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# St. Joseph Church

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## **Confession**

Saturday 3:00-3:45 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: November 25-November 30**

Tuesday	<b>12:05 pm</b>	Ted & Irene Nalley
Wednesday	7:30 am	Wanda Pierce
Thursday	7:30 am	Sue King
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 pm	John Marshall +
Sunday	10:00 am	Nellie Reed & Family

## **November 27, 7:30 AM (Thanksgiving)**

Lector - Angie Whitworth  
Server - Jarek Whitworth  
EM - C) Barbara Allen  
          C) Alice Bruce  
          H) Mary Decker  
Ushers - Danny Allen/Ernie Johnston  
Greeters - Betty Johnston/Dee Dee Johnston  
Gifts - Bob/Joanne Deweese

## **November 29, 4:00 PM**

Lector - Kim Smith  
Server- Jacob Smith  
Communion - C) Tony Embry  
                  C) Ann Marshall  
                  H) Joanne Johnson  
Ushers - Charles Bruce, Barbara Allen  
Greeters - Mary Decker/Joyce Green  
Gifts - Jackie Richardson/Sharon Smart  
Music - Meredyth Lee

## **November 30, 10:00 AM**

Lector - Ellen Thomas  
Server - Megan Mudd  
Communion - C) Eddie Clemons  
                  C) Laquita Clemons  
                  H) Linda Clark  
Ushers - Scott Samuels, LaMont Miller  
Greeters - Debbie Graham/Rose Booth  
Gifts - Rose Booth/Linda Cripps  
Music - Meredyth Lee

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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, Shirley Bush, 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

**Second Collection:** Next Sunday, November 30, we will take up a second collection for St. John's Thrift Store and for the poor in Edmonson County.

**Men's Breakfast:** We had 9 men from St. John's attend the men's breakfast last Saturday. We hope to have another breakfast on January 31.

**Pastoral Council:** At our last meeting we elected new officers: Margaret Clark, Chairperson; Tom Pohlman, Vice Chairperson; and Nancy Farmer, secretary. Tom Pohlman has agreed to take Jimmy Jennings place as the maintenance supervisor for our parish.

**Thrift Store:** The store will be open this week on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgivings from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you want to volunteer to help call Barbara at 286-0091. We will be having a meeting at the store on Thursday, December 4 at 3:00 pm.

### Pastoral Council

Margaret Clark                      Dick Dyche  
Margie Durbin                        Nancy Farmer  
Barbara Fitzhugh

### November 30 8:00 AM

Lector- John Gay  
Server- Joe Durbin  
Communion- Chris Wolfe, Sue Kalbfleisch,  
                  Peggy Hayes  
Usher- Dick Dyche/Jim Sims  
Gifts- Ton & Sherry Pohlman  
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh  
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Wednesday, 11/26/14-No Mass  
Thursday, 11/27/14- Otis Hayes  
Sunday 11/30/14-Sts. John & Joseph Parishes

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 686.00
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### Mass This Week at St. John:

Thursday            9:00 am

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Wed	7:30 am	No Mass
Thu	9:00 am	<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass</u>
Sat	4:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Chili/Auction
Sun	9:00 am	First Sunday of Advent Breakfast for all Parishioners

### December:

5	3:00 pm	Meeting at Thrift Store
7	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner
8	8:00 am	Holy Day Mass
	8:45 am	Confessions
17	3:30 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Confessions
24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass

**Message:** What you do for the least ones, you do for Christ.

**Homework:** Bring to church next weekend a toy or a coat; a sack of canned goods or nonperishable items; or a cash donation for the poor.

**Masses This Week at St. Joseph:**

Tuesday 12:05 pm

Wednesday 7:30 am

Thursday 7:30 am

**This Week at St. Joseph:**

Tue 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion

**Wed 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service**

Thu 7:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

Sat 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Chili/Auction

Sun First Sunday of Advent

**December:**

2 6:00 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting

4 7:00 pm Movie – *Heaven Is For Real*

5 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

6 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Framer's

8 12:05 pm Holy Day Mass

6:00 pm Holy Day Mass

12 10:30 pm Spanish Mass

**Sunday Missal:** Copies of the 2014-2015 Sunday Missal are available for sale in the back of church. They are \$5.00. This missal provides the scripture readings and thoughts to reflect on for each Sunday. It also contains a Treasury of Prayers for private devotion. These missals also make great gifts.

**Visiting Missionary:** We welcome Fr. Innocent Puthentharayil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He is preaching at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries, all natives of India, need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Please keep Father Fr. Innocent and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support.

### St. Joseph Prayer List

Delores Alvey, Nellie Alvey, Wayne Alvey, Abby Beeler, Margaret Beckner, Art. Bitsky, Arlene Bitsky, Jim & Jean Charbonneau, Owen Cottrell, Anna Critchelow, 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, Bruce Meredith, Margie Meredith, Homer Milliner, Wanda Pierce, John J. Sweigert, Teresa. All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.

### HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
Jim Marshall	11/23-29	Delores Alvey
Kim Smith	11/30-12-6	Jim Alvey
Mike Boone	12/7-13	Linda Clark
Alice Begay	12/14-20	Jed Johnston
Carolyn/Beverly	12/21-27	Bev/Carolyn
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

**Mass Stipends:** There are available mass times at St. Joseph beginning January, 2015. If you prefer a special day we recommend you reserve it early.

**Second Collection:** Next weekend, November 29-30, we will take up a second collection to support the Fellowship Café and to feed the poor in Grayson County.

### Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 2689.10  
Thank you for your generosity!

### BIRTHDAYS

Emily Gates	12/1
Gregory Hart	12/2
Martha Hughes	12/2
Gabriel Mudd	12/2
Hope Ballman	12/6
Kerrigan Collard	12/7
Beverly Thomas	12/7
Erin Marshall	12/8

**Happy Birthday:** We wish Audrey Wortham a very Happy 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday this Wednesday, November 26.

**Nellie Alvey is** recovering at home after several heart procedures. She asked that we thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concern. It has meant so much to her.

**The family of Bob Kinkade** sends a sincere thank you to our church family at St. Joseph. Bob's church and faith were so dear and near to his heart. We're grateful for Fr. Tony, the liturgical ministers, the wonderful heartfelt bereavement meal and the beautiful music at the funeral. Many thanks for the prayers, cards, visitors and Eucharistic Ministers during Bob's illness and death.

*Anna Rea and Family*

**I Have A Dream:** Have you ever wonder what the Catholic Church in America will be like 10 or 20 years from now? I hope for a Church where parishes are so dynamic and serving people so powerfully, that parishioners want to spend more time there, not just on Sundays, but every day of the week. I look forward to a time when every Catholic is proud to say, I love being Catholic. How about you?

## SALVATION ARMY NEEDS BELL RINGERS



Our local Salvation Army is proud to say that 100% of the dollars collected during our kettle drive stays here in Grayson Co. Each year we collect from \$10,000 to \$12,000 during the 4 weeks of bell ringing. We strive to serve every population in the county, from bringing programs to the youth to helping seniors who are on the waiting list at the Food Pantry with food. The Salvation Army helps those that normally are not assisted. Sometimes it is to pay for prescriptions or gas money to get to out of town medical appointments. Or the working family who's car has broken down and needs repairs so dad can get to work. PLEASE help us to help those in need in our county. Imagine if every person in Grayson County gave \$1.00 this year-that would be over \$25,000.00. BUT...we need people standing at the kettles THANKING them for their donation.

Look around your parish...do you have 12 people who if asked would be willing to do that for 2 hours? Or just 1 hour, anything helps. People want to help, they need to be asked and I am ASKING you.

We ring at both doors @ Wal-Mart and new this year at Walgreens. I can be reached at 589-1991 for anyone is interested in helping us.

**TOYS, TOYS, TOYS:** We are collecting toys for children for the Christmas Season for St. John's Thrift Store in Brownsville. You may drop these off at the back of church and we will see that they are taken to the store.

## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17:** In the Bible, one of the most frequently used images for God is that of a shepherd. The image appears again and again in the Old and New Testaments. Ezekiel sees God as a devoted shepherd who rescues the lost and the strays from dark places. God tends the injured sheep, heals the sick, and gives rest to the entire flock. The goats who do not belong to the flock will be separated out.

**1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28:** The second reading reminds us to look forward to the day when all creation will recognize Christ's reign. At his second coming, Christ will put an end to death by raising our bodies to eternal life. The entire universe will be in harmony with God, and God will be all in all. We can pray "Come, O Lord, and reign over our lives and our world." Saint Paul is a little like Paul Revere in today's second reading. He is sounding the alarm to wake up those Christians who are forgetting to act as "children of the light" right now. Paul says that they have to be awake and be prepared for the Lord's coming at the end of time.

**Matthew 25:31-46:** Today, on the feast of Christ the King, we read that a ruler or leader should be like a shepherd. The leader is to care for all the people and protect them. And a wise and loving ruler knows that what is important for the people is equally important for their leader. In today's gospel, the ruler is also a judge. At the last judgment, Christ is pictured as the king who judges the nations. How does he judge? On the basis of care and concern for the needy. Did you notice in the gospel that all the people were surprised at the king's answer to their questions? How lucky we are to have Jesus tell us what they did not seem to know, that when we do for others, we do to him, and that we will be judged on our works of mercy and justice. Take a moment to think about these works that the gospel mentions. Ask Christ to reign and rule in your heart and in the whole world.

**Liturgical Ministers** new schedule is published. Your copy is on the table in the vestibule of church. Thank you for your service.

**Christmas Fundraiser-Farmer's Feed Mill-**

The restaurant is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served that day and all proceeds and tips will be used to provide children throughout Grayson County with Christmas presents.



**Community Thanksgiving Service:** The Grayson County Ministerial Association will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm at the Leitchfield United Methodist Church. Fr. Tony Bickett, will be giving the message this year. You are encouraged to attend.



**Angel Tree:** Next weekend we will have our angel tree set up in church. This year we will have two types of angels. One set will be for the residents at Grayson Manor Nursing Home and the other set will be items for children and families whose names will be given to us through Community Action county program.

**Capture the moments in life.**

**These quotes express clearly some of the examples of why we have every reason to be thankful**

*Once, when my feet were bare, and I had not the means of obtaining shoes I came to the chief of Kufah in a state of much dejection, and saw there a man who had no feet. I returned thanks to God and acknowledged his mercies, and endured my want of shoes with patience*

**Sadi, The Gulistan**

*We will speed the day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing... Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.*

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.  
For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.