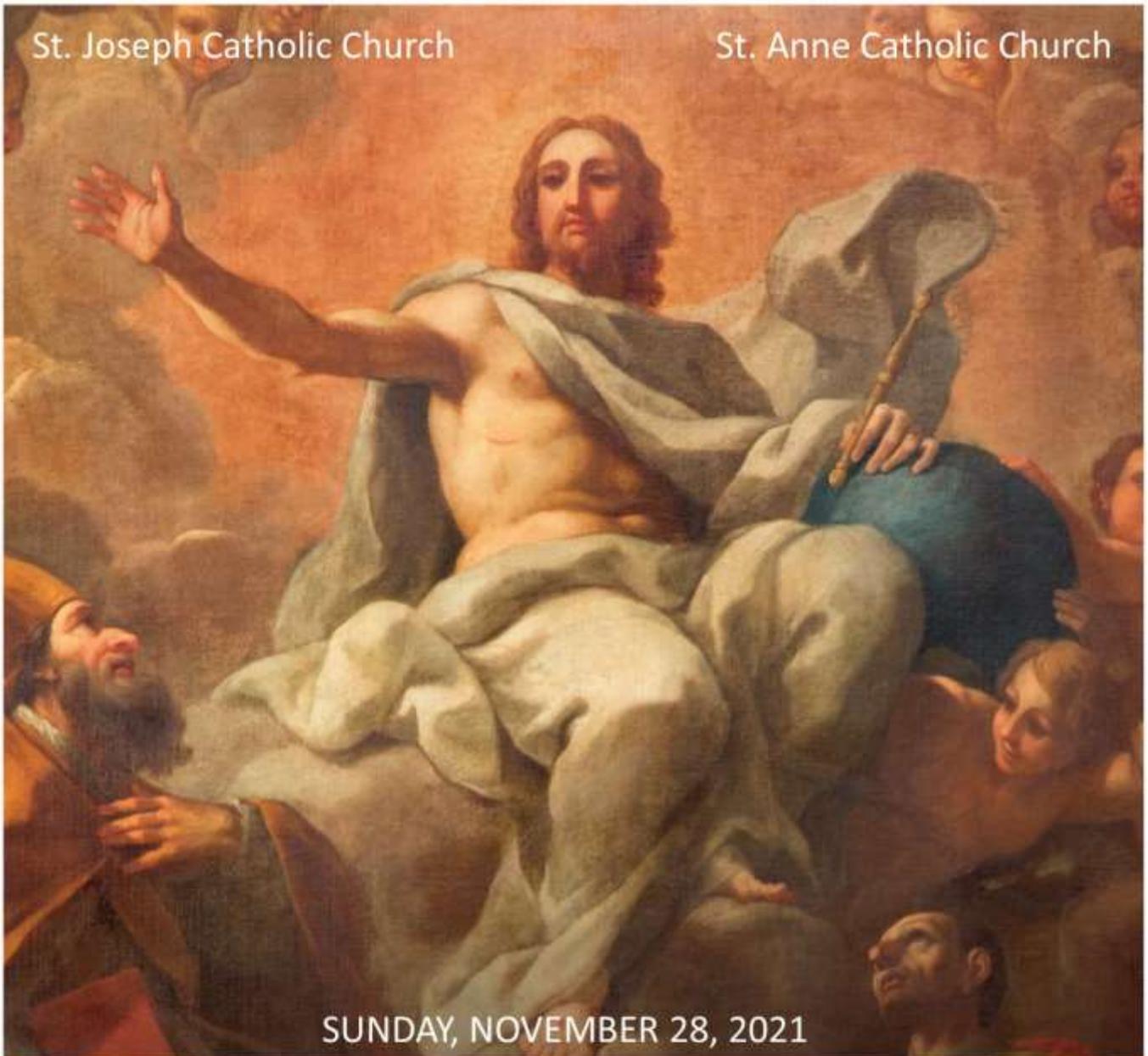


St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Anne Catholic Church



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	29	8:00 a.m.	Priest Intention
Tues.	30	8:00 a.m.	Massmann Family
Wed.	01	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Palazzolo
Thur.	02	8:00 a.m.	McKenna Templeton
Fri.	03	8:00 a.m.	Mike Lukachick
Sat.	04	4:00 p.m.	Poor Souls
Sun.	05	10:00 a.m.	Eunice Poston
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	
<b>SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM</b>	<i>December 4, 2021</i>
Lector	Patricia Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Char Gestring Margie Candelaria
Altar Servers	Volunteer
Ushers/Greeters	J. House, S. Mullins
<b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	
<b>SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM</b>	<i>December 5, 2021</i>
Lector	Pam Schwartz
Eucharistic Ministers	Marcy Mueller Deborah Pace
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers/Greeters	J. Pace, P. Venable
<b>ST. ANNE</b>	
<b>SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM</b>	<i>December 5, 2021</i>
Lector	Maggie Carr
Eucharistic Ministers	Kenneth Knobbe
Altar Servers	Richard Broome
Ushers/Greeters	J. Rokan, S. Folle

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 Eucharistic Adoration: Third Tuesday of the Month  
 Mass Schedule:  
 Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)  
 Saturdays: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent confession opportunities will be offered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at:



**St. Joseph Church, Bonne Terre - Thursday, December 9, 2021, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and in the evening 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday, December 16, 2021 in the evening 6:30 p.m. –**

**7:30 p.m.**

St. Joseph Church, 10 N. Long Street, Farmington on Friday, December 10, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



The Advent Wreath has its origins in Germany in the sixteenth century. The wreath - a circle of evergreen symbolizing God's eternal love-holds four candles, three violet and one pink.

Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy is lit on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of the season. As we light the four candles one by one, we're reminded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the Light of the World and the Sun of Justice.



## Christmas Mass Schedule St. Joseph Church St. Anne Church

**12/24 Friday**  
**Christmas Eve** 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph -  
 Blessing of the Crèche  
Midnight Mass St. Joseph

**12/25 Saturday**  
**Christmas Day** 8:00 a.m. St. Anne -  
 Blessing of the Crèche  
 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph

## Your Gift to God

November 20 & 21, 2021

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,482.00	\$1,477.00
<b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>	51.00	170.00
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	147.00	20.00
<b>Camp. Human Develop</b>	185.00	170.00

2020-21 Budgeted Amounts  
 Envelopes/Loose  
 St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804  
 for 52 weeks

**1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021**

## ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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Church Cleaning Team #3 – Jane Schmidt

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### myParish App



Advent

We have added two special Advent Reflections buttons (weekly video and daily inspiration reflections) which make available spiritual encouragement each day of this holy season. Also available is the “Blessing of an Advent Wreath” prayer which can be found by accessing the *Prayers* button on your app on your smart phone.

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### Women’s Day of Recollection – December 5, 2021

You are invited to attend a Women’s Day of Recollection hosted by the Ladies of St. Joseph on December 5, 2021, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. Father French will be our speaker.

Please RSVP by **November 29, 2021**, in order that we might plan for the preparation of the lunch. There are reservation boxes in the front and back of St. Joseph Church or you may drop your reservation in the collection basket. Ladies of St. Anne, please put your reservation in the collection basket. For further information or RSVP, please call Margie Candelaria at 573.315.7208 or St. Joseph Rectory at 573.358.2112.

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### Chicken & Dumpling Dinners



The Knights of Columbus Chicken & Dumpling Dinners will be available on **Thursday, December 2, 2021**, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at our meeting hall, 7897 Berry

Road. The menu includes: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce and a selection of Desserts. Carry-out orders only. Adults: \$8.00 Children: \$4.00 \*6 to 10 years\*.

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### IRA Charitable Rollover

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 or older, you can distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from your IRA account to benefit St. Joseph Church/St. Anne Church. With an increased standard tax deduction, fewer people will itemize, preventing many from deducting their charitable contributions.

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors – even those who take the standard deduction – to enjoy tax benefits by contributing to St. Joseph Church/St. Anne Church. For details on contributing to St. Joseph Church/St. Anne Church with an IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation at 314.918.2393.

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**Bingo** November 18, 2021

Gross Receipts: \$2,020.00; Players: 84

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - November 28, 2021

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life’s demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord’s directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there’ll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don’t. We’re on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn’t “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don’t miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

## Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

### What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

### How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

### How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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