 am	Coffee and Donuts

### January:

7	5:45 pm	Journey of Faith
8	9:00 am	Thrift Store Reopens

**Holyday:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holyday of Obligation; the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. We will have Mass at 8:00 am

**Message:** Be Holy as the Holy Family is Holy.

**Homework:** Spend some quality time with your family this week.

**This Week at St. Joseph:**

Sun	10:30 pm	Spanish Mass
<b>Tue</b>		<b>NO Mass</b>
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Mass</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>
<u>Fri</u>	7:30 am	First Friday Mass
	8:00 am	<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>
	5:00 pm	Benediction
<u>Sat</u>	7:00 am	<u>Men's Breakfast at Farmers</u>

**January:**

6	12:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7	6:00 pm	Parent's Meeting for 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation
8	6:00 pm	Journey of Faith
9	4:00 pm	Knight's Fish Fry
10	9:30 am	Altar Society

**Masses for New Year's:** New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4:00 pm. New Year's Day Mass will be at 10:00 am.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men of the parish are invited to join Fr. Tony this Saturday, January 3 for breakfast at 7:00 am at the Farmer's Feed Mill.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** We are still needing volunteers to help with the visitation of those who come to us or who call us in need of some kind of help. Volunteers always visit along with a team member and never alone. These person to person visits is what makes the Society of St. Vincent de Paul different from all other help organizations. The purpose of the visit is to put a face to those we help, to fill out an information sheet, to offer hope and to say a prayer with them. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6 at 12:30 pm in the parish hall. Try it before saying, "no I can't do this." Make it your New Year's resolution for 2015.

**Parent's Meeting:** We will be having a meeting of the parents whose children are preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation (confession). This meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. If you will be unable to attend it would be good to have a family representative to attend. We will be having the Celebration of First Reconciliation on the First Sunday of Lent, February 22 following the 10:00 am Mass.

**Journey of Faith:** On Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 pm we will be continuing our Journey of Faith Program in the parish hall. New people are welcome to join at any time. Journey of faith is an hour long weekly program on the basics of our Catholic Faith. Parishioners or anyone interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to attend. Consider making this a New Year's resolution.

**Spanish Mass:** Fr. Steve Hohman will be having another Spanish Mass here at St. Joseph on Sunday, December 28, the Feast of the Holy Family, at 10:30 pm.

### St. Joseph Prayer List

Delores Alvey, Nellie Alvey, Wayne Alvey, Abby Beeler, Margaret Beckner, Art. Bitsky, Arlene Bitsky, Jim & Jean Charbonneau, Anna Critchelow, Mary Decker, Donald and Mary Lou Durham, Delbert and Rose Durham, Jenny Ann Alvey-Edmonds, Draven Fentress, Sr., Margaret Hudson, Sr. Rose Karen, Sue King, Brandon Kinkade, Rachel Kiper, Darlene Kolter, Sr. Clarence Marie Luckett, Bobby McDaniel, Bruce Meredith, Margie Meredith, Homer Milliner, Wanda Pierce, John J. Sweigert, All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.

### HOMEBOUNDED LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
Jim Marshall	12/28-1/3	Delores
Kim Smith	1/4-10	Jim Alvey
Mike Boone	1/11-17	Linda Clark
Alice Begay	1/18-24	Jed Johnston

**Holyday:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holyday of Obligation; the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. We will have on New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4:00 pm and on New Year's Day Mass will be at 10:00 am.

**Feast of the Holy Family:** This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Gospels. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

**Thrift Store:** St. John's Thrift Store will be closed the week of New Year's. The store will reopen on Thursday, January 8 at 9:00 am.

### BIRTHDAYS

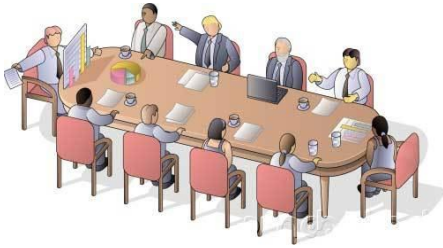
Jarek Whitworth	1/02
Brian Gates	1/04
Dennis Poteet	1/05
Richard Smith	1/05
Becky Hemberger	1/06
Brenda Poteet	1/07
Jackie Richardson	1/07
David Riley	1/07
Lisa Young	1/07
Lydia Mudd	1/08
Dean Basham	1/09
Elizabeth Evans	1/09
Joseph Spaghola	1/09

**Year End Giving:** The end of the year is a wonderful opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings in our lives. An extra financial gift to your parish will be a great help in furthering the mission Christ has entrusted to his Church.

**Decision Point:** Coming Soon to St. Joseph & St. John. Decision Point is a small group program designed to strengthen the faith of Catholics.

**Opportunities for Life:** January 10-11 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The *OFL* ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the *OFL* volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about the Opportunities for Life ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.

**Opportunities for Life needs YOU:** A girl facing a difficult decision regarding the life of her unborn baby needs YOU. A baby whose mom is thinking about abortion needs YOU. YOU can help her AND her baby. Opportunities for Life, is the Kentucky Catholic Church's ministry to abortion-vulnerable women and men. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek our help. Helpline volunteers answer the helpline from their homes at times that are convenient for them. OFL will be offering training workshops in your Diocese to prepare volunteers for service in this life affirming ministry. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry work you are invited to contact OFL for more information, (888) 496-3638.



**Catholic Men's Conference:** The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place Saturday, February 7, 2015 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro beginning at 8:00 a.m. The conference will address the subject of how to live your life as a Catholic man and will include nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers such as Matt Fradd, who has done much good battling the evils of the pornography industry, and Hector Molina, a speaker and apologist with Catholic Answers. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The conference will conclude with Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Medley. The conference is open to men who are high school seniors or older. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and it includes lunch. There is more information at their website - [www.kycatholic.com](http://www.kycatholic.com) or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

## **REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:**

**Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14:** In this reading Sirach reminds us of God's command to love and respect our parents always—with a love that stretches even into their old age when they, who have cared for us, will need us to care for them. The sin of ageism, or discrimination against the elderly, is with us always. The contrast between the child's growing strength and wisdom and a parent's failing powers can be both touching and difficult. We should remember the wisdom of Sirach, "Kindness to a father [mother] will not be forgotten."

**Colossians 3:12-21:** In this reading we are reminded about the right relationships that should prevail among Christians, especially those of the same family. Children are urged to obey their parents. Parents must not "nag" their children and cause them to become discouraged. Our love challenges us to show love, care, and respect for our parents. True obedience is always an expression of love. There is another side of it, however. Parents must also respect the beauty and uniqueness of their children, and do all they can to encourage and help them to grow.

**Luke 2:22, 39-40:** The home of the Holy Family was a simple one. Jesus was a child who laughed and cried and played as other children do. Under the care of Mary and Joseph, Jesus learned about God's covenant with the chosen people. He prayed with his parents in the synagogue. In a family warmed with faith and love and peace, he grew in wisdom, age, and grace. Families are made up of people who belong to and care for one another in good times and in bad. Luke's Gospel reminds us that Jesus understood what it means to be a part of a family. Ask him to help you to grow as he did, in wisdom, so that the grace of God will rest upon you too.

**SAINT JOSEPH CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING IN  
HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

Herman & Bea Alvey  
James Alvey  
Cindy Beeler  
Emily Beeler  
Mary Lou Beeler  
Beville Family  
Flossie Blessitt  
Catherine Bowman  
Daymon & Aileen Bradley  
Harold Brown  
Hartford & Ruby Cannon  
Audra Wayne Clark  
Clark Family  
Jesse Clark Family  
Mary & Edwin Clark  
Arthur & Elsie Clemons  
Michael DeJarnette  
Robert E. Etnyre  
Paul Gray  
Terry Gray  
Elza & Pauletta Grant  
Pauletta Grant  
Charleigh Higdon  
David Higdon  
Henry Higdon  
Jimmy & Thelma Higdon  
Marvin Higdon  
Greg Hill  
Leon Hughes  
Louise Hughes  
Cuba Ice  
Phyllis Jessel  
Charles & Ester Johnson  
Walter Johnson  
Forrest Keller  
Marshall & Lena Kerr  
Jon & Katherine Korc  
Maria Korc  
Elanore Lamb  
David Lyons  
Raymond & Generose McClure  
Mildred McDowell  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin McNulty  
Bessie & Everett Mattingly  
Jerry Mattingly  
Leo Mudd  
Nolan & Messmer Families  
Ted & Irene Nalley  
Oller Family  
Payne & Hinton Families  
Nick & Carole Petrocelli  
Katie Beth Pierce  
Leonard Pierce  
Roger Pierce  
Wanda Pierce  
Jonathon Psoras  
Bryan Ramsey  
Ed & Helen Rishkofski  
Irene C. Rishkofski  
Charlie Rogalinski  
Wanda Sanders  
Charles & Edna Schlosser  
Mr. & Mrs. Corbet Shull

Bennie & Bernita Sims  
Clay Smallwood Family  
Marge Snyder  
Smart & Hicks Family  
Steven Spilman  
John HJill & Maxine Taylor  
Albert & Louise Thomason  
Mylissa Torrence  
Ted Torrence  
Dianne Unthank  
Martha Vincent  
Grandma Pam Vincent  
Ruben Vincent  
Rodney & Regina Worley  
J.R. Wortham  
Mary Alice Wheatley  
Tracy Williamson

**SAINT JOHN CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING IN  
HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

Msgr. Louis Beratto  
Father Howard Bishop  
Rev. Clemont Bouchers  
Paul Bush  
Joe Clark  
Mary Clark  
Alfia Corn  
Bill Corn  
Elizabeth Corn  
Mary Coop  
Ted & Virginia Delaney  
Jane Devine  
Estille Durbin  
Guy Durbin  
Jimmy Durbin  
Martin & Laura Durbin Family  
Thomas & Helen Durbin  
Alberta Duvall  
Curtis Duvall  
James Duvall  
Becky Dyche  
Rick Dyche  
Tommy Dyche  
Nathan Fitzhugh  
Robin Fitzhugh  
Dee Gay  
Andrew Gray  
Emmett & Hattie Hayes  
Kenneth Hayes  
Marie Hayes  
Otis Hayes  
Phyllis Hayes  
Warren & Irene Hayes  
Teresa Higdon  
Father Randy Howard  
Pete & Leona Lashley  
John & Donna Lashley  
Kit & Liza Logsdon  
Margaret Mathgolis  
Father Meyer  
Hershel & Mike Simon  
Katie Simon  
Sue Sims  
Father Benedict Wolf