

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

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

14-Sat., 5 PM	Kay Combs
15-Sun., 8 AM	People of the Parish
15-Sun., 10 AM	Hilda Messmer
16-Mon., 8 AM	Jeanne Drake
17-Tues., 8 AM	Ray Hartig
18-Wed., 7 PM	John Kremer
19-Thurs., 8 AM	Int. of Donnie Reis
20-Fri., 8 AM	Amos & Alma Ruschman
21-Sat., 5 PM	Jan Schabell
22-Sun., 8 AM	People of the Parish
22-Sun., 10 AM	Maryann Combs

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. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Collection

12-08-2024	\$4,312.00
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Upcoming Events

Dec. 14/15 Retired Religious Collection
Dec. 22 Decorate Church after 10 a.m. Mass
Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
Dec. 25 Midnight Mass 12 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass 10 a.m.

Parish News

Our anticipation of the joy of Christmas is the reason that this Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday—from the Latin for “rejoice.” The hard work of our spiritual preparation for Christmas is eased today by our looking forward to the happiness of that great feast day. This joyful anticipation is expressed in the rose vestments worn in the liturgy today and the rose candle of the Advent wreath, which symbolize a momentary lightening of the Church’s penitential discipline, signified by the color violet. Even when we encounter challenges and struggles in our lives, the event of Christmas remains the reason that we continue to be a people of joy even in the midst of difficult times. God is with us. He does not distance Himself from us, but rather embraces us and walks with us through every moment of our lives. Today let’s allow the joy of Christmas to spur us on to strengthen our efforts at preparing to receive the Lord, so that we may truly rejoice at the coming of human salvation with undivided hearts.

Fr. Stenger

Church Cleaning

Team Three: Dec. 16 – Dec. 29

Team One: Dec. 30 – Jan. 12

Team Two: Jan. 13 – Jan. 26

Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings

-Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011. Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

-Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011. Thursday, January 30th, 2025, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

The VIRTUS bulletin will be posted on December 1st and is due 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, Missy Bauer, Sue Bradley, Kim Brun, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Flo Clair, Keegan Dietz, Joyce Dorgan, Judy Dornbusch, Kent Enzweiler, Jose Flores, Mike Futscher, Chris Gebelt, Henry Glossner, Leigh Gorman, Billy Guthier, Melrose Guthier, Blake Hegner, Tammy Hess, Nathan Hessman, Chandra Huff, Shailynn Jones, Flo Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Bernie Kohls, Betty Kohls, Germaine Kremer, Helen Kremer, Kelli Kramer, Ken Kramer, Jim Kremer, Charles Krift, Kathy Leahy, Iva Leick, Al Lovell, Dick Mader, Wilma Maschinot, John Muench, Kairi Marie Mullins, Pam Leahy Nagle, Josh Penney, Adelyn Porter, Dominic Ramler, Lorrie Rawe, Donny Reis, Rana Reckner, Rowen Redmond, Linda Rupp, April Schack, Virginia Schadler, Dan Schalk, Casen Schrock, Gwen Shields, Vicki Steffen, Ella Stieby, Shirley Studer, Steve Tischner, Pauline Wade, Larry Wagner, Joe Whitford, Julie Wientjes, Jim Wolfe, Candice Yelton, Bonnie Zanzotto

Condolences

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Melrose Guthier, who recently passed away. May she be swiftly welcomed into the company of the angels and saints and may her family and friends experience the peace and hope that Christ alone can give. *Requiescat in pace.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carter, son of Jeff & Maria Beane, who was baptized here recently! Please pray for him as he begins his new life in the Church and for his parents as they nurture the divine life given to their child.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the wonderful Service and Mass for Margy. Thanks to

Fr. Stenger, the servers, eucharistic ministers, musicians, the Bereavement Committee, and everyone who offered their condolences and prayers for our family as we try to navigate through life without her.

Many thanks and God Bless,

-Ron, Chris, and Jonathan Leick

Christmas Flowers

We will again be accepting donations for Christmas Flower Memorials. You can use the envelope provided in your offertory envelopes or there will be extra envelopes at the back of the church. You can make a memorial donation by writing your family members' names on the envelope and they will be published in our Christmas bulletins. Please have your donations and memorial names turned in by today, December 15th. Thank you!

Offertory Envelopes

The 2025 offertory envelopes are now in the vestibule for pick up. Please take your box home in the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul Updates

Monthly Donations: Thank you again for your monetary donations each month! For the month of December, we are asking for donations of shampoo or laundry detergent. Donations can be left in the laundry baskets under the counter in the vestibule of the church. We appreciate all of your support!

Giving Tree

Please return your gift(s) with the tags firmly attached to the outside of the package by today, December 15th. We would like to thank Holli Young for organizing this each year. Thank you for your generosity!

DPAA 2024 – October Update

We have surpassed our goal of \$51,800! As of the end of October, our commitment total is currently \$73,620.00. The funds raised above the goal will be returned to our parish to help pay for the recent

painting and repairs done in the cafeteria and kitchen in the school. Thank you to all who have already made a generous contribution to this year's appeal! If you haven't given yet, there are envelopes in the back of the church, or you can visit the parish website to give online. Thank you for your support!

Sewing Seeds Sewing Group

The sewing ministry is taking a break over the holidays. Our next sewing date will be Wednesday, January 15th. We will continue to make baby blankets for Care Net Pregnancy Center and Rose Garden Home Mission. Join us in the cafeteria from 9:30 - 11:30. All are welcome.

Walking With Purpose

Our women's Bible study, Walking with Purpose - Opening Your Heart, will be taking a break during the holidays. The weekly gathering will resume on Saturday, January 4th, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and continue for nine weeks. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. A text will be sent to confirm the cancellation. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. For more information contact Jean (859-630-9247) or Catherine (513-630-9249).

Pre-K Registration

St. Joseph Camp Springs Pre-K still has some openings for the 2024-2025 school year! Contact Lisa Roetting at (859) 409-9185 or email LRoetting@saint-joseph-school.org with questions or to register.

Kroger Community Rewards

This week our Pre-K received a check for \$241.92 from Kroger Community Rewards! Thank you for everyone who has signed up their Kroger Rewards Card to donate towards our Pre-K. If you would like to sign up, please contact the parish office.

Bishop Brossart High School News

10th Annual International Nativity Display

Nativity sets from Around the World will be on display at BBHS beginning December 8th. The

display will feature nativity sets made by artists and craftsmen from 83 different countries. Over 200 nativities will be on display. The cost is FREE! Please enter through the BBHS main entrance and as always- our building is handicap accessible! Show days and times: Sunday, December 8th 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Sunday, December 15th 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Saturday, December 21st 10:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, December 22 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 24 10:00 am-1:00 pm, and Sunday, December 29th 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

8th Grade Placement Test Results Night

The High School Placement Test results night is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm at BBHS in the Munninghoff Theatre. On this evening, we will review Placement Test Results, Courses offered at BBHS, Academic Support, Tuition, Financial Assistance, FACTS, Registration, Scholarships, and announce our Merit Scholarship winners from the HSPT.

Girls Basketball Grade School Night

12/9: Kindergarten-2nd grade JV @ 6:00 p.m.
Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.
12/12: 3rd grade Freshman @ 5:00 pm JV @6:00 pm Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.
1/18: 4th grade JV @ 3:30 p.m. Varsity @ 5:00 p.m.
1/21: 5th grade JV @ 6:00 p.m. Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.
1/23: 6th grade Freshman @ 5:00 p.m. JV @6:00 pm Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.
1/27: 7th grade JV @ 6:00 p.m. Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.
1/31: 8th grade Freshman @ 5:00 p.m. JV @ 6:00 pm Varsity @ 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball Alumni Night

Our Girls Basketball Alumni Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th as our Lady 'Stangs take on Harrison County in the Seither Center! As always, Girls Basketball Alumni will receive free admission to the games and will be recognized at halftime of the Varsity game! JV at 3:30 p.m. and Varsity at 5:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball Grade School Night

Our Boys Basketball Grade School night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th as our Mustangs take on Calvary in the Seither Center! All Grade School students will receive free admission to the games! Let's Go, Mustangs! JV at 6:00 p.m. and Varsity at 7:15 p.m.

Boys Basketball Alumni Night

Our Boys Basketball Alumni Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th as our Mustangs take on Bellevue in the Seither Center! As always, Boys Basketball Alumni will receive free admission to the games and will be recognized at halftime of the Varsity game! JV at 6:00 p.m. and Varsity at 7:15 p.m.

Other News

Irena's Vow – Catholic Culture at The Aronoff
Step into the shadows of Nazi-occupied Poland and witness the gripping, true story of Irena Gut Opdyke, a young Catholic housemaid who risked her life to shelter over a dozen Jews in the home of a German officer. Presented by The Angelico Project, this is more than theater—it's a chance to support local Catholic culture and invite friends and family to encounter Truth, Goodness, and Beauty! Learn more by visiting AngelicoProject.org

Showtimes:

January 17 at 7 p.m.

January 18 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Location: Jarson-Kaplan Theater, Aronoff Center

Tickets: CincinnatiArts.ORG | (513) 621-2787 (ARTS)

