
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 23-December 28

Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Emmett/Ruby White +
	10:00 pm	John/Maxine Taylor +
Thursday	9:00 am	Habicht/Broska Families
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 pm	Gene Piroz +
Sunday	10:00 am	Mary Charlene Calhoun

December 27, 4:00 PM

Lector – Robin Embry
Server- Jarek Whitworth
Communion - C) Barbara Allen
C) Alice Bruce
H) Judy Warren
Ushers – Danny Allen/Ernie Johnston
Greeters – DeeDee Johnston, Betty Johnston
Gifts – Rosemary Meredith/Ain Dennis
Music – Meredyth Lee

December 28, 10:00 AM

Lector – Laquita Clemons
Server – Nate Pennington, Megan Mudd
Communion - C) Linda Cripps
C) Melanie Crawford
H) Eddie Clemons
Ushers – Eddie Clemons, Scott Samuels
Greeters – Thonda Nelson/Sharon McDaniels
Gifts – Charlie & Cathy Corbett
Music – Annette Cannon

Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 4109.19
Retirement for Religious	688.00
Cemetery Donation	\$ 493.00

St. John Church

430 St. John Church Rd.
Sunfish, KY 42210

Website: 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

Christmas Eve Mass will be 7:00 pm.

Lector- John Gay
Server- Dwayne Fitzhugh
Communion- Betty Jennings, Margaret Clark,
Peggy Hayes
Usher- Jim Sims, Tom Pohlman
Gifts- Dennis & Shelia Durbin
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh
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Parish Meeting: We need to have a very brief meeting today after Mass of our pastoral council members and volunteers of St. John's Thrift Store

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

Pastoral Council

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

December 28, 8:00 AM

Lector- Chris Wolfe
Server- Joe Durbin
Communion- Sue Kalbfleisch, Betty Jennings,
Peggy Hayes
Usher- Dwayne Fitzhugh & Bill Duvall
Gifts- Mary Lou Wilson/Paula Wilson
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh
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Wednesday, 12/24/14-Marie, Otis, Kenneth Hayes
Sunday 12/28/14-Jimmy Jennings

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 573.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 160.00

Church Parking Lot : There is still a balance of \$1921.00 to pay on the church parking lot. Donations are still being accepted. Let's pay this off by December 31 .

This Week at St. John:

Wed 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

January:

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

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

Message: God's Gift Is The Christmas Gift.

Homework: Read chapter 2 of the St. Luke's Gospel.

This Week at St. Joseph:

Sun	2:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Anthony
	4:00 pm	Vespers (Evening Prayer)
	6:00 pm	Christmas Play at St. Paul's School
Mon	6:00 pm	Penance Service at St. Elizabeth
Wed	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (St. John)
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Thu	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Sun	10:30 pm	Spanish Mass

December:

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

Weekday Masses: Since this is Christmas week I will not be having Mass on Tuesday or Friday.

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.

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.

RCIA: I would like to form a team to work with me in offering the RCIA program for anyone who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you have helped in the past or if you would like to learn more about the RCIA please let Fr. Tony know. You do not have to have any previous knowledge of RCIA to participate, only a desire to help others become Catholic.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic contact Fr. Tony.

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

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

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.

HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
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

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

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Go to: www.retrouvaille.org or call: 270-683-1545 ext. 357

Help Needed: Red Cross is asking 2-3 people to volunteer at their St. Joseph blood drives. The next one is January 7, 12:00-5:00 pm.

Websites: In November St. Joseph website had 193 viewers; 363 visits; and an average of 5 minutes per visit. St. John website had 47 viewers; 99 visits; and an average of 9 minutes per visit. St. Joseph's website address is: stjosephch.org and St. John's website address is: stjohnch.org. Check them out! If you are not here on the weekend you can always read the bulletin online.

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 Recycles:

You may bring the following items to church for St. Paul's School. (1) "Best Choice" products, black label UPC codes; (2) Deodorant containers; (3) Aluminum cans; (4) Printer ink cartridges; (5) Box Tops; (6) Labels for Education; (7) My Coke Rewards, plastic lids on all bottles, or codes inside the cartons; and (8) Cancelled stamps.

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.



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

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16: This first reading tells about King David of Israel, an ancestor of Jesus. David did great things for his people; he established his capital in Jerusalem and brought there the Ark of the Covenant. The ark contained the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments and was kept in a tent that was considered the "house" of God. David felt ashamed to be living in a palace while the ark of God was kept in a tent. He wished to build a house for God, but instead God promised that David's rule and family would last forever: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me." We should share David's respect for God and place the concerns of God before our own. Jesus himself came homeless into the world; there was no room for him in the inn at Bethlehem. Let us make room for him in our hearts this Christmas. What is this "mystery hidden for many ages?" How is this mystery finally revealed or manifested? To whom does St. Paul say the mystery is made known? What are some of the comings of Jesus into our lives? How can we keep Jesus at the center of our Christmas celebration? What are some distractions that surround Christmas in our world today?

Romans 16:25-27: In this reading Saint Paul praises God for at last revealing Jesus Christ through the prophets and the gospel to all believers and to people of all nations. Let us praise and thank God for the priceless gift of faith in Jesus Christ, "the mystery kept secret for long ages." Let us welcome Jesus with deep faith at his birth among us and at all his "comings" into our lives.

Luke 1:26-38: In today's reading about the annunciation, an angel tells Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus. The angel recalls the prophecy to David that we saw in the first reading. "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary does not understand this great mystery but accepts God's will humbly: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me . . ." There may be times when God will ask of us things we do not completely understand. Mary's openness to God's will can help us. We should pray lovingly and gratefully to Mary for the blessings she helps bring to us.



Decision Point: Coming Soon to St. Joseph & St. John.



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

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 or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.