

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass** – 4 pm  
 Rosary prayed – 3:30 pm  
 Sundays – **Mass** – 10 am  
 Tues. – Fri. – **Mass** – 8 am (rectory chapel);  
 Rosary prayed at 7:30 am  
 Dec 11 – 12 – **Special Collection – Retired Religious**  
 Dec 12 – **CCD** – 9 am  
**Parish Pot Luck Christmas Dinner**  
 Dec 15 – **RCIA** – 6 pm  
 Dec 24 – **Vigil Mass for Christmas** – 4 pm  
 Dec 25 – **Mass** – 4 pm

Please pick up your calendar, Advent devotion book, and 2022 envelopes which are available in the back of the church. If you wish to use envelopes, but have not been assigned a number, please write your name on the list and the number of the box you will be using.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Regularly scheduled business meeting for the month of December has been cancelled.

PARISH POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary will host the Parish Pot Luck Christmas Dinner following Mass today.

JERRY LEE'S RECEIPTS PROGRAM

WAYNE LEE'S BUCKS BACK TO SCHOOLS

RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please save and bring in the eligible receipts as you do your holiday grocery shopping and place them in the containers in the back of the church.

Kick off carnival season with a signature Mardi Gras red beans and rice lunch to benefit **Shannon Massey**. Lunch plates include red beans and rice, cornbread, and dessert for \$10. Eat in or carry out available on **January 9** at St. Joseph Parish Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. Accepting donations to purchase supplies, individually wrapped cornbread and desserts. Also looking for cooks to make pots of red beans and rice. All proceeds will go towards traveling expenses for Shannon's medical care. Tickets may be purchased from Susan Stachowski at Mass or electronically using venmo@susan-stachowski.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

During the school year our parish donations of easy mac and cheese are needed weekly to assist this local ministry. You may also make a monetary donation by noting **Backpack Buddies** on your check.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Next scheduled Saturday sale will be on **December 18** from 8 am till 12 noon.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Dec 18** – Team #1 – Nicole Blackburn, Cynthia Grierson, Evelyn Massey and Patty Waters

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – Vigil Mass 6 pm – St. Ann  
 Sundays – Mass 8 am – St. Ann  
 CCD – 9:15 – 10:15 am  
**Dec 12** – SVDP meeting – 9:15 am  
**Dec 22** – Advent Penance Service – 7 pm  
**Dec 24** – Vigil of Christmas – 6 pm  
**Dec 25** – Mass – 6 pm

Confessions – 30 minutes before each Mass

**Christmas Meal bag** - Each year the families of St. Ann's open their hearts and pantries by assisting families that might otherwise not have a Christmas meal. Please return these items by **December 12 (TODAY)**.

**CYO** has adopted two very needy children for Christmas. Please see Jessica Goff if you would like to share a blessing with them.

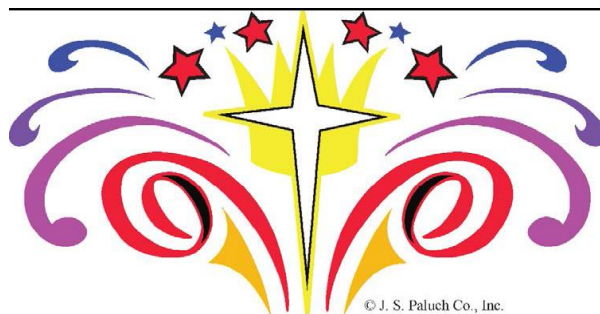
Big thanks to all who helped in various ways for the successful grand celebrations at St. Ann last Sunday.

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who made our welcome back celebration possible. It was so wonderful to see a packed church.

We need your HELP!!!

Our Church has been asked to help a needy family that won't have Christmas without a little extra help.

This is a family in addition to the two angels the CYO has adopted. If you can help us make Christmas possible for this family, please see Tiffany Bosarge or Jeremy Goff.



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**Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are available in the church.** You may donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. These names will be printed in a special Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection. The final date for submitting names to be included will be next Sunday, **December 19th**.

## REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

## O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Will break the captive fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.  
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

### COLLECTIONS for December 4 - 5

#### ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,653.00  
Building Fund – \$ 300.00  
Children's Offertory – \$ 4.00  
Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 630.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy – \$ 558.00  
Retired Religious – \$ 10.00  
Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 1,306; Building - \$ 62

#### ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 2,052.00  
Building Fund – \$ 85.00  
Children's Offertory – \$ 15.00  
Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 105.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy – \$ 362.00  
Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 200.00

### SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

#### HELP AGING RELIGIOUS

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous in giving to this weekend's special collection.



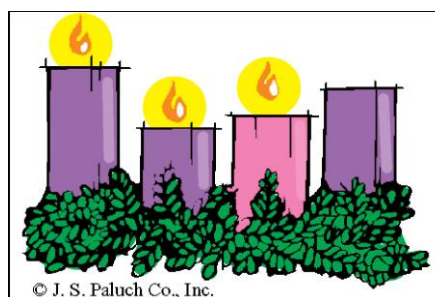
Saturday – 4 p.m. – Emery Elder (RIP)  
6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr.  
Sunday – 8 a.m. – People of the Parish  
10 a.m. – Lee Roy Wainwright (RIP)  
Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Catherine Brown (RIP)  
Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Ollie Brown (RIP)  
Thursday – 8 a.m. – June Anglin (RIP)  
Friday – 8 a.m. – Bill Powers (RIP)

**MASS REQUESTS** – If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the intention of a loved one, a special occasion, or a deceased friend or family member, envelopes are available in the vestibule or you may call or mail your request to the parish office. A ten-dollar donation is suggested.



*Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.*

Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Glenda Jackson, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Inge Bellone, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Roun McNeal, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Earl Laiche, Darlene Slater, Frank and Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, Betty Bodden, Juanelle Goff, Jo Powers, Margaret Saux, Denny Denmark, Billy Rayner, Charles Pinkney, Jimmy and Edie Lockhart, Jill Jordan, Fran Bacak, our homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, Nick O'Bryant, all retired religious, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.



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