

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Council & Women's Group	Barbara Callan

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 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.

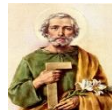
Pastoral Care of the Sick: Notify the office for the homebound or hospitalized to request a visit from Fr. Julius, either for communion or for anointing of the sick.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions and Schedule

<u>Monday, Dec 4-</u>	No Mass	
<u>Tuesday, Dec 5-</u>	9 am Mass	Arehart Family By: Arehart
<u>Wednesday, Dec 6</u>	9 am Mass	† Elder Felix Okpiabhele By: Fr. Julius
<u>Thursday, Dec 7</u>	9 am Mass	† Carol Nega By: Donna Williams
<u>Friday, Dec 8</u>	9 am Mass	Kristi Galante (50 th Birthday) By: Galante Family
	Adoration: 9:30-noon	
	7 pm Mass – bilingual	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<u>Sat, Dec 9</u>	4:00 pm Mass	† Mary Alice Karnes By: Mark & Eileen Karnes
<u>Sun, Dec 10</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	
	8:00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> By:
	10:00 am Mass	Todd Alan Seward By: Scroback Family
	12:30 Mass (Spanish)	† Irma Perinan By: Irina Conde

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

Saturday/Sunday	December 9-10		
	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
Ushers	Steve Pat	Frank/Cami Cindy/Mike	D Walter S Behr
Server	Conrad Michael M	Katie E Ashton H	Conrad K Andrew H
Readers	Jackie H -----	Eric C Carolyn C	Ian Mc John Mc
EMHC	K Morgan * M Morgan M Olako	J Lewis * M Lewis C Murphy	E Harless* K Swars B Swars
Person does the host *			
Church Cleaning: Mon., Dec. 11– Chris C Tami W			
Counters:	Kathleen	Jan	

ONLINE GIVING

Visit our website at www.sjtwrcc.org

Click on the “DONATE NOW” button.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

November 25-26, 2023 Week 22

Attendance: 473 Weekly Need: \$ 5365

Offering	Online	Week +/-	YTD
No Counting	Done	-939	+11,914

Capital Exp. \$0 Capital Build Fund \$ 0
 Good Shepherd \$0 Feed My Sheep \$ 0

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

Online Giving visit our website www.sjtwrcc.org

Donating for the Ministries and Upkeep of St. Joseph the Worker Church:

- a) Through weekly, biweekly & monthly donations
 - b) Through online donations - go to our website, www.sjtwrcc.org, choose HOME, go down to HELP US TO SPREAD OUR LOVE & FAITH, click on Donate Now, fill out the information form
 - c) 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

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

Pray for Those in the Military

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| 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.



Coffee & Donuts are served in the parish hall after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses. Come join us!

Thought for the Week:

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...."

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Seek That Which Is Above, 1986

Happy Birthday: Howard Clarke, JoAnn Estep, Maximo Frutos, Jesus Gonzalez, Kara Gwarg, Lowery Harlan, Shaira Jimenez, Mark Karnes, Tony LaManna, Marguerite Lewis, Carson Liner, Yobi Lopez, Maria Magana, Mae Moore, Katie Mora, Alfonso Mora, Emmanuel Onwo, Almee Pantuso, Raul Sanchez, Lynn Swars

Happy Anniversary: none listed



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

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

Today is Talent Sunday! We invite all Parishioners to complete a Talent Survey form this weekend. We are growing and have expanding opportunities for people to become a part of the daily operations of our parish as well as helping with special activities surrounding our strategic goals. Prayerfully consider how you can lend your talents to these efforts. Together we can "serve God's people using our time, talent, and resources for the glory of God" to quote one of our Core Values as a Faith Family.

Copies of the Talent Survey are also available as an attachment to our electronic bulletin or request one from the Church Office – 423-442-7273. Place your completed surveys in the basket after Mass or return to the Office. Thank You.



Parish Christmas Party Potluck on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 1:30 PM. Join us for Santa, Music, Food, and Fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share. A Sign-up

Sheet is on bulletin board in the Narthex.



Christmas Concert - The Knights of Columbus are hosting an evening of Christmas music. Their 7th annual "Christmas Concert" is on Saturday, December 9th at

7:00 PM. The concert features the "**Rarity Bay Strummers**" playing your Christmas favorites for adults & Children of all ages. A special Christmas gift will be given to the children. There is no better way to start your Christmas season than with beautiful Christmas music favorites. Tickets are \$10 for adults and Children under 18 years of age are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served immediately following the concert. Be sure and mark your calendar.



Cookie Exchange: In the spirit of fellowship and fun, the *SJTW Women's Group* is sponsoring a **Holiday Cookie Exchange** on

Wednesday December 13 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring three dozen of your favorite cookie to share, a printout of your delicious recipe, and a container to take home samples. In order that we know numbers to provide beverages, *please RSVP* by **Dec 9**. You may call the parish office 423-442-7273 or email Mary Beavers at gee4949@aol.com.

National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous in your support of the National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious on December 10. This collection assists religious institutes in providing for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs. Please be generous in helping to care for our priests and religious who dedicated their lives to caring for us and who are now in need of our support.

Reminder: All Christmas Angel gifts need to be turned in by next Sunday, December 10. Please remember to clip your Angel to the package.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL EVENTS:

Dec. 3: 1st Sunday of Advent- Time & Talent Survey

Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception- Mass: 9am & 7pm

Dec. 10: Parish Christmas Pot-Luck at 1:30 pm

Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession & Mass at 5 am (breakfast follows) - Spanish Mass at 7 pm

Dec. 14: Parish Penance Service- 7 pm

Fr. Julius and 3 visiting priests

Dec. 17: Celebration-Our Lady of Guadalupe-1:30 pm

Dec. 22: No Adoration this Friday

Dec. 23: Advent Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 pm

Dec. 24: Advent Mass: 8 am, 10 am, **12 Noon Spanish**

FOUR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Dec. 24: (1) 6 pm Children Vigil Mass & Nativity (2)Midnight Mass at 12, (11:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Dec. 25: Christmas Day- (3) 9 am Mass in English (4) **11:30 Spanish Mass**

Dec. 31: Masses at 8 am, 10 am & 12:30 Spanish

Jan. 1: 9:00 Mass only

FLAME Program

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Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that

He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible. As we await with eager anticipation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us not forget that Jesus is the reason for the season. With his birth comes the promise of salvation and peace. Rejoice! Jesus was born to die for our sins through His sacrifice on the cross.

From our Mass: Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is My Body, which will be given up for you. Take this all of you, and drink of it, for this is the chalice of My Blood, The Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. God's gift to us: the Body and Blood of our savior Jesus Christ.

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 and sharing time together.