

# JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001  
 Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003  
 Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 -Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please see an ushers or Fr. Julius. Or call the office at (423) 442-7273.

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh
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DRE	
R.C.I.A.	Ben Swiderek
Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)	Daniela Aguilera
Director of Sacred Music	Jodi Swiderek
Knights of Columbus	Ed Harless
Parish Council & Women's Group	Barbara Callan

## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:30 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri)	9 am

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm

Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm

## SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:15 pm Sunday 9:15–9:45 am or upon request Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

Sacrament of the Sick: If one is seriously ill or having surgery, call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites by Fr. Julius. Funerals: When planning funerals, contact the office before finalizing arrangements.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Notify the office for the homebound or hospitalized to request a visit from Fr. Julius, either for communion or for anointing of the sick.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of six (6) months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

## Mass Intentions and Schedule

<u>Monday, Jan 8</u>	No Mass	
<u>Tuesday, Jan 9-</u>	9 am Mass	Mass of Thanksgiving By: Schneider Family
<u>Wed., Jan 10</u>	9 am Mass	none requested By: † Alfred Jacobson By: SJTW Family
<u>Thursday, Jan 11</u>	9 am Mass	† Alfred Jacobson By: SJTW Family
<u>Friday, Jan 12</u>	9 am Mass	Darren, Kevin & Eric Gene Fast (boys to return to church) By: Patty Brown Adoration 9:30 - Noon
<u>Sat, Jan 13</u>	4:00 pm Mass	† Mary Alice Karnes By: SJTW Family
<u>Sun, Jan 14</u>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 am Mass		† Paul & Joyce Dye By: Jan & Mark Dye
10:00 am Mass		none requested By: <i>People of the Parish</i>
12:30 Mass (Spanish)		

If you wish to have a Mass said for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, contact the office. Thank you.

<u>Saturday/Sunday</u>		<u>January 13 - 14</u>	
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Ushers	Steve Pat	Frank/Cami Mike	D Walter Darren
Server	Conrad K Mary K Carrie K	Katie E Patrick B	Andrew H Millie N Shelby A
Readers	Jackie Hull Claudia B	Eric C Carolyn C	Art S Ian Mc
EMHC	S Meyer K Morgan M Morgan *	D Hodnicki M Lewis J Lewis *	E Conley M Huffor * D Walter
Person does the host *			
Church Cleaning: Mon, Jan. 8 – Jodi S			
Counters:	Eileen	Mike	

## **ONLINE GIVING**

Visit our website at [www.sjtwrcc.org](http://www.sjtwrcc.org)  
 Click on the "DONATE NOW" button.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

**December 30-31, 2023**      **Week 27**  
 Attendance: 399      Weekly Need: \$ 5,365

Offering	Online	Week +/-	YTD
\$ 5929	\$1345	+ \$ 1909	+ 21,422

Capital Exp	\$ 3115	Capital Bldg Fund	\$ 2500
Good Shepherd	\$ 206	Feed My Sheep	\$ 68

As a parish of intentional disciples, we are grateful and thank all who give so generously. God Bless you!

**Methods of Donating to our Ministries and Upkeep of St. Joseph the Worker Church:**

- Through weekly, biweekly & monthly donations
- Through online donations - Go to our website, [www.sjtwrcc.org](http://www.sjtwrcc.org), choose HOME, go down to HELP US TO SPREAD OUR LOVE & FAITH, click on Donate Now, fill out the information form
- You may call the parish office if you want to make a specific donation to a specific project

All donations are to be made to: **"St. Joseph the Worker Church, Madisonville, TN."**

**Pray for Our Sick Parishioners**

Mary Cornejo	Madeline Albach	Raymond Hinkle
John Reiner	Jeanne Huffor	Bruce MacKenzie
Karen Ruggiero	Charles Jones	Hugo Schielke
Patty Swatzell	Dennis Wilson	Kenneth Otto
Barbara Hill	Karen Burris	James Hill



**Pray for Those in the Military**

Nicholas Dickson	Liam Adams
Matthew Fioravanti	Quinn Mackenzie
Aiden Weber	Seth Turpeinen
Jacob Hill	

**To add/remove from list, please contact the office.** Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy extended to those who request it).

**Event of Death:** notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.



**Our Blessed Mother** asks us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to say the rosary at 7:00 PM, on Thursdays at the grotto or in the church.

**Thought for the Week:**

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man." ~ **St John Chrysostom**

"There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is having lots to do and not doing it."  
 ~**Andrew Jackson**

**Happy Birthday:** Jayden Abrego, Daniel Alvarez, Maria Banda, Colleen Bishop, Valerie Cervantes, Victoria Cervantes, Baltazar Cortez, Christine Cotler, Eowyn Croft, Cassie Hanczyk, Emanuel Lemus, Yanira Lopez, Evelyn Lopez-Parra, Higinio Magos, Jeanette Miller, Janet Moore, Eloisa Mora, Jose Mora, Emmanuela Onwo, Teresa Quintana

**Happy Anniversary:** Wilfredo & Yanira Castro, Ricardo & Maria Medina, Robert & Tamara Clowers



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon: "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on Earth. For each moment you spend with Him deepens your union with Him."  
 ~St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Please call the office if you wish to donate Altar Flowers** in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



**Coffee & Donuts are served** after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses.

**\*\*\* Beware:** Scammers have once again been sending out emails from Fr. Julius. These are scams, please do not respond to them. \*\*\*

**Seeking people to help as singers for the 8 am Mass.** (Need not be trained, just enjoy singing and lead the congregation in joyful praise.) Just show up about 7:15 am on Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary to go over the music. Looking forward to meeting & sharing time together.

**Please Note:** Starting in Mid-January 2024 we will be returning to our pre-covid practice of passing the basket for offertory contributions.



Special appreciation to the Kemble Family who purchased pyxes for our church.

**Rod Bennett**, the author of many books on our Catholic Church's history, among other topics, and a speaker in demand around the country - and one of our parishioners - will be offering two sessions on the history of the Catholic Church, here in the parish hall. On Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7:00 pm he will present *The Formation of the Early Church (30 AD - 300 AD)* and on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:00 pm he will address *The History of the Church (from 300 AD to 2024)*. Please join us for this opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of what it means to be Catholic.

**SJTW Women's Group** General Meeting on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM in the parish hall. All women in the parish are invited. Join us as we plan events to build fellowship and faith.

**Youth Group Meeting** on Sunday, January 21, at 1:30 pm in the parish hall.

**Usher Meeting** on Tuesday, January 23, in the parish hall. Time to be announced.

Have you ever heard of this **"Home Blessing"** for the feast of the Epiphany? **\*\*If you would like, please take home a piece of blessed chalk (located in a basket in the Narthex) and bless your home for this New Year! \*\***

**Traditional Epiphany Home Blessing:**

(Also known as "Chalking the Door")

Inscribe, with blessed chalk, the initials of the three kings over the lintel of the doors, denoting the century and year on either side, for example: **20 † C † M † B † 24**

**\*\*The initials, C,M,B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase, "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)**

***The following prayer may then be said:***

Hear us. O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect this family and this home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom, I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, Amen.

(Website: [virgosacrata.com](http://virgosacrata.com))



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