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# St. Joseph Church

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Leitchfield, Ky. 42754**

**Website:** stjosephch.org

**Office Hours:** 8am to 4pm Mon-Fri

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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	

<b><u>Stewardship of Finance</u></b>	<b>April 9</b>	\$6635.00
Children (2)		6.00
Debt Red.		100.00
Outreach		90.00
Cemetery		75.00

## **Masses: April 18-April 23**

Monday 7:30 am Prayer/Communion

**Tuesday 12:05 pm NO MASS**

Wednesday 5:00 pm Don Lee+

Thursday 12:05 pm In Honor St. Joseph(LP)

Friday 7:30 am Paul Ferguson

Saturday 4:00 pm God's Gift of the Earth

Sunday 7:00 am St. Joseph & St. John

Sunday 11:00 am Melvie Clemons

## **Confession**

Wednesday 4:30pm

Saturday 3:00pm

## **April 22 4pm**

L	Maddie Pierce
S	Gabriel Nunnally
C	Barbara Allen
C	Randy Bitsky
H	T.J. Dennison
U	Tony R./Timmy Pierce
Gr	Joyce Green/Sharon Smart
Gi	Jim & Ann Marshall

## **April 23 7am**

L	Kevin Collard
S	John & Jacob Smith
C	Brittany Mattingly
C	Susie Mattingly
H	T. J. Dennison
U	Kirk/Jerry
Gr	David & Amelia T.
Gi	Rita Grant/Judy Decker

## **April 23 11am**

L	Eddie Clemons
S	Andrew Butler/Hannah Y.
C	Linda Clark
C	Laquita Clemons
H	T.J. Dennison
U	Tim/Scott
Gr	Melvie C./Pauline B.
Gi	Lori Powell Family

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# St. John Church

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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

## This Week at St. John

Sun	9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts and Easter Egg Hunt
Tue	5:00 pm	NO Mass

**1<sup>st</sup> Communicant:** Congratulations to Jasmen Meredith who will be receiving her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Easter Sunday.

**Read the Gospel:** Let us read the Gospel, a small section each day. This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy. – Pope Francis

**He Has Risen:** Ten little fingers, ten little toes. On Christmas, he came. On Easter, he rose.

**Easter is More than a Day:** Easter is not merely one day but an entire season. The Easter season stretches for fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The Easter season is marked by the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection and the Church as witness to the resurrection. The Sunday readings change during this season; the Old Testament reading is replaced by stories of the earliest disciples evangelizing in the Acts of the Apostles. We are still called to witness to the resurrection more than two thousand years later!

**Easter Eggs:** The egg has been symbolic of life from ancient times. The cracking of the egg calls to mind the opening of the tomb of Christ at the moment of the Resurrection.

**The Passover Lamb:** Jesus Christ is the Paschal Lamb, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." This recalls Jesus' identity as the Passover lamb of the new and eternal covenant who frees us from the slavery of sin and makes possible for us eternal life.

**Butterflies:** Caterpillars emerge from their cocoons in the spring and are transformed into butterflies. The threefold events of the butterfly's life mirrors Christ's — (1) his life (the caterpillar), (2) his death and burial (the cocoon), and (3) the resurrection of his body (the butterfly).

## Stewardship of Finance

April 9 \$656.02

## Masses: April 18-April 23

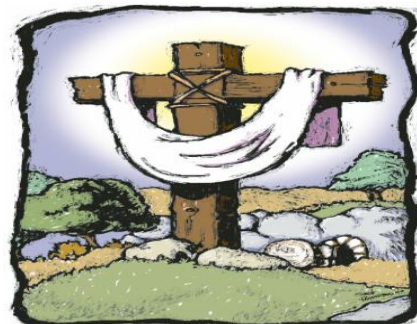
**Tuesday 5:00 pm NO MASS**

Sunday 9:00 am Audrey Burke

## April 23 9:00 AM

Lector	John Gay
Server	Dwayne Fitzhugh
Cup	Peggy Hayes/Sue K.
Host	Chris Wolfe
Ushers	Bill Duvall/Joe Farmer
Gifts	Doug & Nancy Farmer
Music	Jeremiah Bush-Barbara Fitzhugh

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



# This Week at St. Joseph

Mon	7:30 am	Prayer/Communion
Tue	12:05 pm	NO Mass
	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy
Wed	4:30 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Mass
	5:30 pm	Religious Education
Thu	12:05 pm	Mass
Fri	7:30 am	Mass

## April

25	6:00 pm	Picnic Meeting
27	6:30 pm	Pastoral Council
28	10:00 am	Whims & Wishes
30	11:00 am	First Communion

**Easter:** On Easter Sunday we celebrate our redemption through Christ's death and resurrection. Every other Sunday of the year is considered a "little" Easter. To understand Easter, we have to understand the greatness of God's love for us. From the very beginning, He loved us so much that He sent His only Son to be one with us, to share our humanity and to bring every human being into a full and joyful friendship with God. Because of our sin, when the Son came to be with us, it meant a sharing in our suffering and death - even death on a cross - but in a mysterious sense this only served to reveal the hugeness of that Divine Love, and to draw us even more closely to God. That is what Easter are all about.



## BIRTHDAYS

Delbert L. Durham	4/16
Cristy Warf	4/15
Ella Decker	4/17
Anita Jagers	4/17
Griffin Jagers	4/17
Jean Qualls	4/17
Gillian Johnston	4/19
Kelsey Embry	4/20
Caroline Hodges	4/21
Diane Lee	4/21
Knox Allen	4/22
Melvie Clemons	4/22

## ANNIVERSARY

Greg & Missy Hart	4/22
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## HOMEBOUND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nursing Home	SCHEDULE	Homebound
Father Babu	4/16-4/22	Beverly Harrison Carolyn Thomason
Jim Marshall	4/23-4/29	Joanne Johnson
Jed Johnston	4/30-5/06	Mary Pierce Roni Mudd

**St. Joseph Prayer List:** Delores Alvey, Louie Alvey, Erin Anderson, April Barton, Thomas Beckner, Bonnie Blanton, Pat Boone, Alton Cannon, Anna Critchelow, Mary Davis, Estille & Joan Dobson, Paul Ferguson, James Fox, Carol Gatto, Dick Gatto, Cindy Getz, Samantha Jo Green, Michael Harned, Dorothy Hayes, Jennifer Howard, Don Jagers, Danny Kerr, Jane Johnston, Donna King, James Lyons, Logan Meredith, Margie Meredith, Caleb Milliner, Norman Powell, Jason H. Roberts, Mildred Rogalinski, Aaron Shull, Sally Sweeney, Valeria Terrance, Ellen Thomas, Dave Thompson, Mildred Willis, Jamie Wortham.

**Sympathy:** Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mary Ann Corbett, she is the mother of Charlie Corbett. May she rest in peace.

**Called to Service:** Permanent diaconate programs in United States see plentiful applicants inspired by the work of deacons. In 2018, the Church in the United States will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the renewal of the diaconate as a permanent ministry.

**Want Peace?** We face so many challenges in life. But if we open the door to Jesus and allow him to be part of our lives, if we share our joys and sorrows with him, then we will experience the peace and joy that only God, who is infinite love, can give. – Pope Francis

**Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour:** There will be a holy hour on Sunday, April 23, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Church to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This holy hour will include the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. A reception will follow.

**Support Group for Mothers:** To all mom's that would like to join our prayer group, Praying Mom's, we will meet in the Rectory basement Monday, May 1, from 6:00-7:30pm. For more info call Carla Grant 270-899-0579 or Susie Mattingly 270-589-7017.

**Al-Anon & AA:** Al-Anon meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Rectory basement. AA meetings are held on Wednesday sat 10:00am and on Fridays at 7:00pm. Please call Randy Bitsky for info. 270-230-3392.

**Thank You:** Our St. Joseph family was so supportive of our school lunch. We raised \$605 dollars for St. Paul School. Thank you for being so generous. It is greatly appreciated. The First Annual Boston Butt sale was a huge success. This would not have been possible without the help of the St. Joseph Cookers. God Bless you all and thanks for your support of our school, Kim Smith, Principal, St. Paul School.

## **St. Joseph Picnic**

**Picnic Pre-Sales:** We are taking orders for St. Joseph pork butts and barbeque chickens. The pork butts are \$30, whole chicken are \$10, & half chickens are \$5. Please call Dick Gatto at 270-259-4906 or 270-287-1873 to place your order.

**Picnic T-Shirts:** All who sign up **by MAY 1st** to work at the picnic will receive a free t-shirt. If you would like to pay for your shirt or order extra, please do so by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Write down your name, phone #, quantity, sizes, include payment and put in the Sunday collection or drop off at the parish office. All sizes \$10 each.

**Picnic Raffles:** We will have three different raffles this year. Quilt raffle tickets are \$2. Money raffle tickets at \$5. Gun raffle tickets are \$20. Tickets are available in the back of church and at the office.

**Buy 5 & Sell 5:** Our picnic money raffle tickets are in bundles of 5 tickets and are \$5.00 each. We are asking you to buy 5 and to sell 5. There are 5 cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50.

**Picnic Corporate Sponsors:** If you, your business or your place of employment would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for this year's picnic please let us know. All who become a sponsor before May 1<sup>st</sup> will have their names put on the back of our t-shirts. The levels of sponsorship are as follows: Diamond \$1,000; Platinum \$750; Gold \$500; Silver \$250; and Bronze \$100.

**Theme Baskets:** We will not have a yard sale or silent auction at this year's picnic, rather we are asking parishioners to bring a theme basket or items for a basket. Some suggestions are in the back of church.

**Picnic Workers:** Below are some of the areas we need help. Call the office (270-259-3028) to volunteer.  
Inflatables      Raffle Booth      Kitchen