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St. Joseph & St. Catherine Parishes



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10 N Long Street, Farmington, MO 63640

Parish Mission Statement

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His church and live His gospel.

We strive to fulfill our baptismal calling by prayer, worship, teaching and in sharing our faith and serving others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and through our patron St. Joseph, we commit ourselves to the responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.

• 2ND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT •

REPENT

December 7, 2025

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday. - 8:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm
St. Catherine - 7:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am
First Saturday - 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8:00 - 3:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm
Sundays 7:00-7:15 am
No Need for an Appointment During
Father's Office Hours

573-756-4250 www.stjosephfarmington.com



How are you making room for more peace in your life this Advent?

Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 23, 2025

Weekly Collection

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$14,241.52 |
| Electronic Deposit | \$2,060.00 |
| Loose | \$863.00 |
| | \$17,164.52 |

| | <u>Current Week</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday Offering | \$17,134.52 | \$251,341.04 |
| Budgeted Amount | \$12,950.00 | \$268,950.00 |
| Shortage/Overage | \$4,214.52 | (\$17,608.96) |

Specials

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| All Souls | \$50.00 |
| Human Development | \$175.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$130.00 |
| Military Services | \$25.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$150.00 |
| School Donation | \$70.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$190.00 |
| Total for Specials | \$790.00 |

St. Catherine of Alexandria

November 22, 2025

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| Adult Collection | \$470.00 |
| Loose | \$151.00 |
| Human Dev. | \$5.00 |
| Total | \$626.00 |

Mass Times & Information

SAT 5:00 PM
7:00 PM

SUN 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM

MON-FRI
8:00 AM

FIRST SATURDAY
8:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS
MON-FRI 8:00
AM-3:30 PM

Fr. Gerson's Schedule

Office Hours
Tues- Thur.:
10 am - 2 pm

Friday:
10 am - 12 pm

12/9
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

12/10
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:00 pm
PSR Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

12/11
5:30 pm
Confessions
6:30 pm
Mass

A Note from Fr. Gerson



This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" In the context of Advent, John helps us prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "John the Baptist preaches upright faith and good works so that the force of grace may penetrate, the light of the truth shine out, and the paths to God be straightened. The Precursor of Jesus is like a star that heralds the rising of the Sun, of Christ."

As we continue our Advent journey, we can ask ourselves: Do I desire to help others prepare for the coming of Jesus?

I also want to offer several words of gratitude to Fr. Mike, for his warm welcome during the Rite of Election for our new catechumens and Mr. Joseph Punswick, a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, who is preparing for the priesthood at Kenrick–Glennon Seminary, for his presence and support this weekend in our parish.

Fr. Gerson Parra
Parochial Administrator



Fr. Mike Lydon, our Episcopal Vicar, leads a team of faithful professionals to serve alongside all of you who work in parishes in the Southern Vicariate.

Their primary focus is to stir up evangelical efforts at parishes and increase or assist social outreach efforts to the poor and vulnerable. They are to be at the service of the priests, parish staff, and lay leaders of the parishes and churches of Deanery 3 and Deanery 4, providing local pastoral and administrative support; they serve as a bridge to the Cardinal Rigali Center.

As Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Lydon promotes a spirit of fraternity among the priests, develops regional cooperation and coordinates with the Vicar General and the various ministries in the Curia (Archdiocesan employees).

(Practicing) Catholic – Beneath The Surface

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

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Jeanette Katic
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Of St. Francois County

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Breakfast with Santa
All You Can Eat

\$8 a person or \$25 per family of 4 or more

Sunday, December 14 after All Masses

EGGS, SAUSAGE, PANCAKES, POTATOES, BISCUITS, GRAVY, MILK, JUICE, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND A TOPPING BAR FOR THE PANCAKES. THERE WILL BY A SPECIALITY ITEM TOO.

Knights of Columbus

Become a Missionary of Joy!

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archstl.org/missionaries-of-joy

Women of Mary Meeting

Wednesday, December 17
12:00 pm at Twin Oaks

Women of Mary would like to invite all women of the parish, 18 years and older, to our next meeting on **December 17 at 12:00 pm** at Twin Oaks Winery. If you'd like to carpool from the church meet please meet at 11:30 am. We will return to the church by 3:00 pm. Please RSVP to the office by December 8th.

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Farmington

Advent Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
throughout Advent

Confessions 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Mass 6:30 pm

December 9, 10, 11,
16, 17, 18,
& 23*

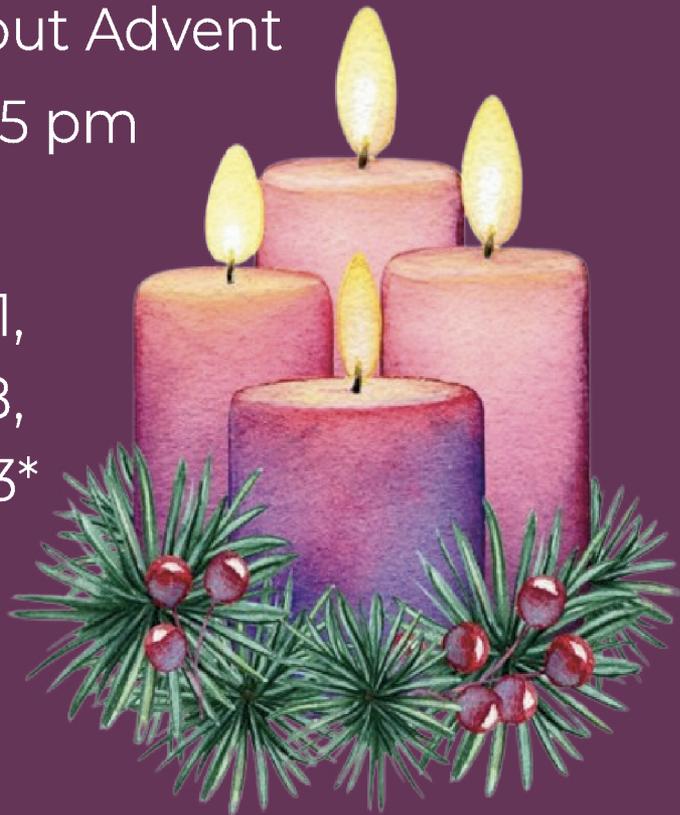
Deacon Mark will host
a Faith Formation Class

“The Holy Mass -

Explained to Catalina

by Jesus and Mary”

on Tuesday’s at 7:00 pm in the parish center.



*Mass on December 23rd will be a Teaching Mass (to conclude Deacon Mark’s Faith Formation Class on “The Holy Mass”)

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| Mary | Judea | baby |
| town | home | Spirit |
| country | Elizabeth | blessed |

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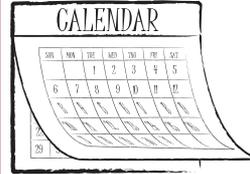
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MISSION

Say a special prayer for missionary families. People all around the world need Jesus.

2026 Religious Calendars



Compliments of
**Cozean Memorial Chapel
 & C.Z. Boyer & Son
 Funeral Homes**

Available in the back of church.

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia

Memorials will be published in our Christmas Bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved ones by donating flowers to decorate the altar area. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 21 bulletin. The printer's deadline for this bulletin is Friday, December 12. Any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the December 28 bulletin. Funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round.

St Andrew Christmas Novena



St. Andrew Christmas Novena, Explained!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

Giving Tree



This year the need for Christmas gifts is greater than last year. The number of clients at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is increasing each month. We are estimating that we will need about 910 gifts. As of today, we have received 103 gifts cards and 309 gifts, THANK YOU!

We would appreciate anything you want to donate for gifts, if you choose to give a gift card, we would request that you put them in a labeled envelope and drop them in the collection basket or bring them into the parish office. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the giving tree in the parish center. The clients start receiving gifts December 2 thru the 30th. We will not be open Friday, December 26th but will still give gifts out on the 30th.

Immaculate Conception

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation,
Mass times are
 7:00 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm
 5:00 pm at St. Catherine of Alexandria

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for his Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen
 Archbishop
 Dennis M. Schnurr



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
 5:00 pm
 7:00 pm - St. Catherine of Alexandria
 10:00 pm

Christmas Day
 8:00 am
 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 31
 Vigil
 Mass times are
 5:00 pm
 7:00 pm @ St. Catherine

Thursday, January 1
 Mass times are
 8:00 am & 10:00 am

GOAL

Today, as disciples of Jesus looking toward the future, we are called once again to come together in faith and unity. Our parish is currently facing several important needs:

\$198,000

- Our Church building is in need of a new air conditioning system and new air handlers.
- Our School Gymnasium requires both air conditioning and heating systems.
- Our Parish Center Hallway also needs air conditioning installed.

These improvements are vital to ensuring a comfortable and welcoming environment for all who come to worship, learn, and serve within our parish. As your Parochial Administrator, I invite you to do two things: first, please pray for the success of these projects. Second, ask Jesus how He may be calling you to support this mission.

\$33,050

Help us reach our goal by April 2026

Catholic Belief Spotlight

Eucharistic Miracles

Saint Carlo Acutis, canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025, was inspired by Jesus Christ to create a website at the age of 11 that documents "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World." You can find them here:
<https://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/liste/list.html> or scan the QR code below.

Saint Carlo documented over 100 Eucharistic Miracles and they are listed by country of occurrence. He died from Leukemia in 2006 at age 15 and his incorrupt body is in Assisi, Italy.

Even at that young age, Saint Carlo knew the importance of the Blessed Sacrament, attended daily Mass and received Holy Communion. Spend some time reading about the various miracles. Read how independent scientific analysis of the Blessed Sacrament in Buenos Aires documents that it is indeed human heart tissue, that the tissue is from a live person, and that the heart tissue shows signs of trauma. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Confession

You are lovingly invited to encounter God's mercy and peace through the beautiful **Sacrament of Confession**.

No matter how long it has been, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms—ready to forgive, to heal, and to renew your heart. His love is never withheld from a heart that seeks Him in humility and trust.

This sacred sacrament is rooted in Scripture, where Christ entrusted His apostles with the ministry of reconciliation:

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." — John 20:23

The effects of this sacrament include:

- Complete forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God
- Healing of the soul and restoration of grace
- Peace and spiritual consolation • Strength to resist future temptation • Reconciliation with the Church community

Five Simple Steps to a Good Confession:

1. **Examine Your Conscience** / Reflect honestly on your thoughts, words, actions, and omissions since your last confession.
2. **Be Sincerely Sorry for Your Sins (Contrition)** / Feel true sorrow for offending God's love and the desire to change your life.
3. **Confess Your Sins to the Priest** / Speak honestly and openly. The priest is there to help and guide, never to judge.
4. **Receive Absolution** / Through the words of the priest, Christ forgives your sins and restores your soul.
5. **Do Your Penance** / Fulfill the act of penance the priest gives you as a sign of your conversion and gratitude.

Confession Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm before Mass

Sunday: 7:00 am before Mass

Take a moment to step into His grace. Let go of the burdens, and come be restored in His love.



Help the Hungry Bake Sale was a Huge Success!

With Father Gerson being out of town he asked Deacon Mark Byington if he would be willing to bake a dessert for the Help the Hungry Bake Sale Clergy Bake-Off. Little did we know Deacon Mark had a little something up his sleeve. He decided on the 100 year old family recipe and assisted in making a beautiful and delicious coconut cake. The cake was awarded the "Tastiest Treat"! Shirley Bieser was selected to bid on the cake with the funds raised from parishioners throughout the year. The cake auctioned for \$4,600! Thank you all for your support for Help the Hungry throughout the year! Help the Hungry raised over \$203,000 this year with the generous support from the community, this includes the \$78,000 raised from the Cookin' Clergy Auction! Our food pantry, St. Vincent de Paul is a gracious recipient of half the proceeds from the Bake Sale. This is an all time high in a year where feeding our hungry neighbors has never been more important. If you made a baked good, donated your time at the event or donated money, thank you, thank you, thank you! Without the help of generous people in the community, this event wouldn't be so successful.



Please return baby bottles

If you have forgotten to bring your baby bottle back, please know that we are still accepting donations and you can put it on the table by the poor box in the rear of church. We would like all of the bottles back, whether you were able to donate or not because Monarch Family Resource Center recycles them to other churches.

Grief Ministry

This ministry is a beautiful extension of our pastoral care, evangelization, and spiritual accompaniment, offering a compassionate and faith-filled space for those mourning the loss of a loved one—whether the loss is recent or from years past. Linda Hammer brings a deep sense of empathy and spiritual wisdom to this role, and we are grateful for her willingness to walk with others during difficult times. Please join us on the second Thursday of the month. If you have any questions, please email Linda at griefministry@stjosephfarmington.com or you can call the Linda at more information at 573-747-6032.

A light lunch will be provided

December 11 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center



Parish Email Updates

The parish office sends out a weekly parish email with upcoming events and important information. If you are not receiving this email please contact the parish office and get signed up.

Welcome to St. Joseph & St. Catherine of Alexandria

We appreciate you celebrating with us. If you are not registered as a member of our Parish Community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center and someone will contact you.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Please Call: I've Moved: New Parishioner: Address Change:

I would like more information on St. Joseph Catholic School (Preschool - Grade 8)

St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite knitters, crocheters (experienced, novice and those who want to learn) to our next gathering. Together, we provide shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort and solace. Contact Sandi Brooks 573-631-5907

Please pray for those who are carrying the gift of life. Especially **Valeria (Mason) Harrington and Ali (Garry) Redmond**. Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to our prayer list.

Prayer Requests

Dan Ross, Ron Robinson, **Linda Penberthy, Cathy Barron**, Andrew Robinson, Steve Derby, Katie Eaves, Randy Graham, Sally Whitener, **Tina Pinkston**, Sid LeGrand, Connor Roth, Harold Blankenship, Ralph Jones, Daniel Cabral, Todd Thomas, Cindy Roberts, **Joe Mondello**, Brett Kerner, Mark Biehl, Dana Miller, **Pat Raymer**, Marilyn Hasty, Jennifer Cowie, Mary Strohmeier, Melissa Clauser, Kenneth Fingerhut, George Bechtoldt, Adonis Paroski, Dean Fortman, **Diane Greer**, Dana Miller, Ange Amonette, Barbara Neubauer, Lloyd Davis, Laura West, **Michelle Evans**, Ken Lutsch, **Ducky Bordewick, Joel Hommelson**, Kim Payne, Steve Fowler, Norm Crocker, **Madgie Winch**, Loretta Lampen, **Richard Antil, Kay Pratte, Jo Wolo**, Mark Goodwin, Laura Goodwin, **Tom Donze**, Linda Dickey, Pat Williams, Marian Voss, Brenda Hamby, Steve Scanlon, **Phil Roth, Sandy Roth**, John Fox, **Jenny Davault, Steven Paroski**, Liz Presnell Klutsarits.

To add someone to the prayer list contact prayerpower@stjosephfarmington.com or 573-756-4250.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary
To All of Our Parishioners Celebrating This Week



Parish Calendar

December

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| Sunday 7 | Doughnut Sunday hosted by Youth Group Rite of Entrance into the Catechuminate 9 am Mass Fr. Lydon 9:00 & 10:30 am | Monday 8 | Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Mass times 7:00 am, 8:00 am, & 7:00 pm 5:00 pm Mass @ St. Catherine's | Tuesday 9 | Confessions 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm Advent Class 7 pm | Wednesday 10 | Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm | Thursday 11 | Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Grief Ministry 1 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm | Friday 12 | No Adoration Parish Office Closed | Saturday 13 | Rosary at the Flag Pole 8:00 am First Saturday Mass 8:30 am |
| 14 | Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa after all Masses Our Father's Table 4:00 - 6:00 pm St. Catherine's Christmas Party 5:30 pm | 15 | Prayer Shawl 9:00 am | 16 | Confessions 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm Advent Class 7 pm | 17 | Confessions 5:30 pm Rosary 5:30 pm PSR 6:00 pm OCIA 6:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm | 18 | Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm | 19 | Parish Office Closed | 20 | |
| 21 | | 22 | | 23 | Confessions 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6pm Cantor Practice 6pm Advent Mass 6:30 pm Advent Class 7 pm | 24 | Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass @ St. Catherine's 10:00 pm Mass | 25 | Christmas Day Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass No Adoration Parish Office Closed | 26 | Parish Office Closed | 27 | |
| 28 | | 29 | Parish Office Closed | 30 | Parish Office Closed | 31 | Parish Office Closed Vigil 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass @ St. Catherine's | 1 | Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass No Adoration Parish Office Closed | 2 | No Adoration Parish Office Closed | 3 | Rosary at the Flag Pole 8:00 am First Saturday Mass 8:30 am |

January

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6th - Weekend

5:00 pm: † John Layton

7:00 pm: † Tim Wolk

Sunday, 7th - Weekend

7:30 am: † Angela Wade

9:00 am: † Bob Short

10:30 am: Parishioners

Readings: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
(see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday, 8th - Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am: † Walter Fryman

8:00 am: † Pat Wofford

5:00 pm: † Francis Vogt & Vogt Families

7:00 pm: † Ron LaPlant

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, 9th - St. Juan Diego

8:00 am: † Todd Jokerst

6:30 pm: † Ryan Dowell

Readings: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, 10th - Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 am: † Paulette Boardman

6:30 pm: † Rosie Short

Readings: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, 11th - St. Damasus I

8:00 am: † Dale Boatright

6:30 pm: † Bob Ward

Readings: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am: † Eugene Smith

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47



Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm Mass

Deacon: Deacon Rich Doré

Lector: Rustico Ramos

Extraordinary Minister: Laura Denkler, LeAnn
Luedecke, Newt Luedecke, Ron Brooks

Ushers: James Cissell, John Denkler, George Kracke
Mike Wolo

Servers: Macullough Schrum, Atticus Schrum, Jimmy Aholt

Cantor: Emily Bach

7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine

Lector: Cory Herzog

Extraordinary Minister: Peggy Adams & Lisa Cartee

Offertory Bearers: Mike & Linda Hagan

Sunday, December 14

7:30 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Rich Doré

Lector: Chuck Hayden

Extraordinary Minister: Steve Forsythe, Norene
Leonard, Kathy Neiner, Tom Donze

Ushers: Jay Ellis, Gerald Hulsey, Jack Neiner,
Scott Watson

Servers: Wade Rariden, Clare Rariden, Nora Jannin

9:00 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Charlotte VanderBol

Extraordinary Minister: Cheryl Gibson, Jimmy Gibson,
Kay Schmid, Mitch Fuemmeler

Ushers: Dylan Kelso, Cindy Kelso, Zach Kelso, John
Podolak

Servers: Jackson Goodson, Lucas Berkbigler, Trey
Berkbigler

Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

10:30 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington

Lector: Pam Aiello

Extraordinary Minister: Risha Gaines, Lee Schwent,
Katie Schwent, Mandy Whitener

Ushers: John Bieser, Tim Maloney, Mike Ward
Cory Wolff

Servers: Kennedy Hubbard, Harrison Jaycox, Lillian
Jaycox

Cantor: Rita Boyd

Monday, December 8, 2025

Sacristans

Brenda Donze,
Linda Gillespie, Karen Jones,
Norene Leonard

Money Counters

Jane Eck, Kathy Thompson,
Anne Crawford,
Shirley Bieser

Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8

7:00 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mike Burch
Lector: Kevin Schmid
Extraordinary Minister: Dotty Bach, Charlie Dill, Marge Dill, Tom Donze
Ushers: Ed Brow, Brenda Donze, Clifford Gerstner, Jim Gerwitz

8:00 am Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Byington
Lector: Susan Stroud
Extraordinary Minister: Shirley Bieser, Risha Gaines, Rob Grindel, Nikkie Sheets
Ushers: Tim Maloney, Tom Hill, John Bieser
Servers: Lucas Berkbigler, John Maloney, Wesson Sheets
Cantor: Rita Boyd

5:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine

Lector: Betty Vogt
Extraordinary Minister: Peggy Adams & Lisa Cartee
Offertory Bearers: Mike & Linda Hagan

7:00 pm Mass

Deacon: Deacon Mark Doré
Lector: Chad Speakar
Extraordinary Minister: Mark Halter, Jill Patton, Helen Thurman, John Thurman
Ushers: Cindy Kelso, Dylan Kelso, Amy Martin, Chris Martin
Servers: Mazie Bach, Trey Berkbigler, Harrison Jaycox
Cantor: Tom Berkbigler

Spiritual Growth Life

Nightly Rosary

Every Night @ 6:30 pm
Call 727-731-5659

Weekly Rosary

Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday **First Friday of the Month**
8:30 am - 5:30 pm 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

First Saturday Rosary

First Saturday Each Month @ 8:00 am in front of the school

First Saturday Mass

First Saturday Each Month @ 8:30 am

Staff

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