

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

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

23-Sat., 5 PM	Deceased Members of the Futscher Family
24-Sun., 8 AM	Joseph & Elizabeth Heeb
24-Sun., 10 AM	People of the Parish
24-Sun., 5 PM	Jim Ritter
25-Mon., 12 AM	People of the Parish
25-Mon., 10 AM	Carl, Schack, & Saner Families
26-Tues., 8 AM	Jack and Norene Martin
27-Wed., 7 PM	Deceased Members of the Robert & Rita Schaffer Family
28-Thurs. 8 AM	John Kremer
29-Fri., 8 AM	Mary Ann Ritter
30-Sat., 5 PM	Ted Daniels
31-Sun., 8 AM	People of the Parish
31-Sun., 10 AM	Frank and Marie Bezold

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 in observance of
Christmas.**

Sunday Collection

12-17-2023	\$6,714.00
Retired Religious	\$1,020.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,015.00

Upcoming Events

Dec. 31 Ferraiolo Baptism 11 a.m.
Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God Mass at 9 a.m.
Jan. 11 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7 p.m.
Jan. 18 Confirmation 7 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25 at Midnight
Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.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: January 1 – January 14
Team Three: January 15 – January 28
Team One: January 29 – February 11

Upcoming VIRTUS Training

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky 41011

- Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

- Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, 9:00 AM to 11 :30 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Britt Hall, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, Kentucky 41005

- Thursday, January 11th, 2024, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Virtus: The December bulletin will be posted on December 3rd and will be due on January 2nd.

Pray for Those Who Protect Us

PFC Jared Allender, Staff Sgt. Dave Evans, GM1 Ricky Jimenez, 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, Janet Arlinghaus, Brooke Barginier, Kim Brun, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Flo Clair, Keegan Dietz, Joyce Dorgan, Judy Dornbusch, Kent Enzweiler, Jose Flores, Mike Futscher, Henry Glossner, Billy Guthier, Melrose Guthier, Blake Hegner, Tammy Hess, Nathan Hessman, Chandra Huff, Shailynn Jones, Flo Kaffenberger, Garry Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Bernie Kohls, Betty Kohls, Helen

Kremer, Kelli Kramer, Ken Kramer, Ed Kremer, Jim Kremer, Iva Leick, Dick Mader, Donna Maschinot, Wilma Maschinot, John Muench, Kairi Marie Mullins, Josh Penney, Adelyn Porter, Dominic Ramler, Linda Rupp, April Schack, Virginia Schadler, Dan Schalk, Casen Schrock, Joe Allen Smith, Vicki Steffen, Ella Stieby, Shirley Studer, Steve Tischner, Pauline Wade, Larry Wagner, Joe Whitford, Jim Wolfe, Candice Yelton, Bonnie Zanazzo

Mass Intentions

The parish office is in need of Mass intentions for some upcoming days. If you'd like to have a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact Lauren. The Mass is the most powerful prayer that we can offer for our loved ones, because it's the prayer of Christ Himself.

Offertory Envelopes

2024 Offertory envelopes are now available for pick up in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity to our parish throughout this past year and for your continued support in the new year ahead! If you do not have a box of envelopes with your name on it, please contact the parish office.

2024 Calendars

The church calendars for next year are available in the vestibule of the church. Thanks to our sponsors for generously helping us to provide these calendars for free every year!

Faith Enrichment

The Faith Enrichment Group will meet on Wednesday, January 10th in the Parish Office after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will be watching Season 3 episode 4 of The Chosen, followed by a short discussion. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Sewing Seeds

The Sewing Seeds Sewing Group will meet on Wednesday, January 17th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. We will be working on baby

blankets. Join us for service and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

DPAA 2023 – November Update

As of the end of November we have received \$60,890.00 in commitments to this year's DPAA, which puts us over our goal! Our rebate for this year's appeal will go towards offsetting the cost of a new church steeple. Thank you for your generous response to this year's Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal!

Bishop Brossart High School News

9th Annual International Nativity Display

The International Nativity Display will be showcased every Sunday at BBHS in December from 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM. This showcase will feature nativity sets made by artist and crafts men from 82 different countries. There will be 200 nativities on display! Admission is free and open to the public. This is the last weekend and we would love to have a packed house!

Bishop Brossart Annual Appeal

Year in and year out, our Annual Appeal funds provide an immeasurable benefit to the countless families that rely on financial assistance in order to send their children to Bishop Brossart. We take pride to carry on one of Bishop Brossart's most cherished traditions that no deserving student be denied the special BBHS educational experience due to financial need. We were able to surpass our \$110,000 goal last year, will you help us do it again?

For more information, please check out the Bishop Brossart website by clicking on the Support BBHS tab and selecting the Annual Appeal option. You can also make a donation to the 2023-2024 Annual Appeal by clicking on the link to access the Pledge Form.

Other News

Kentucky March for Life-Save the Date

Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23rd for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life

& “Love them Both” Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepherd Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historic Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information, 859-392-1500.

Walking with Purpose Virtual Event

You are invited to a 30-minute virtual Zoom event to learn more about how Walking with Purpose helps women to:

- Learn more about how to read Scripture and apply it to your day-to-day experiences.
- Invest in the hearts of other women and create community in your parish.
- Go deeper and connect Sunday Mass to the rest of the week.

Join us to learn how Walking with Purpose is transforming hearts and bringing women in parish communities closer to Christ. Hear personal testimony from Walking with Purpose volunteer coordinators, Marybeth Bosko and Laurie Munson from St. Barbara parish in Erlanger, Kentucky about how our Bible studies are bringing women together around topics that matter.

For more information, contact Jeannie Gillespie at jean.gillespie@walkingwithpurpose.com or (203) 918-3025.

To register for this complimentary event, go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5099990>.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Events

Jan. 18, 2024 – High School Mass & Social – Location: Holy Cross Parish, Latonia, 7 – 9pm. Learn more about the Mass and worship with your peers in a vibrant faith community. All are welcome.

Feb. 10, 2024 – Junior High Connect - Calling all 6th, 7th, 8th graders to a high impact day of

connecting with self, others, and God. CONNECT retreat includes: Music, games, witness talks, Adoration, food, and fun. Led by a team of dynamic college students. RSVP by Feb 1. Location: TMU 9:30am-5pm.

National Eucharistic Conference

July 17th - 21st, 2024 in Indianapolis. Marian University (located 15 minutes from Lucas Oil Stadium) is hosting high school teens for the Conference and will by house, feed, transport, mentor and accompany youth ministry groups through the Conference. This is an opportunity for youth from the Diocese of Covington, to dive deeper into their faith and journey with Catholic youth from around the country. Pre-Registration deadline is early January. Inquire asap.

DCCH Center for Children and Families Flea Market

Open: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday, Thursday, & 3rd Saturday (December-April) NEW ARRIVALS DAILY and thousands of items are new and gently used! The Donation Dropbox is open 24/7 and is accepting clothes, shoes, kitchen & Housewares, media electronics, jewelry, collectibles, furniture, artwork, bedding, crafts, toys & more! The first Thursday of every month, items are 50% off! 100% of the proceeds support the children living at DCCH. We appreciate your generosity and support!

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