

The Epiphany of the Lord • January 8, 2017

ST. JOSEPH'S



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Parish Office

Hours..... Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
(Summer 9:00 am-2:00 pm)

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Lord's Day

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

Holy Day..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

New Parishioners and Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the parish, please contact the office so we may greet you properly. There are also Welcome Packets available in the Gathering Space.

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Christmas on Skates

Epiphany is when we add the figures of the magi to the nativity scene. The setting up of the manger began in the Italian town of Greccio. Saint Francis of Assisi wanted to recall the poverty in which Jesus was born, so he asked that Christmas Mass be celebrated in a cave, where he used a table as an altar. He decorated it with straw, bringing a mule and an ox to the Christmas Mass. While Francis was preaching, the Baby Jesus appeared on the straw. Since then, Italians have used figures of the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, and animals to decorate their churches for Christmas. In 1448, the Italian crèches arrived at Spanish churches. In the eighteenth century King Carlos III gave his son a crèche and the use of the Christmas crèche extended to Spanish homes. The use of the manger scene has since then reached the American continent, where it has become a principal decoration for Christmas feasts.

The Bethlehem scene is also prominent in the Christmas feasts of Venezuela. In addition to the crèche we find gifts, parties, Masses, and skates. Yes, skates! Since the 1950s, Venezuelans celebrate the Christmas season with skating parties. These skating parties take place in the morning, and many streets are closed until 8 a.m. so that the young can enjoy the skates and other toys that the Christ Child gave them on the Day of the Three Kings. Many children sleep with a string tied to their big toe. They hang the string out the window so that those who pass by skating will pull the string, inviting them to get up and skate. Christmas and Epiphany should wake us Christians up, inviting us to participate in the life of the King who was born amid the hay of poverty and humility.

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Stewardship & Administration

Parish Finance Council

Ron Lind (Chair), George Anichini, Dan Lamar, Jon Lehmkuhler, Michelle Marietta, Ron Morelock, Jeff Newman, Michele Thomas

Financial Stewardship

Christmas Envelopes	\$14,429.00
Christmas Electronic Giving	1,320.00
Christmas Youth Envelopes	11.00
Christmas Loose	1,418.43
Total	\$17,178.43

Last Week Envelopes	\$21,103.00
Electronic Giving	2,900.00
Youth Envelopes	0.00
Last Week Loose.....	277.00
Total	\$24,280.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$10,000.00
YTD Weekly Collection Budget	\$10,000.00
YTD Weekly Collection Actual	\$24,280.00

Thanks for your good stewardship.



Stewardship of Our Youth

Children of St. Joseph, we know you did a lot of good deeds over the holidays. Please share them with us!

Stewardship Prayer Corner

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

Support Religious Communities

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priest have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Parish Winter Closings

When Lebanon Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will be closed. If a Boone County Winter Snow Emergency is declared, all parish liturgies and activities (including Mass) will be cancelled. Parish closings will be announced on the local ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC networks.

Leadership Night

The next Leadership Night is Monday, January 9 following the 6:00 pm Mass. If you are looking for a way to become more involved in the parish, join us!!

Thank you for all the concerns, cards, thoughts and prayers during Ross's illness and passing.

*Sincerely,
Phyllis Neese*



Formation

Religious Education

Preschool - 5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:40 am

First Sacrament Class

January 11 6:00 pm Parents Only

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays from 9:30-10:40 am in the St. Aloysius Room

LIFE TEEN High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the St. Gregory Room

January 15 Magisterium

Confirmation Session begins with 11:00 am Mass and
will continue in the St. Gregory the Great Room from
12:00-2:00 pm

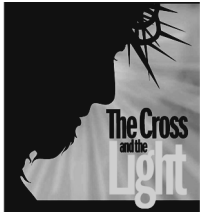
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Come and See" Inquiry into the Catholic Faith

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How does the Catholic Church help people to follow Jesus in everyday life? Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our faith community...or would you just like to ask some questions? Then you are invited to "come and see" inquiry into the Catholic faith, which is held in the St. Aloysius Room on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. For more information, you may call the Parish Office (765-482-5558).



The Cross and the Light

The parishes of the Carmel Deanery are hosting a powerful, modern, musical performance of the Passion of Christ on March 10-12, 2017 at Carmel High School for five performances. Teens from St. Joseph's who wish to attend National Catholic Youth Conference will benefit from each ticket sold from our parish. Video clips are available by searching Cross and the Light. Tickets

are \$20 and \$25 per person and \$175 VIP tickets that include a post-performance gathering with the cast at Agave restaurant and a framed print. Contact Norma in the Parish Office for more information.

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Life Teen Lock in

High school teens will be locked into St. Joseph on Saturday, January 21. Attend 4:30 pm Mass then check-in beginning at 5:30-9:30 pm. Friends are welcome. All teens need a signed permission slip available on the parish website. The cost is a snack and drink to share.

Retreats All Around

Any high school teen interested in attending Destination Jesus, February 17-19, contact Norma. This area high school retreat is held at Guerin High School. Sleeping areas are at area churches and schools. Forms must be in turned in by January 18 in order to attend. Cost is \$85.00 which includes registration, t-shirt, snacks each night, all meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday.

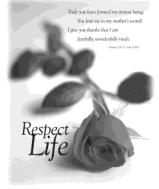
Any High School Senior wishing to attend Christian Awakening, January 13-16, please contact Norma this week. This four day retreat will open your eyes and heart to what God is calling you to consider before you leave home. Location is now at Sonrise, Anderson, IN.

Outreach

Pro-Life Corner

Please pray the following prayer every day for an end to abortion and for the unborn babies...*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

-Prayer of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Pro-Life Notes

"The primary moral judgement on candidates and their positions is to be made in the light of their concern for protecting human life from conception to natural death." *Cardinal Francis George*

Post-Abortion Healing & Reconciliation

Project Rachael, a post-abortion healing ministry, offers confidential and skilled help. Call 1-877-522-3300.

Did You Know?

There are several people who go each Friday to abortion clinics to pray? If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the Parish Office.

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Distribution

During the month of January, St Vincent de Paul will be collecting CEREAL. The items may be placed in the collection box in the Gathering Space. The next food distribution is Saturday, January 21. Volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to those who make the food distributions possible.

Parish Life

Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm the Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall. Discussion will include the upcoming reception for the dedication of the new organ and the upcoming Rummage Sale and scheduling. All women of the parish are members of this group. Come join us to find about these and other projects we do to support the parish.

Parish Breakfast



Join us on Sunday, January 22 after the 8:00 am Mass for a Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from this breakfast will support the Culture of Life.

Women's Club Rummage Sale

The Women's Club Rummage Sale will be held on January 26, 27, and 28. Donations are greatly appreciated (**no electronics, please**). Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall after Masses on Sunday, January 22 and each day through January 25.

Parish Calendar

This year's Parish Calendar is available to you on the round table in the gathering space. A free-will donation to help cover printing costs and to benefit those attending NCYC can be placed in the envelope provided. Please be sure to read the back cover for the 2018 calendar. Blessings for a wonderful 2017. St. Joseph's Life Teen.

Thank you for all the food, cards, thoughts and prayers that I have received from my St. Joseph family during construction on my house.

May God bless you!

John Spitznogle

Worship

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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This Week in the Parish

Monday, January 9 • The Baptism of the Lord

6:00 pm Mass for †Dick Hasser (K Metzger)

7:00 pm "Come & See" Inquiry in St. Aloysius Room

7:00 pm Young Adults in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

7:00 pm Leadership Night

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 am Mass for †Joan Silvis (R Kidwell & K Gordner)

1:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

6:00 pm Finance Council in St. Gregory Room

Wednesday, January 11

Parish Office Closed

12:00 pm Mass for Jerry Smith (W & S Peycha)

6:00 pm First Sacrament Class—Parents Only

7:00 pm Women's Club in Parish Hall

7:00 pm RCIA Team Meeting in St. Aloysius Room

Thursday, January 12

10:00 am Mass for †John Fisher (A Albaugh)

Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass

Friday, January 13 • Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Mass for John McCall (St. Joseph Parish)

Saturday, January 14

7:30 am Cursillo in St. Aloysius Room

9:00 am Mass for †Russell Troy (B Booms)

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass for †Blanche Susong (St. Joseph Parish)

Sunday, January 15 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Jo Ann Fischer (St. Joseph Parish)

9:30 am Religious Education & Registration

9:30 am Middle School Youth Ministry

9:30 am RCIA in St. Gregory Room

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal in St. Cecilia Room

11:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Roy Wood (L Klar)

Dismissal Catechist: Bonnie Hoffman & Lona Lucas

Worship

Pray For... Celeste Trippel, Tom Mrozinski, Tara Kelley, Gary Davis, Tyler Hornbeck & Family, Jim Powell, Jean Stevens, Anne Wood, Sheri & James Miller, Jack Conway, Mary Kelley



...parishioners and their loved ones who are serving in the military, law enforcement & emergency personnel ...

If you have someone you would like the parish to pray for, please ask for their permission, and then contact the Parish Office or place a note in the collection basket. We will include their name in this box for a period of one month.

If a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 482-5558 to arrange for Communion to be brought to them. Thank you.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, January 21. This Sacrament is offered to all of those suffering from serious physical illness, to the elderly burdened with infirmities of age, and to anyone about to undergo surgery.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of



Barbara Suiter, mother of Steven Suiter, who passed away on December 21, 2016, Filipa Ruiz, mother of Eloisa Nunley who passed away December 22, 2016, Carolyn Lamar, mother of Dan Lamar, who passed away December 23, 2016 and Martha Endres Jackman who passed away December 27, 2016.

May they rest in peace and may their families and loved ones be comforted during this difficult time.

Area News

Personal Retreat Day

Take some time away to spend with yourself and God. Rest, relax, read, walk the Labyrinth, pray, just BE! It's your day to spend as structured or unstructured as you need. Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 9:00 am—4:00 pm. For more information call 317-788-7581 or email benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

6th Annual Girls' Night out: Women Helping Women

One woman can change anything, many women can change everything. Girls' Night Out is back again this year with even more fun! This year we are supporting the Beacon of Hope and their work against domestic violence.

A "must-go" girlfriend even with free mini manicures, fun girly photo shoots, massage, dessert bar, jewelry making, door prizes and much more! Be a part of our circle of women as we help in a small way to empower women. For more information call 317-788-7581.



Congratulations to Brian and Amber Starr on the baptism of their son, Thomas David Starr on December 30, 2016.