

---

---

# St. Joseph Church

---

---

**109 West Walnut Street  
Leitchfield, Ky. 42754**

**Website:** stjosephch.org

**Office Hours:** 8am to 5pm T, W, F

**Office** 270-259-3028  
**Fax** 270-259-9860  
**Rectory** 270-317-5799  
**Emergencies** 270-863-1596

## **Pastor**

Fr. Tony Bickett  
ftonyb57@ymail.com

## **Office Manager**

Joanne Deweese  
stjoseph1840@yahoo.com

## **IT Coordinator**

Brittany Mattingly 270-230-6973

## **Coordinator of Rel. Ed**

Kim Smith 270-287-9529

## **Coordinator of Music**

Bethany Kannapel 270-287-7633

## **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 8-December 14**

Monday	12:05 pm	Sue King
	6:00 pm	Callie Meredith +
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	7:30 am	Cyril & Edith Powell & Family
Thursday	12:05 pm	Paul Clemons
Friday	7:30 am	Elaine Pierce
Saturday	4:00 pm	Frank/Pauline Henning
Sunday	10:00 am	Victoria James Clark

## **December 13, 4:00 PM**

Lector – Charles Bruce  
Server- Jacob Smith  
Communion - C) Kim Smith  
C) Susan Rhodes  
H) Sharon Smart  
Ushers – Jerry Clemons, Tony Rishkofski  
Greeters – Vivian Green/Mary Decker  
Gifts – Angie Whitworth Family  
Music – Meredyth Lee

## **December 14, 10:00 AM**

Lector – Alfreda Weedman  
Server – Megan Mudd  
Communion - C) Jed Johnston  
C) Carolyn Thomason  
H) Joan Dobson  
Ushers – LaMont Miller/Scott Samuels  
Greeters – Rose Booth/Phyllis Payne  
Gifts – Borland Family  
Music – Meredyth Lee

## **Stewardship of Finance**

Last Sunday's Collection	\$3483.27
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 601.00
Fellowship Café	\$ 152.00

---

---

# St. John Church

---

---

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

**TOYS, TOYS, TOYS:** We are collection 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.

**Envelopes:** The 2015 contribution envelopes are in the back of church to be picked up.



**Holiday Dinner:** All of St. John's family and friends are invited to our Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner Party today beginning at 12:00 noon.

## Pastoral Council

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

## December 14, 8:00 AM

Lector- Julia Raymer  
Server- Dick Dyche  
Communion- Peggy Hayes, Margaret Clark,  
                  John Gay  
Usher- Joe Durbin/Dwayne Fitzhugh  
Gifts- Chris Wolfe/Jim Sims  
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

Monday 12/08/2014-Jimmy Jennings  
Wednesday, 12/10/14-Prayer of Thanksgiving  
for Olen Raymer good medical report.  
Sunday 12/14/14-Sts. John & Joseph Parishes

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 715.00
Thrift Store	\$ 185.00

## This Week at St. John:

<u>Sun</u>	<u>12:00 pm</u>	<u>Thanksgiving/Christmas</u>
		<u>Dinner</u>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Day Mass</b>
	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
Wed	5:00 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	Journey of Faith

## December:

17	3:30 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Confessions
24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass

**Message:** Be A Good News Announcer.

**Homework:** Read prayerfully chapter 2 of the St. Matthew's Gospel.

**Holyday:** Monday, December 8, is a holyday of obligation. We will have Mass at St. John at 8:00 am and at St. Joseph at 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm.

**Masses This Week:**

**Mon 12:05 pm**  
**6:00 pm**  
Wed 7:30 am  
**Thu 12:05 pm**  
Fri 7:30 am  
10:30 pm in Spanish

**This Week at St. Joseph:**

<b>Mon 12:05 pm</b>	<b>Holy Day Mass</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Day Mass</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Devotion
6:00 pm	Maintenance Committee
Wed 5:30 pm	Religious Ed
<b>Thu 12:05 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
6:00 pm	Journey of Faith
<u>Fri 10:30 pm</u>	<u>Spanish Mass</u>
Sun 3:00 pm	Youth Group
4:00 pm	Vespers
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus

**December:**

<b>16 12:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>
<b>21 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Penance Service at St. Anthony</b>
<b>22 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Penance Service at St. Elizabeth</b>

**Contact Information:** We want to update our information on every family and household who attends Mass at St. Joseph and St. John Parishes. Please fill out one of the green card in the pews and return to us as soon as possible.



**SPANISH MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** There will be a mass entirely in Spanish on Friday, December 12, at 10:30 PM, at St. Joseph Church in Leitchfield. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a huge celebration for the Hispanic community. It includes a procession with the image of our lady, as she appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. A dinner will also follow. All are welcomed to join us.



**Angel Tree:** Just a reminder that the angel gifts need to be returned this week.

**Advent Vespers:** You are invited for evening prayer Sunday, December 14 & 21 at 4:00 pm. This will be led by Jamie Dennis.

### St. Joseph Prayer List

Delores Alvey, Nellie Alvey, Wayne Alvey, Abby Beeler, Margaret Beckner, Art. Bitsky, Arlene Bitsky, Jim & Jean Charbonneau, 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, All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.

**Religious Education Angel Tree Gifts** - Don't forget we need these on December the 10th. Thank you so much for your help and generosity with this project.

**Parent meeting** for parents of first reconciliation children will be Wednesday January 7@6 pm.

**First Reconciliation** will be February 22nd @11:15.

**Parent meeting** for First Communion parents will be February 25th @6 pm.

### St. Paul School

\*We would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers for one of our student's parents, Michael Cundiff, who passed away this past week. He will be greatly missed as we continue to offer our prayers for Michael and his family.

\*The School Christmas Play will be Dec. 21.

\*SCRIP orders due Dec. 15. These will be back before Christmas

Many thanks to Jason and Angela Watson of Watson & Hunt Funeral Home for donating the 2015 calendars.

### BIRTHDAYS

Corbin Logsdon	12/16
Monica Riley	12/16
Rose Booth	12/17
Dr. Ian Nunnally	12/18
Megan Williamson	12/18
Cynthia Dallas	12/19
Libby Vincent	12/19
John Taylor	12/20
Addison Hodges	12/21

### ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anita (Tootsie) Jagers	12/12
Danny Joe & Barbara Allen	12/13

### HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
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

Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with the family of Beverly Thomas. Beverly is the wife of Miles Thomas, parishioner of St. Joseph parish.

### Christmas Eve Masses:

<u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
6:00 pm	St. Benedict
6:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>St. John</u>
8:00 pm	St. Anthony
<u>10:00 pm</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Midnight	St. Augustine
Midnight	St. Paul

### Christmas Day Masses:

9:00 am	St. Augustine
<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
9:00 am	St. Paul

**Adult Faith Formation:** As Catholics we have to be constantly growing in our knowledge and in our relationship with God. To help in this endeavor I have purchased a DVD projector and a 120" screen for both St. John and St. Joseph Parishes to show religious and educational films and programs. After the first of the year I hope to begin offering material to help all our parishioners to become better Catholics. If you would like to financially support this endeavor please let Fr. Tony know.

**Christmas Gifts:** What are you giving your family and friend for Christmas this year? How about giving them something that may renew or strengthen their faith. I have ordered 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's CD entitled, "*Becoming the Best Version of Yourself*" to distribute to everyone who attends any of our Christmas Masses. If you would like to financially support this project or help with the distribution at one of our Christmas Masses please let Fr. Tony know. We need to become more engaged in living our Catholic faith. Be Bold.

**Holyday:** Monday, December 8, is a holyday of obligation. We will have Mass at St. John at 8:00 am and at St. Joseph at 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm.

**Immaculate Conception:** During the Second Week of Advent we celebrate one of the holy days of obligation – December 8, the Immaculate Conception. Mary, conceived through an act of love by her mother and father, was born free of original sin and its effects from the first moment of her existence. This special privilege was conferred on her through God's grace in anticipation of the Redemption.

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11:** In the first reading we hear the words of comfort and hope to the people in a time of great sorrow: "Comfort, give comfort to my people. . . ." The author tells the people to look up; the Messiah is coming: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John the Baptist will use these same words in today's gospel to announce his mission. How will we receive the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who comes in God's name to comfort and speak tenderly to us? What can we do to welcome him into our lives?

**2 Peter 3:8-14:** In this reading the author was instructing believers who expected the second coming of Christ to take place right away and were troubled that it was delayed. He reminds them that for God a thousand years is like one day. The task of the Christian is to live a life of patience, generosity, and conversion until God comes at the end of time, this is called "the day of the Lord" in this letter of Peter. At the heart of Peter's message and its imagery of the world's end is the need for conversion. We wish to make straight and smooth everything in our lives—our selfishness and pride, our impatience and meanness, our laziness and indifference—whatever blocks the way of the Lord.

**Mark 1:1-8:** In this gospel reading Mark introduces John the Baptist as the messenger of the Messiah, sent by God to prepare his path. John preaches a baptism of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in the desert by the River Jordan. The coming Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit. He is mightier than John or any of the prophets before him. Let us prepare for Jesus' coming as John taught the people to prepare: with repentance for our sins, with welcoming hearts, with unselfish love, and with generosity for one another.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHEDULE**

### **December 8, 12:05 PM**

Lector – Judy Warren

Server- Roger McClure

Communion - C) Susan Rhodes

C) Sharon Smart

H) Brittany Mattingly

Ushers – LaMont Miller

Greeters – Tony Rishkofski, Jackie Richardson

Gifts – Roger/Stella McClure

Music – Bethany Kannapel

### **December 8, 6:00 PM**

Lector – Jim Alvey

Server – Ethan Pierce

Communion - C) Rosemary Meredith

C) Ann Marshall

H) Jim Marshall

Ushers – Ernie Johnston

Greeters – Joyce Green/Betty Johnston

Gifts – Williamson/Spilman Families

Music – Bethany Kannapel

**SAINT JUAN DIEGO** never expected to see the Virgin Mary as he walked the 15 miles to attend Mass on December 9, 1531. Much to his shock, a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess appeared to him and, speaking in his own language, told him to go to the bishop and request that a chapel be built on the hill where she was standing. When the bishop resisted, the young woman gave Juan Diego a sign-roses blooming in winter-which he gathered into his *tilma*, a long cloak. When he presented them to the bishop, an image of Our Lady miraculously appeared on the *tilma*. The image, which has not deteriorated over the centuries, is called Our Lady of Guadalupe. *Saint Juan Diego, pray for us!*



### **The Legend of the Poinsettia:**

The brilliant red leaves of the poinsettia are a common decoration at this time of year. Its association with Christmas began many years ago when the story developed of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift for the Christ Child at Christmas. Her cousin Pedro told her that even the most humble gift given in love is a welcomed present. So, Pepita gathered a handful of weeds into a small bouquet. As she laid it at the foot of the crèche, it burst into blooms of red. From that day on, the poinsettia has also been known as the Flower of the Holy Night (Christmas Eve).



Special sweets are a part of many families' Advent preparations. One all-time favorite is the candy cane with its distinctive red and white stripes. As you enjoy the peppermint flavor, explain to your family the meaning behind this sugary treat:

- The white base represents the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus.
- The red stripes indicate the blood shed by Jesus on the cross for our salvation.
- The "J" shape reminds us of the name of Jesus, as well as the staff of the Good Shepherd.