



**ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH
15 ST. JOSEPH ST.
BONNE TERRE, MO**

PASTOR: Rev. Stephen F. Bauer
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SECRETARY/BULLETIN EDITOR: Bernie Burle
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 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
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WEBSITE: www.saintjosephchurch.org
MASS SCHEDULE:
WEEKDAYS: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)
SATURDAYS: 5:00 pm
SUNDAY: 10:00 am
HOLYDAYS: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm on Holyday
ROSARY: Thursday after Mass
 Saturday at 4:30 pm

PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTIONS: Tuesday after Mass

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION: First Tuesday of the Month
 Following 8:00 am Mass with
 Benediction at 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION: Sat. from 4:00—4:45 pm

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of Each Month

MARRIAGES: Arrangements Must Be Made
 With the Pastor 6 Months
 Prior to Proposed Marriage

ANOINTING: By Request

PSR Classes: Second Sunday of the Month at
 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph School Building
Food Pantry: Mondays & Fridays from 9-11 a.m.
**Parish Registration and Membership for St.
 Joseph & St. Anne Churches—New Families Are
 Welcome and Are Asked to Register at Their
 Earliest Convenience.**



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017



**ST. ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FRENCH VILLAGE,
MO**

Mass Schedule:

SUNDAY: 8:00 am

Baptisms—By Appointment with Pastor

Reconciliation—Before Mass

Organist: Jim Wagner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	25	10:00 a.m.	Adeline DuQuette
(SA)	25	8:00 a.m.	Parish Family
Tues.	26	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wed.	27	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thur.	28	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	29	8:00 a.m.	Rosemarie Stockmann
Sat.	30	5:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Fam.
Sun.	31	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Charles Sickman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY VIGIL:

December 30 - 5:00 P.M.

Lector-----	Patricia Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers-----	Char Gestring Carolyn Rhodes Carol Inman
Altar Servers-----	Paula Pace
Ushers-----	Matt Haug Frances Haug Carl Cash
Cross Bearer-----	Jeff Rosener

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MASS:

December 31 - 10:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Mike Lukachick
Eucharistic Ministers-----	Marcy Mueller Mary AuBuchon Richard King
Altar Servers-----	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers-----	K. Krus, J. Pace Tom Willette Kenneth LaBorde
Cross Bearer-----	Carl Vessell

ST. ANNE SUNDAY MASS:

December 31 - 8:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Mickey Bange
Eucharistic Ministers-----	Kenneth Knobbe Evan Loveless
Gift Bearers-----	M/M Tom Hejlek
Ushers-----	G. Fisher, R. Byington
Altar Servers-----	Bethany Govero J. Govero
Cross Bearer-----	Volunteer

Year End Giving

As the financial tax year comes to a conclusion often individuals find that it is helpful to assist a charity rather than pay taxes. Please consider St. Joseph and St. Anne in your giving.

Mass Schedule

12/24 Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am St. Anne 10:00 am St. Joseph
Christmas Eve	5:00 pm St. Joseph
12/25 Monday	
Christmas Day	8:00 am St. Anne 10:00 am St. Joseph
12/30 Saturday	5:00 pm St. Joseph
12/31 Sunday	8:00 am St. Anne 10:00 am St. Joseph

01/01 Monday

New Year's Day 8:00 am St. Joseph

January 1, 2018 is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Bingo

Bingo figures from December 14, 2017:

Gross Receipts: \$519.00; Players: 70

St. Joseph Church Cleaning

Dec. 26: Gina and Mike Jennings

Dec. 29: Deborah & Ron AuBuchon (Week 1)

Your Gift to God

December 16 & 17, 2017

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$2,584.00	\$ 550.00
Loose	326.00	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	80.00	100.00
Building Fund	135.00	20.00
Cemetery	20.00	-0-
Immaculate Conception	5.00	10.00
Christmas	25.00	-0-
Christmas Flowers	60.00	-0-
Solemnity of Mary	10.00	-0-
Seminary	25.00	-0-

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017

Christmas 2017

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!*

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

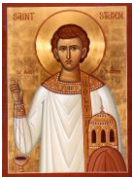
Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

*Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.
Sincerely yours in Christ,*

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis

St. Stephen, the First Protomartyr – Dec. 26



The story of the first Christian protomartyr, who worked “great wonders” and had “the face of an angel,” is told in Acts chapters 6-7. Likely a Greek speaking Jew, Stephen was among seven deacons chosen to help the widows in Jerusalem’s Hellenistic community, who were being neglected. But the wonders he worked rattled local Jewish leaders. Witnesses at his trial before the Sanhedrin gave false testimony, and Stephen defended himself with a stirring speech recalling the long history of Israel’s relationship with God and calling his listeners “stiff-necked people...just like your ancestors.” Saul, later the Apostle Paul, witnessed the stoning of Stephen and heard him pray for his persecutors.

Neighboring Christmas Mass Schedules

St. Lawrence, Lawrenceton

Sunday, Dec. 24 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception, Park Hills

Sunday, Dec. 24 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph, Farmington

Sunday, Dec. 24 5:00 p.m.; Midnight
Monday, Dec. 25 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.;
10:30 a.m.

The Pastor's Workshop



Christmas is very much at the door. I realize many people go to neighboring parishes because of various reasons – mostly joining with relatives that live in another parish or regions. Sometimes

Christmas is a chaotic day and people travel a lot more than before, and we need to find alternate times for Massso I am providing some of our nearby church Christmas Mass schedules as well. One of the biggest changes occurred decades ago, as the Church began celebrating the Christmas Holyday at sundown on the eve. This has often been informally titled the ‘children’s Mass’. This was a sincere attempt to assist people with large families. Today however this is just the earliest Mass at Christmas (here at 5 pm) – which is fine. As a priest, I realize that earnestly trying to meet everyone’s conflicting schedule is impossible. When I was youth in Florissant we had 4 priests in the parish, this allowed considerably more alternatives (usually on the hour till Christmas noon). The earliest Mass one could attend was midnight, but that also was because the fast for communion began at midnight (not so anymore). We typically attended a second Mass, on Christmas morning. Times do change.....but I would hope everyone would still attend the Christmas Eve liturgy with the same prayerfulness, devotion, and seriousness that they would on Christmas Day at the morning liturgy. Sometimes I sense that this earlier liturgy is a bit like, and I hate to say it, getting Mass ‘out of the way’, and fulfilling a required obligation before all the Christmas activities. This spirit, of course, can be echoed at the regular anticipated Mass too, each Saturday evening/afternoon. So please treat each Mass on Christmas Eve or Day, like the shepherds did at the crib....with profound reverence. The greatest gift on Christmas is still Jesus!

This is my first Christmas in Bonne Terre, Missouri and our mission at French Village. I am pleased to be one with you. Being a priest, has allowed me a welcome into many homes and parishes over these 40+ years. Each has had their unique character, and it’s no different here. You have been very kind and thoughtful to me. I add my thanks to so many that gave me Christmas greetings, gifts or treats. May our Lord bless you all.....and bless our world! He comes, the Prince of Peace.

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Parish

The Knights and their spouses will attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 31, 2017. All parish members are invited to pray the Rosary with the Knights after Mass.