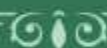




# CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH AND ST. ANNE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon. SJ	12/25	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Mon SA	12/25	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Fr. French
Tues.	12/26	8:00 a.m.	Sarah E. Eaton
Wed.	12/27	8:00 a.m.	Pete Hoelzel
Thurs.	12/28	8:00 a.m.	Pat Creech
Fri.	12/29	8:00 a.m.	Coffey & Snead Families
Sat.	12/30	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	12/31	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Sun SA	12/31	8:00 a.m.	George Bange

## CONFESSIONS

### St. Joseph

Sat. 3:15-3:45 p.m.

### St. Anne

Sun. 7:30 a.m.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### ST. JOSEPH

#### SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM December 30, 2023

Lector	Patricia Murphy
Extraordinary Minister	Margie Candelaria
Altar Server	Carolyn Rhodes
Ushers/Greeters	J. Rosener, Volunteer LaVerne Carrow

### ST. JOSEPH

#### SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM December 31, 2023

Lector	Pam Schwartz
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Pace, M. AuBuchon
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers/Greeters	M/M Charles Isgrig John Pace, Volunteer

### ST. ANNE

#### SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM December 31, 2023

Lector	Patty Ford
Extraordinary Minister	Kenneth Knobbe
Altar Server	Richard Broome
Gift Bearers (Month of Dec.)	M. Carr & J. Schmidt
Ushers/Greeters	J. Rokan & S. Folle

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

## St. Anne Catholic Church

Pastor: Rev. Rodger Fleming

Senior Assoc. Pastor (part-time): Rev. Vincent Nyman

Deacon Rev. Mr. Don Kintz

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Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: First Tuesday of the Month



## Christmas Joy

Fr. Rodger Fleming, Fr. Vince Nyman, and Deacon Don Kintz, and the Pastoral Staff wish you and your loved ones a holy and joyous Christmas and holiday season.



*Our thanks to everyone who enables us to have a Blessed Christmas celebration this year. To our Singers and Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, Decorators, Cleaners - our appreciation. We are especially grateful to those at both St. Joseph and St. Anne, who shared so many wonderful Christmas gifts and cards. Thanks very much!*

Fr. Rodger Fleming, Fr. Vince Nyman & Deacon Don Kintz



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

12/24 Sunday

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass St. Joseph -  
Blessing of the Crèche

**The Choir will begin singing 30 min prior to 10pm Mass**

10:00 p.m. Mass St. Joseph

12/25 Monday

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

**Bingo—** 12/14/2023 Gr Receipts:\$1,459; Players:76

## Your Gift to God December 9 & 10, 2023

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$3,849.00	\$805.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00	
Christmas Offering	45.00	
Christmas Flowers	35.00	
Seminary	20.00	

### 2023 Budgeted Amounts

#### Envelopes/Loose

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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2023

**ST. ANNE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

Church Cleaning Team #4 – Diana & Deacon Don Kintz

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**Parish Council Member Needed**

We want to thank Rich Broome for his service on the Parish Council for Ste. Anne. Rich has decided to step aside from his service on the Parish Council, so we will need to fill this position. If you are interested in being on the Parish Council or would like to nominate someone to be on the Parish Council, please contact the parish office and let Bernie Burle know. If the person nominated accepts the nomination, then their name will be placed in the drawing. Nominations will be taken through Friday, January 26, 2024. The replacement will be picked out of a hat and announced on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Peace,

Fr. Fleming

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**Christmas Day Collection for Seminary**

This Christmas, please pray for vocations and for all our priests and our seminarian, Jax Byington. We also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Special Collection on Christmas Day, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis.

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**Missionary Discipleship – Fourth Sunday of Advent -**

*Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). This is one of the most beautiful lines in Scripture. It conveys to us the total surrender and power of obedience to God’s will in our lives. Because of Mary’s *fiat*, the Savior entered the world to save us from our sins and to bring us back to God.

As we celebrate Christmas tomorrow, let us do so in the spirit of joy, welcoming the humble Christ-child into our hearts once more and asking Him to conform our hearts to His most sacred heart. In this joyful time, let us show love, kindness, and mercy to our loved ones who have fallen away and never lose hope in their return home. The angel Gabriel tells us, “For nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37). May God bless you and your family this Christmas! Venite adoremus Dominum



Please welcome into our Faith community through Baptism Alexander Gabriel Biermann, son of Alexander and Hanna Biermann.

*“May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.” Psalm 91:11*

December 24, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don’t trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don’t think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, “But she was greatly troubled at what was said.” An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God’s presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It’s about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord’s messenger say to us what he said to Mary, “Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.” — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Please welcome into our Faith community through Baptism Saphira Boschenreither, and Michael Boschenreither, children of Austin &

Allyssa Boschenreither

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**Thank You!**



Many thanks to Charlie Isgrig and Harry Ratcliff who completely rebuilt the deck off the sacristy. We are very appreciative of their carpentry and expertise which enables us to have a safe walk through deck to the sacristy.

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**Thank You!**

Thank you for your wonderful response to our Twelve Days of Christmas food donation campaign for the Food Pantry. Your generosity is very much appreciated by the needy of our community.



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