

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please help Janet Stoecklein's family celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday, December 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church basement. No gifts please. If you can't make it and would like to send a card her address is: 9622 Mile Corner Road, Pilot Grove, MO 65276.

7th Annual Kof C Card Tournament

January 13th beginning at Noon at Mike Schupp's shed. General and gun raffles will be held. See a Knight for tickets.

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Bulletin Items Deadline - Noon Wednesday

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are updating our bulletin, please contact the office for those you wish to add to the prayer list.

Avery Beach, John Templeton and Alexis Reuter

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession offered 20 minutes before each mass and by appointment.

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM: Fred Lammers & Christy Watring

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM: Mark Gerke

Tuesday, December 19

8:05 AM: Alice Gerke

Thursday, December 21

8:05 AM: John Lang & George Patterson

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM: Joe & Lorene Vollrath Family

Sunday, December 24

8:30 AM Virgil & Mary Lee Kliethermes

4:00 PM Charlie Young & Gary Oerly

6:00 PM Bobby Lorenz & Donnie Aggeler
(Clifton City)

Monday, December 25

8:00AM For the People (Clear Creek)

GIFTS AND GIVING REPORT

ENVELOPES	\$4,280.00
LOOSE	512.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	636.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	245.00
TOTAL	\$5,673.00

Formation Fun for Families

Have you ever sat down and tried to "read the Bible"? Most of us have no idea where to start. There are a lot of resources out there to help you, but this podcast by Father Mike Schmitz is a really great one that you can take with you wherever you go! Maybe this year your resolution can be to really grow in your faith by digging deeper into God's Word in the Bible! Subscribe in your favorite Podcast App.



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, FEATURING JEFF CARING



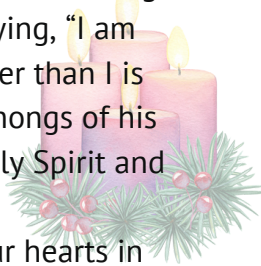
REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.
INDEED, THE LORD IS NEAR.

Advent Week 3: The candle is pink and represents Joy

The change in color reminds us we are at the midpoint of Advent and we are close to Christmas- the day of Jesus' birth.

Reading: Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:10-18

Prayer: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his love and become one with him when he comes in glory. Amen



SCHOOL NEWS

Principal - Mrs. Nichole Watring

Web site: www.stjosephcougars.com

Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and the 5th & 6th grades will have Mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!

1st Reconciliation

Our 2nd grade students will make their first reconciliation on Wednesday evening at the parish penance service. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin the next step in their faith.

Payton Chadwick, Jed Fenical, Alivia Ivy, Isla Kammerich, Jayce Lorenz, Stella Reuter, John Schuster, Will Schuster, Brock Shadwick, Greta Watring, and Boone Williams.

Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program is right around the corner! There will be performances on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:30 and 6:30.

Merry Christmas!

The faculty and staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great start to 2024!!

Upcoming School Events

12/19-Christmas Program 1:30 & 6:30

12/20- Penance Service 7:00 pm

12/21-1/3-No School

St. Joseph's Altar Sodality met December 5th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. President Mary Young called the meeting to order with 10 members present.

Our meeting continued with an opening prayer, reading the minutes from previous meeting, the treasurer's report, shut-in report and report of cards sent since our last meeting. Circle #8, Mary Young & Regina Reuter will visit next & report at our February meeting.

Donation was received from the Bob Felten family. We will put a notice in bulletin listing duties for circle leaders. We are still needing volunteers for circle leaders.

Motion made & seconded to accept the current slate of officers for year 2024. President: Mary Young, Vice-President: Linda Vollrath, Secretary: Diane Root & Treasurer: Terry Booker. Our next meeting is February 6th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Motion made to adjourn and meeting closed with prayer.

