

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2025

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 5 PM (Saturday), 8 AM, and 10 AM

Daily Mass: 8 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday; 7 PM Wednesday

Holy Day of Obligation Mass: See bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6 PM on
Wednesdays and concludes with **Benediction** at
6:50 PM.

Confession Schedule

Sunday 7:45 AM and 9:45 AM

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Intentions

24-Wed., 5 PM	Jim Ritter
25-Thurs, 12 AM	Joseph & Elizabeth Heeb
25-Thurs, 10 AM	People of the Parish
26-Fri, 8 AM	Jack & Norene Martin
27-Sat, 5 PM	Ted Daniels
28-Sun, 8 AM	Frank & Marie Bezold
28-Sun, 10 AM	People of the Parish
29-Mon, 8 AM	Richard Kammerer
30-Tues, 8 AM	Dorothy Keller
31-Wed, 5 PM	Mary Ann Ritter
01-Thurs, 9 AM	People of the Parish
02-Fri, 8 AM	Paul, Helen, & Bill Twehues
03-Sat, 5 PM	Intentions of CF
04-Sun, 8 AM	Ralph Kremer
04-Sun, 10 AM	People of the Parish

To schedule a Mass intention for a person, living or
deceased, or for some other intention, contact the
parish office.

Administration and Staff

Pastor

Very Rev. Ryan L. Stenger, J.C.L., J.V.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Collection

12-21-2025	\$5,314.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,025.00

Upcoming Events

Dec. 31 Mary, Mother of God, Mass - 5 p.m.
Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God, Mass - 9 a.m.
Jan. 8 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7 p.m.

Parish News

Merry Christmas! On the great Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity, we celebrate the birth of Christ so many centuries ago in Bethlehem, when a new light shone at last upon the darkness of our fallen world. For countless years since sin first entered the world, the human race had wandered lost and separated from God, for whom alone we were created and in whom alone our hearts are able to find true peace. Despite the yearning of our hearts to be with our Creator, mankind had again and again turned its back on Him and multiplied sin and evil and injustice. Even God's own Chosen People became lost in infidelity, idolatry, and compromise and found themselves repeatedly conquered and enslaved by foreign powers. Age after age, it became all the clearer that man was radically incapable of saving himself. And yet a small handful of prophets still dared to preach a message of hope, proclaiming that God had promised a Savior.

God kept His promise and did so in a way that surpassed all that anyone had ever hoped for or imagined. Through the faith of a young virgin in an unremarkable corner of the world, the Creator entered into His creation. The Eternal God was born in time. The God who formed each and every one of us in our mother's womb became a man like us. No longer are we doomed to the darkness and misery of sin, because God has come to save us. He has become Emmanuel, God-with-us. Now and at every moment of every age to come, He is with us. Throughout the triumphs and tragedies of human history and the joys and sorrows of our own lives, He is with us. In the Blessed Sacrament, He is with us just as really and truly as He was with Mary and Joseph and the shepherds and wise men two millennia ago. There is no evil that His mercy cannot overcome, no sin that can separate us from His love.

God is with us now and always. I pray that His presence in our midst will fill your lives with joy and peace today and every day to come.

Fr. Stenger

Church Cleaning

Team Two: Dec. 22 – Jan. 4

Team Three: Jan. 5– Jan. 18

Team One: Jan. 19 – Feb. 1

Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2025

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The VIRTUS bulletin was posted on December 7th and is due on January 7th.

Pray for Those Who Protect Us

PFC Jared Allender, Staff Sgt. Dave Evans, SRA Emily Wagner, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wagner, I CL Petty Officer T.J. Waters. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way each day to protect us, including armed service personnel, police, and firefighters.

Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Chris Arlinghaus, Dolores Armstrong, Brooke Barganier, Vyneta Barnett, Missy Bauer, Kim Brun, Teri Buckler, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Flo Clair, Tom Corman, Greg Dierig, Keegan Dietz, Joyce Dorgan, Judy Dornbusch, Kent Enzweiler, Jose Flores, Mike Futscher, Chris Gebelt, Henry Glossner, Leigh Gorman, Billy Guthier, Jonathan Harper, Blake Hegner, Tammy Hess, Jon Hickman, Chandra Huff, Flo Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Karma Kinsella Klingenberg, Bernie Kohls, Betty Kohls, Kelli Kramer, Germaine Kremer, Helen Kremer, Jim Kremer, Ron Kremer, Charles Krift, Nancy Lagedrost, Kathy Leahy, Iva Leick, Al Lovell, Dick Mader, Wilma Maschinot, John Muench, Pam Leahy Nagle, Linda Neltner, Josh Penney, Joyce Pfefferman, Adelyn Porter, Phyllis Prodoehl, Dominic Ramler, Lorrie Rawe, Rana Reckner, Rowen Redmond, Virginia Schadler, Dan Schalk, Casen Schrock, Gail Schultz, Ella Stieby,

Shirley Studer, Diane Taylor, Steve Tischner, Pauline Wade, Larry Wagner, Joe Whitford, Julie Wientjes, Jim Wolfe, Candice Yelton.

Church Christmas Decorations

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas! We truly appreciate your efforts in making the church beautiful for the Christmas season! Special thanks to John & Debbie Gubser who donated the Christmas trees from their tree farm this year!

Giving Tree and Sock Drive

Thank you to all of those who donated gifts and socks to our giving tree and St. Nick Sock Drive during Advent. We appreciate your generosity. Thank you to Holli Young for organizing our giving tree each year and to Stephanie Zink for including us in the sock drive!

Offertory Envelopes and Calendars

There are still some 2026 offertory envelopes in the vestibule, as well as 2026 calendars. Feel free to pick these up on your way out of church. Thank you!

Holy Day Mass Times

January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day Mass will be on Wednesday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m.

Ministry Volunteers

The new year is a great time to consider signing up to volunteer for any of the ministries we have available at Mass. If you have ever considered becoming a lector, usher, or server, we could always use more help with all Mass times. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Thanks for your consideration!

Parish Registration

If you have been in attendance at our parish for some time now, consider becoming a member! Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Fill one out, put it back in the offertory at the next Mass, and we will update your information so that you can

receive e-mail versions of the bulletin and your own offertory envelopes. Joining the parish is a great way to begin getting involved in all that we have going on here at St. Joseph, especially as we are about to begin a new year! We look forward to hearing from you!

2025 DPAA – November Update

Your DPAA support strengthens vital diocesan services and ministries. Your generosity reflects our unity in Christ and gratitude for God's blessings. Please join the parish households who have already pledged by making your gift soon. As a reminder our parish goal is \$57,600. **So far, our parish pledges total \$70,935.** This year, the amount raised above our goal will go towards replacing the school roof. Thank you for your faithful stewardship. God bless you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul

We would like to update you on how our chapter has supported the community this year.

For the fiscal year ending 9/30/25, our conference has helped on 44 cases and assisted 125 people in our St. Joseph conference area and at the Newport Scholar house. The Newport Scholar provides temporary housing for single mothers as they attend school to acquire job skills in nursing, social work, and cosmetology. Our conference has provided a total of \$12,575 for direct aid (rent, utilities, grocery/gas gift cards) and \$8,172 for food from our pantry and SVDP store vouchers (clothing, furniture, and household items) in our conference area and the Scholar House.

Our conference has also made approx. 30 elderly/sick visits at the Seasons Nursing home and parishioners /residential visits; seeing over 100 people. Our parish has generously contributed \$13,118 monetary, in addition to grocery, cleaning and hygiene products donated.

Newport is in what is called the "No Help" area because there is no active SVDP conference present. Our conference tends to their needs for assistance exclusively. Our conference case workers

have also made 95 home visits in the Newport “No Help” area, not counting the Scholar House. We have assisted over 230 people through these visits. Our visits require at least two case workers. Through these Newport “No Help” visits, we provided direct aid, store vouchers and gift cards totaling \$29,737. Almost all this assistance was paid for by the SVDP N.KY Council, not our conference.

Active SVDP members are Tim McGrath- President, Steve Fay- Vice President, Don Heeb- Treasurer, Regina Murphy- Secretary, Tom Corman, Ann Fay, Megan Heeb, Pat Schwegmann, and Wanda Sendelbach. We are all caseworkers and home visitors. If anyone has an interest and would like to go with us on a home or nursing home visit to observe what we do, please contact any of us.

Women’s Bible Study

Ladies, consider joining our next Women’s Bible Study group beginning on Saturday, January 3rd and continuing until the beginning of Lent. The focus for this study is Courageous Women of the Bible.

A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. For more information contact Jean (859) 630-9247.

BBHS News

11th Annual International Nativity Display

Nativity sets from around the world will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria, KY. The display will feature nativity sets made by artists and craftsmen from 83 different countries. Over 200 nativities will be on display. The display is handicapped accessible, enter through the main entrance. The display is FREE and open to the public on the following days:
Sun., 28 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BBHS Shadow Day/School Tour

Any prospective students interested in a shadow day at BBHS or a tour of Bishop Brossart after school hours please contact school, 859-635-2108.

Other News

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 13 - 15 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH.

The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today

at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

For more questions or more details contact:

Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

Support Group for Separated and Divorced begins Jan. 22, 2026

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginnings. Registration is required. To register, visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/> or call (859) 392-1529. The next session will be held on consecutive Thursdays, January 22 – March 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities (3629 Church St., Covington, KY 41015).

Save the Date

Sunday, February 8, 2026

St. Philip, Melbourne is hosting a Super Bowl Homecoming! All are Invited

Please visit stphilipky.org for more information



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