
St. Joseph Church

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Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Pastoral Council

Susan Clark, Chair,

Billy Dallas,

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David Clemons,

Tim Nelson

Phyllis Payne, Secretary

Finance Council

Charles Corbett. Beverly Harrison, Ben Hodges, Chair

Masses: January 6-January 11

Tuesday 12:05 pm Brack & Rachel Allen

Wednesday 7:30 am Gene Alvey

Thursday 12:05pm Herman Alvey

Friday 7:30 am Ness Alvey

Saturday 4:00 pm Irene Rishkofski

Sunday 10:00 am Sts, Joseph & John
Parishes

January 10, 4:00 PM

Lector – Kevin Collard

Server- Jarek Whitworth

Communion - C) Jim Marshall

C) Brittany Mattingly

H) Rosemary Meredith

Ushers – David/Eddie Clemons

Greeters – Jackie Richardson

Gifts – Sharon Smart/Betty Johnston

Music –Meredyth Lee

January 11, 10:00 AM

Lector – Melanie Crawford

Server – Gabriel Mudd, Nate Pennington

Communion - C) Carolyn Thomason

C) Linda Borland

H) Linda Clark

Ushers – David Clemons/Lamont Miller

Greeters – Wade & Robin Lashley

Gifts – Joan/Estille Dobson

Music – Meredyth Lee

Stewardship of Finance

Diocesan Good Works \$ 1025.00

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 4594.22

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 388.00

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

Matthew Kelly DVD Presentation: For the next three Sundays we will be showing Matthew Kelly's DVD Presentation entitled, "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality". This will be shown as a three part series each lasting 25 minutes each. These will take place in the parish hall right after Mass January 11; 18; and 25. Consider making these three week presentation one of your New Year's resolutions.

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 now be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Volunteers are always welcome even if it for an hour or two.

Pastoral Council

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

January 11, 2015, 8:00 AM

Lector- Chris Wolfe
Server- Dick Dyche
Communion- John Gay, Dwayne Fitzhugh,
Peggy Hayes
Usher- Tom Pohlman, Dwayne Fitzhugh
Gifts- Marvin Smith & Betty Payne
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

Wednesday, 01/07/2015-Tim Drin
Sunday 1/11/2015-Tim Durbin

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 488.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 719.00

This Week at St. John:

Sun 9:00 am Coffee and Donuts
Wed 5:00 pm Mass
5:45 pm Journey of Faith

Sun 9:15 am Matthew Kelly DVD Presentation

January:

12 - 15 Priests of the Diocese Convocation
18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Good News: I am happy to announce that we reached our goal of paying off the balance of the parking lot paving cost and so we are debt free once again. In fact we now have a surplus which we will apply to some further building improvements here at our parish. Thanks to everyone who generously contributed to this project. A special thanks to Joe Durbin and Tom Pohlman for taking on this project.

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

Message: May our lives lead others to Christ.

Homework: Invite someone to come to church with you next Saturday or Sunday.

Weekday Masses:

Tue 12:05 pm

Wed 7:30 am

Thu 12:05 pm

Fri 7:30 pm

This Week at St. Joseph:

Tue 12:05 pm Mass

12:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul

Meeting

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Wed 12:00 pm Red Cross

5:30 pm Religious Ed

6:00 pm Parent's Meeting 1st Reconciliation

Thu 12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Journey of Faith

Fri 4:00 pm Knight's Fish Fry

Sat 9:30 am Altar Society

5:15 pm Matthew Kelly DVD Presentation

Sun 11:15 am Matthew Kelly DVD Presentation

5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

January:

12 - 15 Priests of the Diocese Convocation

13 5:30 pm Fellowship Café

6:00 pm Maintenance Committee

15 6:00 pm Finance Committee

18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

24 10:30 pm Spanish Mass

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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.

Thank You: A special thank you to Lamont Miller for installing the two cabinets in the back of church.

Weekday Masses: Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays are now at 12:05 pm. Mass on Wednesdays and Friday will remain at 7:30 am. I encourage you to attend whenever you are able. Another suggestion for a New Year's resolution.

Fish Fries: The Knights of Columbus will begin having their weekly fish fries this Friday beginning at 4:00 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.. Corey Clark

HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Stress in Your Marriage? – *There is less than a week remaining to sign up for Retrouvaille.*

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The registration deadline for the January 30 program is January 16, 2015. To register call (270)683-1545 ext. 346 or email: satkv59@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

BIRTHDAYS

Jarek Whitworth	1/02
Brayden Clark	1/10
Jimmy Kipper	1/10
Anail Falcon	1/11
Alice Begay	1/12
Lori Powell	1/12
James Ray	1/13

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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.

Opportunities for Life: January 10-11 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. 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. To learn more about the Opportunities for Life ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.

Please keep the family of Blanche Marie Pearl Harned in your prayers. Blanche was a member of St. Joseph Parish and her funeral was here on Monday December 29. My she rest In peace.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas celebrations. A special thanks to all who helped to decorate our churches and for all the beautiful Christmas music sung at the various Masses. I am very blessed to be serving as the pastor of St. Joseph and St. John Parishes. I would also like to thank everyone for all of the candies, cookies, and cards, and for the very generous financial gift. May God continue to bless you abundantly. With Love, Fr. Tony.

Decision Point: Coming Soon to St. Joseph & St. John. Decision Point is a small group program designed to strengthen the faith of Catholics. We will be offering this six week program during the Lenten season

Opportunities for Life needs YOU: 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. 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. 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. There is more information at their website - www.kycatholic.com or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6: What a vision the prophet gives us of the way life should be, and one day shall be! He sees a new Jerusalem bursting in the future with the riches and abundant life of the Lord. Pilgrims from every nation stream into the holy city to praise God, who has called them home. Their hearts throb with wonder, joy, and gratitude. For Christians, the new Jerusalem is understood as a symbol of the universal Church. The Church gathers God's people from east and west, north and south, to worship together and present their gifts to the Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6: A message similar to that of the first reading is given to the people of Ephesus: the good news of Jesus is meant for all people, not just a few. All people are called to share in the promise of Jesus Christ. The word "epiphany" means "showing" or "manifestation." Once the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate that Jesus Christ came, not just for his own family, or his own tribe, or for all the Jews, but for everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike. (Gentiles are non-Jews.) This was part of God's plan. The Gentiles of that time did not know God. They believed in idols, or in "the Fates," or in the emperor of Rome. But now they had been "in the dark" long enough. It was time to bring them (and us, their descendants) into the light of Christ! That is what the feast of Epiphany is all about.

Matthew 2:1-12: Today we celebrate the showing forth (epiphany) of Jesus to the nations beyond Israel. When astrologers, or magi, from the East saw a new star appear in the sky, they accepted it as a sign that a great leader had been born. Without knowing where the star would lead them or what they would find, the magi set out bearing gifts. Their faith and courage were rewarded when God revealed to them his own Son.