

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

**CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH  
AND ST. ANNE**

# SALVATION



*“All flesh shall see the  
salvation of God.”*

LUKE 3:6

## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

| <i>Intentions</i> |    |            |                         |
|-------------------|----|------------|-------------------------|
| Mon.              | 06 | 8:00 a.m.  | Priest Intention        |
| Tues.             | 07 | 8:00 a.m.  | Al Blume                |
| Wed.              | 08 | 8:00 a.m.  | Michael Rozier          |
| (SJ)              | 08 | 6:00 p.m.  | Parish Family           |
| Thur.             | 09 | 8:00 a.m.  | Leo Ogolini             |
| Fri.              | 10 | 8:00 a.m.  | The Broome Family       |
| Sat.              | 11 | 4:00 p.m.  | Rosener/Mouser Families |
| Sun.              | 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Wilma Wann              |
| (SA)              |    | 8:00 a.m.  | Parish Family           |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| <b>ST. JOSEPH</b>              |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM</b> | <b>December 11, 2021</b> |
| Lector                         | Patricia Murphy          |
| Eucharistic Ministers          | Char Gestring            |
| Altar Servers                  | Volunteer                |
| Ushers/Greeters                | J. House, S. Mullins     |
| <b>ST. JOSEPH</b>              |                          |
| <b>SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM</b>  | <b>December 12, 2021</b> |
| 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>   | <b>December 12, 2021</b> |
| Lector                         | Maggie Carr              |
| Eucharistic Ministers          | Kenneth Knobbe           |
| Altar Servers                  | Richard Broome           |
| Ushers/Greeters                | J. Rokan, S. Folle       |

## St. Joseph Catholic Church St. Anne Catholic Church

Pastor: Rev. James A. Holbrook  
 Deacon Rev. Mr. Don Kintz  
 Deacon Rev. Mr. Don Schmitt (Ret)  
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 Website: [www.saintjosephchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephchurch.org)  
 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, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## December 8, 2021

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at **8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at St. Joseph Church.** This is a holy day of obligation.



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

**12/24 Friday**

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m. St. Joseph - Blessing of the Crèche**

**11:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata  
Presentation by St. Joseph Choir  
Followed by  
Midnight Mass at St. Joseph**

**12/25 Saturday**

**Christmas Day**

**8:00 a.m. St. Anne - Blessing of the Crèche  
10:00 a.m. St. Joseph**

**Please note there will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25, 2021.**

## Your Gift to God

*November 27 & 28, 2021*

|                              | <i>St. Joseph</i> | <i>St. Anne</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Envelopes</b>             | \$2,872.00        | \$497.00        |
| <b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>   | 139.00            |                 |
| <b>Immaculate Conception</b> | 25.00             |                 |
| <b>Camp. Human Develop</b>   | 10.00             | 50.00           |
| <b>Church Restoration</b>    | 145.00            |                 |

## 2020-21 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose

St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804  
for 52 weeks

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021**

## ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

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Church Cleaning Team #4 – Diana & Deacon Don Kintz

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### **[saintjosephchurch.org](http://saintjosephchurch.org)**

This Advent season, please visit [www.saintjosephchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephchurch.org) to view our website for our parishes. We have added an Advent Reflections module on the home page which will update daily during the Advent season with reflections from Bishop Barron via his Word on Fire ministry.

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### **Women's Day of Recollection – December 5, 2021 TODAY**

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 today. Father French will be our speaker.

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### **Dynamic Catholic, Alive!**

We should be grateful that we have been baptized and claimed for Christ. The Holy Spirit has come into our hearts and Christ has washed away the stain of original sin. As a result, we are able to enter into heaven and attain union with God in eternal beatitude (CCC 1213-1216). The work is not done, though. We still suffer from concupiscence, our natural inclination to sin, and must face trials and temptations in our spiritual journey of life. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit guides us to repent and to turn away from our sins. He enables us to accept our adoption as sons and daughters of God who walk in the light of Christ. What is holding you back from fully embracing your status as a child of God? How can you more fully repent and experience the grace of God working in your life? [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

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### **Thomas Merton – Thoughts in Solitude**

On the Feast of Thomas Merton, December 10, we remember, celebrate, and give thanks for the life and resurrection of Thomas Merton.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I think I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 5, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©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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