

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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

06-Sat, 5 PM	Margy Leick
07-Sun, 8 AM	Jim Ritter
07-Sun, 10 AM	People of the Parish
08-Mon., 9 AM	People of the Parish
08-Mon., 7 PM	Lou Neltner
09-Tues., 8 AM	Hilda Messmer
10-Wed., 7 PM	David Hixon
11-Thurs, 8 AM	Mary Schultz Ard
12-Fri, 8 AM	Elmer Ruschman & Mary Yeager
13-Sat, 5 PM	John Kremer
14-Sun, 8 AM	People of the Parish
14-Sun, 10 AM	Pat Tolle, Tom Boyer, & Gennevie Lutkenhoff

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

**The parish office is closed on Monday, Dec. 8th
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Sunday Collection

11-30-2025	\$4,091.75
Holy Land Relief	\$1,153.19
Nov. SVDP	\$810.00

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 7 Giving Tree Gifts Due
Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Masses at
9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Dec. 13/14 Christmas Flower Memorials Due
Retired Religious Collection
Dec. 21 Decorate Church for Christmas after
10 a.m. Mass
Dec. 22/23 Parish Office Closed for Christmas

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 25 at Midnight
Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Parish News

On this coming Monday, December 8, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is the patronal feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation. On this feast day, we celebrate the grace of God that preserved the Blessed Virgin from every stain of sin from the very first moment of her conception. How fitting it is during this Advent Season to recall the example of the first person in our world to receive Christ, as we strive to make our own hearts a worthy dwelling place for her Son. And we pray that He will make us holy like her, so that we may receive Him with faith and humility and love as she did. Masses for the holy day here at the parish will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, December 8.

Fr. Stenger

Church Cleaning

Team One: Dec. 8 – Dec. 21
Team Two: Dec. 22 – Jan. 4
Team Three: Jan. 5– Jan. 18

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, Kairi Marie Mullins, Pam Leahy Nagle, Linda Neltner, Josh Penney, 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.

Giving Opportunity

A family in our parish recently adopted a young child. To show our support for the family, we will be collecting donations to assist them. We will accept monetary donations, as well as gift cards for Kroger and Amazon. If you feel inclined to give, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Family Support" in the offertory or drop it off at the parish office. We will accept donations through Dec. 21st. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You

We would like to thank the parish for the donations, kind words, & prayers during such a difficult time. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

-Mary Elam & Family

Retired Religious Collection

Aging religious need your help. Our Parish will have a special collection on December 13 & 14 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund provides essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades. Please consider giving next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

2025 DPAA – October 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 \$70,775.** 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!

December SVDP

Thanks to all for your generous donations to the SVdP coat drive. Many of our neighbors in need will benefit from your generosity. We also want to thank you for your monetary donations each month. We were able to use some of that money to purchase Thanksgiving dinners for some families that have multiple little children. They were truly grateful for our help. We are still in need of dish soap and toothpaste. Please place donations in the laundry baskets in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Giving Tree Donations

Our annual giving tree is in the back of church. This is a great way to help members of our community who need assistance with Christmas gifts. You may take a tag or two and purchase the listed item. Please return your wrapped gift(s) with the tags

firmly attached to the outside of the package by today, December 7th. We would like to thank Holli Young for organizing this each year. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Flower Memorials

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 in 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 December 14th. Thank you!

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 will be in the back of church beginning next weekend. For more information contact Jean (859) 630-9247.

Sewing Seeds Sewing Group

The sewing group will meet on Wednesday, December 10th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. We will be making baby blankets for CareNet Pregnancy Center. No sewing expertise needed, we will find a job for you. Snacks will be available. All are welcome.

Little Rock Farm Annual St. Nick Sock Drive

It's time for our annual St. Nick Sock Drive! St. Nicholas, whose feast day is on December 6th, was a bishop who lived in the 4th century. He was a very kind man and had a reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people. Based on a story from his life, a custom began of hanging stockings up on the eve of St. Nick's feast day in the hope he might leave a gift. Instead of hanging socks in hopes of a treat, we're collecting socks to warm people's feet. Now through December 14th, we are accepting donations

of new socks. All sizes are needed - men's, women's and children's. The socks will be distributed to those in need by the Sisters of Divine Providence in Melbourne. Drop your donations in the bin in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

Pre-K Kroger Community Rewards

This week, our Pre-K received a check for \$150.62 from Kroger Community rewards! Thank you for your support! To sign up at no cost to you, please contact the parish office.

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., December 7, 14, 21, & 28 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wed., December 24 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 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

14th Annual Crafts at the Gubser Tree Farm

2952 Lower Grandview Rd. Alexandria, Ky
December 6, 7, 13, 14 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wood Crafts, Wreaths (decorative and fresh), Floral Arrangements, Custom Carved Canes and Figurines, Ornaments, Soy Candles, Tobacco Stake Crafts, Earrings, Crochet Items, Homemade Zucchini Bread, Local Honey, Choose and Cut and Pre-Cut Christmas Trees, and lots more! Call for info 859-635-3143 or visit www.gubsertreefarm.com

SVDP NKY Volunteer Opportunities

Vincent's Angels

This program allows parents and caregivers to personally choose Christmas gifts for their children. Toys are still needed, and parishes, schools, workplaces, and families are encouraged to collect presents so every child can experience the joy of Christmas morning. Donations can be delivered at any SVdP NKY thrift store.

Adopt-a-Family

To enter more personally into the spirit of giving, consider sponsoring a local family through our Adopt-a-Family program. Sponsors receive a wish list, purchase gifts, and drop off wrapped presents at our Erlanger facility to help a family feel seen and loved this Christmas.

To register for these programs or learn more about volunteering, please visit www.svdpnky.org/holiday-giving.

Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing

Bishop John Iffert invites you and your family and friends to attend the fourth annual Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing on Saturday, December 13, 2025, 5:30-7:00pm at St. Mary's Park (Diocesan Curia). Come see the blessing and lighting of the Diocesan Christmas tree, listen to a live school choir, enjoy homemade cookies and hot cocoa, and hear the Bambinelli Story. Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Iffert and be part of a Catholic Advent tradition! No RSVP required. All are welcome!

