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# St. Joseph Church

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

**Website:** stjosephch.org

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## **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

270-287-3776

## **Confession**

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

## **Pastoral Council**

Susan Clark, Chair,

Billy Dallas,

Sharon Smart V. Chair,

David Clemons,

Tim Nelson

Phyllis Payne, Secretary

## **Finance Council**

Charles Corbett. Beverly Harrison, Ben Hodges, Chair

## **Masses: January 20-January 25**

Tuesday 12:05 pm Hartford & Ruby Cannon+

Wednesday 7:30 am Audra W. Clark

Thursday 12:05 pm Edwin & Mary Clark+

Friday 7:30 am Jesse Clark Family

Saturday 4:00 pm Katie Beth Pierce

Sunday 10:00 am Sts. Joseph & John Parish

## **January 24, 4:00 PM**

Lector – Ann Marshall

Server- Ethan Pierce

Communion - C) Judy Warren

C) Barbara Allen

H) Alice Bruce

Ushers – Danny Allen/Jerry Clemons

Greeters – Mary Decker/Betty Johnston

Gifts – Roger & Stella McClure

Music –Meredyth Lee

## **January 25, 10:00 AM**

Lector – Joan Dobson

Server – Gabriel Mudd, Lydia Mudd

Communion - C) Eddie Clemons

C) Linda Clark

H) Jed Johnston

Ushers – David Clemons/LaMont Miller

Greeters – Rose Booth/Linda Cripps

Gifts – Mike & Pat Boone

Music – Annette Cannon

## **Stewardship of Finance**

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 2532.95

Opportunity for Life \$ 380.00

Next week counter-Ray Stevenson

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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, 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

**Journey of Faith:** Our Journey of Faith Program is held every Wednesday following the 5:00 pm Mass in the parish hall. This is an hour long weekly program on the basics of our Catholic Faith. Parishioners or anyone interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to attend.

**Catholic Spirituality:** Right after Mass we will be showing part II of Matthew Kelly's DVD Presentation entitled, "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality". This will last about 25 minutes.

**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  
Margie Durbin

### January 25, 2015, 8:00 AM

Lector- John Gay  
Server- Joe Durbin  
Communion- Dwayne Fitzhugh, Chris Wolfe,  
Margaret Clark  
Usher- Denis & Steve Durbin  
Gifts- Charlene and Madelyn  
Music- Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh  
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Wednesday, 01/21/2015-Marie Hayes  
Sunday 1/25/2015-Jerome Logsdon

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 592.00
Opportunities for Life	\$ 139.00

### This Week at St. John:

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Sun 9:05 am Matthew Kelly DVD  
Presentation - Part II  
Wed 5:00 pm Mass  
5:45 pm Journey of Faith  
Sun 9:05 am Matthew Kelly DVD  
Presentation - Part III

### February:

4 3:30 pm Pastoral Council

**Message:** Whenever we encounter Christ our lives are changed forever.

**Homework:** Say a prayer every day this week for Christian unity.

**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.

**This Week at St. Joseph:**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Sun 11:05 am Matthew Kelly DVD  
Presentation - Part II  
6:00 pm Christian Unity Prayer Service

**Tue 6:00 pm Picnic Planning Meeting**

Wed 5:30 pm Religious Ed  
6:00 pm Christian Unity Prayer Service

**Thu 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

6:00 pm Journey of Faith  
6:00 pm Pastoral Council  
Fri 4:30 pm K of C Fish Fry  
Sat 5:05 pm Matthew Kelly DVD  
Presentation - Part III  
10:30 pm Spanish Mass  
Sun 11:05 am Matthew Kelly DVD  
Presentation - Part III  
6:00 pm Christian Unity Prayer Service

**St. Vincent de Paul:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having their next meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 12:30 pm in St. Joseph parish hall. More volunteers are needed to make a few home visits one week a month.

**Picnic Planning Meeting:** Our annual parish picnic is only five months away. We will be having a planning meeting on **Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 pm** in the parish hall. This is a total parish event and we need everyone's help. We will need help parking, cooking, running booths, serving the dinner, publicity and many other areas. If you have any ideas about improving our picnic or want to help organize this event come to this meeting. If you have an interest but are unable to attend, please call the church office to let us know.



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### 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, Betty Stone, John J. Sweigert, All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.. Corey Clark

### HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
Mike Boone	1/11-17	Linda Clark
Alice Begay	1/18-24	Jed Johnston
Carolyn/Bev	1/25-31	Bev/Carolyn
Jim Marshall	2/1-2/7	Delores Alvey
Kim Smith	2/8-2/14	Jim Alvey
Mike Boone	2/15-2/21	Jed & Susie
Alice Begay	2/22-2/18	Jed Johnston
Bev/Carolyn	3/1-3/7	Carolyn/Bev
Jim Marshall	3/8-3/14	Delores Alvey
Kim Smith	3/15-3/21	Jim Alvey
Mike Boone	3/22-3/28	Susie & Jed
Alice Begay	3/29-4/4	Jed Johnston



### 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

**Liturgical Ministers** can pick up the latest schedule on the tables in the vestibule of church.

**Fish Fries:** The Knights of Columbus will have their fish fries this Friday beginning at 4:30 pm

**Does Your Marriage Need Help?** Go to: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call: 270-683-1545 ext. 357

### BIRTHDAYS

<b>Dr. Ray Begay</b>	<b>1/22</b>
<b>James Nelson, Jr.</b>	<b>1/22</b>
<b>EmaLee Clark</b>	<b>1/24</b>
<b>Lucia Taylor</b>	<b>1/25</b>
<b>Ben Hodges</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Brady Stone</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Donna Wilson</b>	<b>1/27</b>

**Sympathy:** Our prayers go to the family of Eula Gross, of St. Joseph Parish, who died this week. We will truly miss her spiritual inspiration and knowing she is the last to wear the chapel veil. May she rest in peace.

**Custodian Position:** We are seeking application for someone to clean the parish hall. If you would like to apply, stop by the office for an application. Applications must be received by Wednesday, January 21.

The large box in the vestibule is for the **Boy Scout Good Turn Project.** They are accepting any clothing, toys for Goodwill. If you have larger donation please contact Jacob Smith

**Decision Point Small Groups:** All adults in our parish are encouraged to sign up to participate in one of our Decision Point small groups. Groups will meet for six week and begin meeting the week of February 15. These one hour sessions are a great way to strengthen your faith during Lent.

**Prayers For Life:** On January 22 our nation will mark the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence. Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer for a "culture of life" from Saturday, January 17 - Sunday, January 25!

**Welcome to DECISION POINT:** DECISION POINT is a Confirmation preparation program designed primarily for Catholics between the ages of twelve and eighteen. It has been designed to help Catholics discover the richness of the Catholic Faith. In the process of testing the program many people said, "Every Catholic should experience this program - not just teens preparing for confirmation!"

Here at St. Joseph and St. John parishes you will have the opportunity to do just that this coming Lent. You are invited to participate by signing up for a small group. These groups will meet for six weeks beginning February 15. Each session will last about one hour and begin with a short prayer, followed by a 15-20 minute video presentation, some discussion and then a closing prayer. Groups will meet in people homes or in the parish hall.

Engage with other parishioners in a life-changing conversation about the genius of Catholicism. For too long we have watched people walk away from the faith. The tragedy is, most of them have never had the genius of Catholicism presented to them in a compelling way. So they have walked away, completely unaware of what they were turning their backs on. Something has to change.

Pope Francis has asked all us to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. We all need to hear the Gospel message anew and apply it to our very day lives. Whenever we encounter Christ our lives are changed forever. DECISION POINT will help you have a deeper relationship with God and the Church.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** For over 100 years Christians around the world from various denominations have been gathering together for prayer the week of January 18-25. The reason for these gatherings in to pray together for greater visible unity among all Christians. Three services will be held here in Grayson County; on Sunday, January 18 at St. Augustine Church; on Wednesday, January 21 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and on **Sunday, January 25 at Leitchfield First Baptist Church.** All three services will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Tony will be speak at the last of these services. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

### **PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Heavenly Father, we come to you, the Font of Life, to ask that you fill your Church with Living Water to quench our thirst on the quest for Christian Unity. Let our heart be filled with the gift of your Son's love for us. May we find in your Church the living and abiding presence of your love and work together to bring about the desire of your Son. Our Lord Jesus Christ when he prayed, "that all may be one". May the Spirit never lay dormant within us, but sustain us on the path of life. This we ask through Jesus Christ. Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Coming Soon:** We are working with a company called *Parish Giving* to provide members of St. Joseph and St. John the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer (online giving) as another way to contribute to the parishes. Electronic giving is as safe and secure as any bank is. Many people are beginning to pay bills online and this will only increase with each new generation. You will be able to transfer funds from a checking or savings account or with the use of a credit card. There is no charge for parishioners to use this service. You will find more information on the insert in this bulletin.

**Seeing God in the Poor:** Last Sunday Pope Francis spoke to 40,000 people telling them that with the baptism of Jesus the time of “closed skies”, i.e. the separation between God and man, was over. “The earth has become God’s dwelling among men and women, and each of us has the opportunity to **meet the Son of God**, experiencing all his love and infinite mercy.” We can meet him in the sacraments, “we can recognize him **in the faces** of our brothers and sisters, especially **the poor, the sick, the imprisoned**, the refugees. They are the living flesh of the suffering Christ and the visible image of the invisible God.” Volunteer to work with St. Vincent de Paul and you will have the opportunity to meet the Son of God.

**Joy of the Gospel (1)** Those who have a true encounter with Christ find their lives filled with happiness. This is a deep happiness that brings inner emptiness to an end because these Christians are set free from selfishness. They are saved. I want to encourage everyone who experiences this to spread the word, beginning a new chapter in the history of the Church. – Pope Francis.

## **REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:**

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19:** Samuel was a young boy who grew up in the Temple. His teacher was Eli. God loved Samuel very much. In this story, God calls to Samuel in his sleep. Because Samuel is not used to hearing God’s voice, he runs to Eli, thinking his teacher has called him. When this happens a third time, Eli tells Samuel to answer God by saying, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” For the rest of his life Samuel listened to God. He became a great prophet among his people. God speaks to us in many ways, especially in the sacraments and through God’s word in the Bible. Sometimes God speaks to us in the beauty of nature. Often he speaks to us in the events of our lives. Most of all, God comes to us in the love and in the needs of other people.

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20:** The Greek city of Corinth was a bustling seaport that was notorious in ancient times for immorality. The new Christian community there found itself surrounded on all sides by examples of all kinds of sin of body and mind. Paul reminds his readers that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us. There are temptations in our world, just as there were in Corinth. But when we respect our bodies and use them as God teaches us, we are fully alive and free from vices that can make us slaves. Drugs, drunkenness, sexual sins—these have no place in the lives of children of God.

**John 1:35-42:** The reading tells us about the call of the first disciples. Followers of John the Baptist responded to the gentle invitation of Jesus; they came and stayed the whole day with him. Then these disciples called their friends to join them. One of them was Simon. Jesus told him that he would be called Peter, or Cephas, a Greek word for “rock.” One day the Church would be built on the rocklike faith of Peter.