
St. Joseph Church

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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 16-December 21

Tuesday	12:05pm	Fr. Jerry Calhoun
Wednesday	7:30 am	Dick Warren
Thursday	12:05 pm	Irene Rishkofski
Friday	7:30 am	Bill & Oleta Hill
Saturday	4:00 pm	John Marshall
Sunday	10:00 am	Sts. Joseph/John Parishes

December 20 , 4:00 PM

Lector - Jim Cecil
Server- Jarek Whitworth
Communion - C) Barbara Allen
C) Alice Bruce
H) Judy Warren
Ushers - Jackie Richardson/Charles Bruce
Greeters - DeeDee Johnston, Joyce Green
Gifts - Patty Dudgeon Family
Music - Bethanny Kannapel

December 21, 10:00 AM

Lector - Eddie Clemons
Server - Hannah Young
Communion - C) Linda Borland
C) Linda Clark
H) Laquita Clemons
Ushers - LaMont Miller/David Clemons
Greeters - Carol Gatto/Norma Hodges
Gifts - Larry Clark Family
Music - Bethanny Kannapel

Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 7,003.49
Building's /Ground's	\$ 593.25
Cemetery Donation	\$10,055.00

St. John Church

430 St. John Church Rd.
Sunfish, KY 42210

Website: 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

Confessions: I will be available for confessions this Wednesday at 3:30 pm and at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Mass: We will have Mass on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Preparation: Let us spent time in silence and service as we prepare for Christmas.

Parish Meeting: We need to have a very brief meeting next Sunday, December 21, after Mass of our pastoral council members and volunteers of St. John's Thrift Store

Pastoral Council

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

December 21, 8:00 AM

Lector- John Gay
Server- Dwayne Fitzhugh
Communion- Margaret Clark, Chris Wolfe, Betty Jennings
Usher- J.B. Farmer / Tom Pohlman
Gifts- Cathy Young / Bill Duvall
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

Wednesday, 12/17/14-Tim Durbin
Sunday 12/21/14-Jerome (Jake) Logsdon

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 930.00
Flower Collection	\$ 260.00
Donation Video Equipment	\$1,096.02

This Week at St. John:

Wed	3:30 pm	<u>Confessions</u>
	5:00 pm	Mass
	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>Confessions</u>
	6:00 pm	Journey of Faith

December:

24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

January:

1 8:00 am New Year's Day Mass
4 9:00 am Coffee and Donuts

Message: Testify to the Light so that all may believe.

Homework: Read chapter 1 of the St. Luke's Gospel.

Masses This Week:

Tue 12:05 pm
Wed 7:30 am
Thu 12:05 pm
Fri 7:30 am

This Week at St. Joseph:

Sun 3:00 pm Youth Group
4:00 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)
5:00 pm Knights of Columbus
Tue 12:05 pm Mass
12:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion
Wed 5:30 pm Religious Ed
Thu 12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Journey of Faith
Sat 9:30 am Katie Allen & Nick Newton
Wedding
Sun 2:00 pm Penance Service at St. Anthony
4:00 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)

December:

22 6:00 pm Penance Service at St. Elizabeth
24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (St. John)
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
25 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
31 4:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

January:

1 10:00 am New Year's Day Mass
2 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
3 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Farmers

Contact Information: We are wanting 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.

St. Vincent de Paul: We will be having the last meeting of the year this Tuesday, December, 16 at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

Weekday Masses: Just a reminder that we will be having Mass at 12:05 pm on Tuesday and Thursday this week and at 7:30 am on Wednesday and Friday.

Penance Services: We will be having two Advent Communal Penance Services for the parishes in Grayson County on Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 pm at St. Anthony and on Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm at St. Elizabeth. I will be giving the homily at both of these.

Christmas Masses: We will have Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm; (7:00 pm – St. John); and 10:00 pm; and on Christmas Day at 9:00 am.

Gift Shop: We have Bibles, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Prayer Books and other items at the office for sale. Great gifts!

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, Bruce Meredith, Margie Meredith, Homer Milliner, Wanda Pierce, John J. Sweigert, All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.

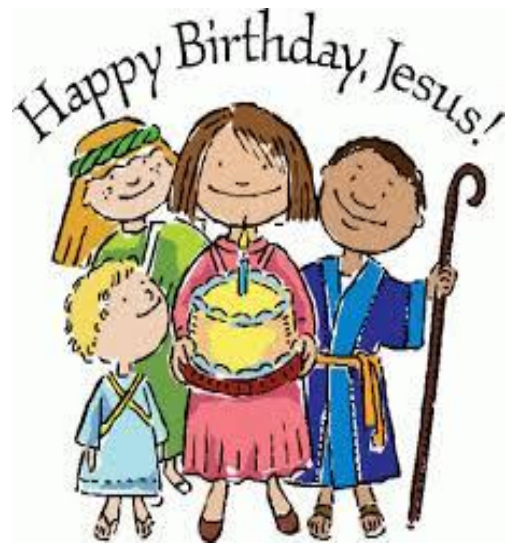
Religious Education News:

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.

BIRTHDAYS		
Conner Kannapel		12/23
Amanda Roberts		12/24
Rita Hodges		12/25
Paloma Falcon		12/28
Phyllis Payne		12/31
ANNIVERSARIES		
Edward & Jonell Chambers		12/19
Norris & Mona Higdon		12/27
Doug & Marv Mantooh		12/31



HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SCHEDULE	Homebound
Nursing Home		
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

Christmas Eve Mass-the children have been invited to participate in the Christmas Eve mass at 4 p.m. If your child would like to sing then you need to let me know so I can pass the names on to Bethany. . I hope that all the children who will be in town for the celebration will participate. Please contact me, Kim Smith at 270-589-1789 or Bethany.

Christmas & Year End Giving: Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift – God's gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ. The Magi (Wiseman) brought gifts to the newborn king. Christmas 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.

St. Paul School

*Dec. 15- SCRIP order-This will be the last order before Christmas.

*Dec. 21- St. Paul School Christmas Play 6 pm.

*Remember, we are still selling trash bags as one of our fundraiser. Just call the school, 270-242-7483.

A Lifeline for Marriage: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 30 - Feb 1, 2015, call 270-683-1545 ext.346 or email: satkv59@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org. **Christmas** grace in anticipation of the Redemption.

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11: In this reading we are told what the Messiah will do: (a) bring good news; (b) heal the brokenhearted; (c) set people free; and proclaim God's love. When Jesus came as the Messiah, he used these words of Isaiah to describe his work. Bethlehem is only the beginning of his work in the world. Jesus wants us to share his work, to be signs of light in our dark and troubled world.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: This reading is taken from what is probably the oldest New Testament book, Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, the people of northern Greece. It was written in the year 50 A.D. and gives us a picture of the concerns of the Christian community twenty years after the ascension of Jesus. The first three sentences state what for Paul are basic traits of the Christian: joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. He prays that when Jesus comes we may be "blameless," without sin and worthy of our Lord's coming.

John 1:6-8, 19-28: Today's gospel reading is about the importance of giving witness. The role of John the Baptist was to testify to the light that is Christ. John the Baptist said he was not the Messiah. His baptism and his preaching were to prepare for the Messiah, one far greater than John. It is the coming of the Messiah that the entire world awaits. Waiting requires patience on our part, and becoming prepared for the one who is coming. How are we preparing to celebrate Jesus' coming this Christmas as the Messiah? What kindness can we give to others this week to show that we are ready? Pray to the Spirit to know what your work in the world is.



DECEMBER 24 ,4:00PM
 Lector: Youth
 Server: Jacob Smith
 EM: C) Tony Embry
 C) Joanne Johnson
 H) Mary Decker
 Usher: Vivian Green/Youth
 Greeters: Judy Warren
 Gifts: Youth



Christmas Eve Masses:

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

Christmas Day Masses:

9:00 am St. Augustine
 9:00 am St. Joseph
 9:00 am St. Paul

DECEMBER 24, 10:00 PM
 Lector: Eddie Clemons
 Server: Sarah Young,
 Hannah Young
 EM: C) Jim Marshall
 C) Ann Marshall
 H) Brittany Mattingly
 Usher: Jerry Clemons,
 Ernie Johnston
 Greeter: Danny/Barbara Allen
 Gifts: Libby/Steve Vincent



DECEMBER 25, 9:00AM
 Lector: Carolyn Thomason
 S: Ethan Pierce
 EM:C) Sharon Smart
 C) Rosemary Meredith
 H) Kim Smith
 U: Charles Bruce, Jerry Clemons
 G: Sharon Smart
 G: Roger/Stella McClure