
St. Joseph Church

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Pastoral Council

Jim Cecil	Joanne Johnson, Secretary
Jerry Clemons	Ann Marshall
Kirk Collard	Tim Nelson, Chair
Billy Dallas, V. Chair	Carolyn Thomason
Edna Duggins	

<u>Stewardship of Finance</u>	Dec 18	\$2817.50
Children (1)	3.00	Cemetery \$1025.00
Debt Red	\$10.00	Outreach \$1020.00
Christmas Flowers		\$755.00
Campaign for Human Development		\$500.00
Diocesan Good Works		\$80.00

Masses: December 27-January 1

Monday	7:30 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:05 pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Thursday	12:05 pm	NO MASS
Friday	7:30 am	NO MASS
Saturday	4:00 pm	Wanda Pierce+
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Joseph & St. John Parishes
Sunday	11:00 am	Bob Kinkade+

Confession

Wednesday	4:30PM
Saturday	3:00 PM

December 31 4pm

L	Jim Cecil
S	Gabriel Nunnally
C	Mary Decker
C	Carol Elder
H	DeeDee Johnston
U	Ernie J./Tony R.
Gr	Joyce Green/Vivian G.
Gi	Ain Dennis/Betty Johnston

January 1 7am

L	Carolyn Thomason
S	Jacob & John Smith
C	Judy Warren
C	Rita Grant
H	Joanne Johnson
U	David C./Jerry C.
Gr	Kirk & Keycia Collard
Gi	Dave & Amelia Thompson

January 1 11am

L	Roni Mudd
S	Blaine A./Andrew Butler
C	Linda Borland
C	Linda Clark
H	Eddie Clemons
U	Sharon M./Scott S.
Gr	Wade & Robin Lashley
Gi	Billy Johnston Family

St. John Church

430 St. John Church Rd.
Sunfish, KY 42210

Website: stjohnc.org

Saint John Thrift Store: 270-597-1038

Pastoral Council

Cathy Young, Chair	Dick Dyche
Nancy Farmer, Secretary	Joe Durbin
Barbara Fitzhugh	Shelia Durbin
Tom Pohlman, V. Chair	

This Week at St. John

Tue 3:00 pm No Mass

January

1 9:00 am New Year's Mass

Stewardship of Finance

December 18 \$281.25

Thank You!

Thank You: A special thank you to Mark Thomas Renfro (Julie Raymer's son) for cleaning, polishing, and painting candle stick holders!

Thank You: I want to thank all who helped to decorate the church for Christmas and brought food for the reception after Mass.

Thank You: I would like to thank all those who sent cards and gifts to me for Christmas. I am very blessed to serve as your pastor. – Fr. Tony

2017 Catholic Calendars: Our 2017 Catholic calendars are in the back of church. A Catholic calendar shows the feast days of saints, the holydays, the liturgical seasons and days of fast and abstinence. Please take them for your home or office.

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Tuesday 3:00 pm NO MASS
Sunday 9:00 am Margie Durbin+

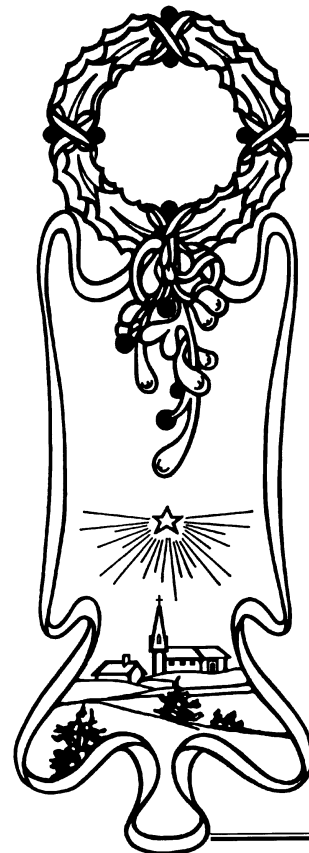
January 1 9:00 AM

Lector	Chris Wolfe
Server	Dwayne Fitzhugh
Cup	Nancy Farmer/Joe Durbin
Host	John Gay
Ushers	Jim Sims/Bill Duvall
Gifts	Jack Duvall & Family
Music	Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

St. John Prayer List: Audrey Burke, Jack Coop, Laurie Dearing, Susan Drury, Annie Durbin, Carol Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Dick Dyche, Dorothy Fredrick, Vickie Ranburger, Zackary Scruggs, Linda Simon

St. John Thrift Store: Closed Saturday, Dec 24 and Saturday, Dec 31.

St. John Parish Mission: To share the message of Christ with every person in Edmonson County.



We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The **Christ** child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.

This Week at St. Joseph

Mon 7:30 am Morning
Prayer/Communion
(There will be no weekday Masses this week)

Tue 3:00 pm Divine Mercy

UPCOMING

January

4 5:30 pm Religious Ed.
6 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 pm Benediction



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Holiday Office Hours: The Church office will be closed the Friday before and the Monday after Christmas and New Year's.

BIRTHDAYS

Rita Hodges	12/25
Paloma Falcon	12/28
Etta Jo Allen	12/29
Phyllis Payne	12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Norris & Mona Higdon	12/27
Ken & Becky Hemberger	12/28
Tim & Ivelisse Hanover	12/30
Doug & Marv Mantooth	12/31

HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home SCHEDULE Homebound

Peg Furgason 12/25-12/31 Jed Johnston

Pauline Baker 1/01-1/07 Joanne Johnson

Jim Marshall 1/08-1/14 Mary Pierce
Roni Mudd

St. Joseph Prayer List: We are beginning a whole new prayer list. Please call in your requests. Erin Anderson, April Barton, Thomas Beckner, Bonnie Blanton, Pat Boone, Mark Cannon, Anna Critchelow, Jeff Critchelow, Mary Davis, Estille & Joan Dobson, Paul Ferguson, James Fox, Carol Gatto, Dick Gatto, Samantha Jo Green, Michael Harned, Murl Hill, Jennifer Howard, Don Jagers, Danny Kerr, Jane Johnston, Donna King, James Lyons, Logan Meredith, Margie Meredith, Caleb Milliner, Jason H. Roberts, Aaron Shull, Sally Sweeney, Valeria Terrance, Dave Thompson, Mildred Willis, Jamie Wortham. All law enforcement and emergency responders. For those serving in the military.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

Read 5 chapters a week for 52 weeks and you will read the entire New Testament in one year.

Week Week of Books and Chapters

1 Dec 25 Matthew-1-5

St. Joseph Parish Mission: To share the message of Christ with every person in Grayson County.

Free Pamphlets: The Knights of Columbus has a program entitled, "Building the Domestic Church." As part of this program they have set up a display in the back of church with a variety of pamphlets related to our Catholic faith. Please feel free to take as many as you would like.

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Bulletin Ads: Do you advertise your business? Why not advertise in our church bulletin for only \$5.00 per week.

Parish Giving: For most Catholics, opportunities for giving begin in their parish. All of us must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and then make a decision (in advance from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after obligations have been met) about what will be given.

Meanings of Christmas: "It might be easy to run away to a monastery, away from the commercialization, the hectic hustle, the demanding family responsibilities of Christmas-time. Then we would have a holy Christmas. But we would forget the lesson of the Incarnation, of the enfleshing of God—the lesson that we who are followers of Jesus do not run from the secular; rather we try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people—no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush..." Fr. Andrew Greeley

Message of the Christmas Tree: The traditional Christmas tree is a very ancient custom which exalts the value of life, as in winter the evergreen becomes a sign of undying life. In general, the tree is decorated and Christmas gifts are placed under it. The tree reminds us of the "tree of life" (see Genesis 2:9), representation of Christ, God's supreme gift to humanity. The message of the Christmas tree, therefore, is that life is "ever green" if one gives: not so much material things, but of oneself: in friendship and sincere affection, and fraternal help and forgiveness, in shared time and reciprocal listening. - St. John Paul II

The Joy of Christmas: The joy of Christmas is contagious—but not primarily because of our gifts of dolls and trucks, bikes and pretty dresses, sweaters and ties...The joy of Christmas is contagious because of the spirit behind the gifts. The glory of Christmas is that a gracious God became one of us to tell us that He loves us. And, in his or her Christmas giving, the genuine believer symbolizes his or her inner desire to spread this Good News.

Today we celebrate Incarnation! Today we rejoice! The eternal God comes into the flesh and blood of humanity. Christmas cards portray the little Babe, the Manger, the Magi, the shepherds. Little children learn that today is Jesus' birthday. But these pieces of the story only touch the edge of the mysterious event which brings us together. The Good News is that the God of Mercy has come into the history of humanity to bring us perfect peace. For the peace of mind and heart and soul that the world cannot give, follow Jesus. And when you follow Jesus, do not be surprised to see others following you. After all, the spirit of Christmas is contagious.

Christmas: Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh. It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into Christ Body and Blood. He is born anew on the altar.