

Come let us
Adore
Him

**St. Joseph Church &
Immaculate Conception Mission**

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**The Epiphany of The Lord
January 07th, 2024**



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Schedule of Liturgies:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM St. Joseph

Sun: 9:00AM Immaculate Conception

11:00AM St. Joseph

Weekday Mass at St. Joseph - 10:00 am

Sacrament of Penance

St. Joseph - 4:00 - 4:45 Saturday

Immaculate Conception - 8:15 - 8:45 Sunday

Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage

Please call the parish office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Confessions available during adoration

Holy Rosary prayed before weekend Masses



A Pius Perspective

Today we rejoice in the manifestation of Jesus, our Lord, to the gentiles, and tomorrow, we will celebrate another epiphany, as our Blessed Lord is baptized in the waters of the river Jordan

Christ went into the river, and as John poured water over Him, the water itself was sanctified. Water was made holy, and would become for all time, an instrument of salvation.

The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus as a dove, and the voice of our Almighty and Eternal Father rang out: "You are my Beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Even to our own day, this same Holy Spirit descends in the pouring forth of baptismal waters.

The Holy Gospel promises that Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. Through this sacramental stream of grace, we have been made one in Christ: priests, prophets and kings; offering acceptable sacrifice to God, speaking His Holy Word to the world with spiritual authority, and claiming our royal inheritance of heavenly treasure without end.

We went down into the waters of Baptism with Christ, and we are raised with Him to new and everlasting life. Christ now lives in us. He now acts in our world through us. We were created by our almighty Father for the purpose of living in a relationship of love with Him, and now we are re-created so as to bring this divine hope to fruition.

Yes, our Blessed Lord Has buried our sinfulness in the waters of the river Jordan. The only problem is that we all-too-often go and dredge them up again!

But, we have hope; we have hope because the flow of sacramental grace continues to flow through Penance, Anointing and the Holy Eucharist, where we are reconciled with Christ, and our communion with God restored. Baptism is the beginning of our life of grace; its proper end, perfect and eternal union with God.

Mass Intentions

01/06 Saturday: Deceased Monk of Mount Angel Abbey

01/07 Sunday 9:00: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

01/07 Sunday 11:00: Parishioners of St. Joseph

01/09 Tuesday: Earl Messick r/b Jim & Rosie Hopkins

01/10 Wednesday: Marianne Horvat r/b Neal and Rhea Bernardy

01/11 Thursday: St. Joseph's Choir r/b Neal and Rhea Bernardy

01/12 Friday: Betty Hafferman r/b Mark Stelling

December 2023 Parish Financial Report

The total expenses are averaged in order to give a clearer picture of the monthly expenses.

Ordinary Offertory:

Immaculate Conception	2,979.95
St. Joseph	15,159.75

Building	9,323.00.
Misc.	1,398.80

Total Income:	\$ 22,852.32
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Average Monthly Exp.	\$ 16,843.02
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Net:	\$ 6,009.30
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*****Announcements*****

- **January 2024 is the month that St Joseph Parishioners** help provide food for **Libby Food Pantry**. The food pantry is a community organization run by volunteers and is supported by donations and grants. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours. If you wish to donate cash, please place it in the Sunday collection and designate your donation to Libby Food Pantry
- **Monday, January 8th The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** Mass schedule: Eureka @ 9:00 am, Troy @ 3:00 pm, Libby @ 6:00 pm
- **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament** Wednesday, January 10th @ 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's. Come adore the Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.. The Chaplet of Diving Mercy is prayed and the Sacrament of Penance is available. Benediction @ 7:00 pm.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA) January 11th @ 6:00 p.m:** Prayer Deepen our understanding of prayer; know that there are a variety of ways of praying; understand something of their style of prayer.
- **CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY** - Sunday, January 7th Feast of the Epiphany. Plan to join in at the Parish Hall, after the 11:00 am Mass. Join your fellow parishioners and enjoy coffee and a snack
- **Wine and Cheese Party & Parish Family Meeting**. Tuesday, January 30 in St. Joseph Parish Hall. We will enjoy assorted snacks and drinks while receiving a year-end financial report, a church renovation update, and a look forward to the Diocesan Capital Campaign. Bishop Vetter will join us via Zoom at 6:00pm. We hope all will be able to attend.
- **Parish Council / Financial Meeting** will be held on January 9th at 4:15 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Celebrate Fat Tuesday on February 13th** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's parish hall. Join us for Swedish pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, and water. Everyone is welcome!



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Regular Parish Meetings

Choir Practice - Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

KoC Business Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month

KoC Breakfast - Last Sunday of the Month

Bible Study - Every Sunday after mass in the Parish Hall - All are welcome! September to May

Breakfast - Immaculate Conception - 1st Sunday of the Month - after mass

Parish Ministry Contacts:

Lectors:

Kathy Huber - 295-9879

Music Ministry:

Rhea Bernardy 291-7777

Ushers:

Keith McBride 283-1129

Care Center Ministry:

Ruth Parker 360-540-2594

Prayer Chain:

Theresa Purdy - 295-7118

Mary Pfeifer - 291-3801

Bible Study:

Laurie & H Walsh - 293-3037

Parish Nurse

Deb Cirian - 916-2141

Sacraments:

Fr. Pius - 503-931-0060

Pastoral & Finance Joint Council

Pastoral Representatives:

Anita Dunnigan, Bgee Zimmerman,
Mandy Bell, Rhea Bernardy

Finance Representatives:

Chris Reichert, Leona LeRoy

Parish Organizations contact person:

St. Joseph Women's Group:

Ricki Yeager - 406-293-6980

Knights of Columbus:

Stephen Banich - 406-291-6497

Community Events and Resources

Libby Food Pantry - Open Tuesdays

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Emergency Numbers:

406-291-7777 & 406-334-1155