

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH AND ST. ANNE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	01/01	No Mass	(Not a Holyday)
Tues.	01/02	8:00 a.m.	Ronnie Twitty
Wed.	01/03	8:00 a.m.	Sudie Missey
Thurs.	01/04	8:00 a.m.	Jake Taylor
Fri.	01/05	8:00 a.m.	G, T. & M. Miller
Sat.	01/06	4:00 p.m.	Sudie Missey
Sun.	01/07	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Sun SA	01/07	8:00 a.m.	Emily Kersting

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 January 6, 2024

Lector	Char Gestring
Extraordinary Minister	David Brickler
Altar Server	Carolyn Rhodes
Ushers/Greeters	J. Rosener, L. Carrow Volunteers

ST. JOSEPH

SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM January 7, 2024

Lector	Chris Willette
Extraordinary Ministers	M. AuBuchon, M. Mueller
Altar Server	Deborah Pace
Ushers/Greeters	T. Willette, G. Stanley P. DeGonia, C. Vessell

ST. ANNE

SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM January 7, 2024

Lector	Maggie Carr
Extraordinary Minister	Richard Broome
Altar Servers	MK & A. McDowell
Gift Bearers (Month of Jan.)	Fred & Diane Schnable
Ushers/Greeters	V. Bender, R. Byington

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



May Christ bless and shower love and happiness upon you and your families in the New Year.

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

A Prayer for the New Year

*God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.
Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.
Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears
have made. IgnatianSpirituality.com – Loyola Press*

Bingo— 12/21/2023 Gr Receipts:\$2,657;Players: 95

Your Gift to God December 23-25, 2023

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$14,339.00	\$1,722.00
St. Vincent de Paul	80.00	180.00
Seminary	1,175.00	340.00
Christmas	805.00	236.00

2023 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 31, 2023

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

The First Saturday Devotion will take place at Saint Anne's Church on Saturday, January 6. The Rosary and 15 minute meditation start at 8:30 AM followed by Holy Mass at 9 AM then breakfast. Please consider making the resolution to complete the 5 First Saturdays in the New Year in order to comply with Our Lady's request and to bring peace to the world.

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Ann Folle and Jean Hejlek

Missionary Discipleship – Spiritual Leadership

Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility and obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God's will for us and our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray. archstl.org

Jesus in the Eucharist

Nothing will transform your life quite like a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. When we encounter Jesus, he changes us in powerful and unexpected ways. He heals us, brings us peace and clarity, models how to relate with others, and teaches us the lessons we need to learn to navigate the everyday situations of our lives. In the Eucharist we meet with the same Jesus who healed the blind, forgave sins, and rose from the dead. The world needs the healing and hope only Jesus can provide. He is waiting in the Eucharist to transform families, Churches, communities, and the culture as a whole. And all of that begins with your own life-changing encounter with Him. Excerpt *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**, and conclude with Benediction at 10 a.m.



Chicken & Dumpling Dinners

The Knights of Columbus Chicken & Dumpling Dinners will be available on **Thursday, January 4, 2024** 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*.

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



We very much appreciate the "Christmas Flower" donations from our St. Joseph and St. Anne parishioners which enabled us to decorate our sacred space with beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season.

Fall Festival Meeting

(weather permitting)

Join us for an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM in the meeting room. We encourage new ideas.

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