

**December 9, 2018**

**Liturgical Ministers for 12/16**

**Lector** Rosemarie Finney

**EMHC** Rose Bushue

Martha Geyer

**Servers** Austin Pickett

Daisy Goeppner

**Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday 12/12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

+James Cunningham

**Thursday 12/13**

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

+Ann Scheurich

**Sunday 12/16**

The 3rd Sunday of Advent, 11 AM

+Helen Shelby



*Advent, The Time To Prepare*

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

308 Pearl St., Covington IN 47932

Pastor Samuel Futral

Sunday Mass 11:00 A M, Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM

Reconciliation Sunday 10:30 –10:50 AM

Also by appointment, phone 765-793-3289

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

407 Perry St., Attica IN 47918

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM, Sunday Mass 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sat. 3:30 PM

Also by appointment, phone 765-762-3330

Father's email address: [samuelfutral@gmail.com](mailto:samuelfutral@gmail.com)

Anyone interested in singing in a Christmas Choir? Practices will be Dec. 9, 16, and 23 from 10-10:30 in Church. See Mary or Jenny Goepfner for questions.

Mark your calendars for December 9th at St. Joseph after 11 AM Mass to celebrate the feast day of Saint Juan Diego with chimichangas, flautas, and authentic Mexican tacos! We are having a VERY special guest speaker, Dr. Dora Tobar, Director of Hispanic Ministry and Family Life. She will be speaking about the struggles of immigrants and how we, at St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier, can be a welcoming parish for Hispanics. Bring a dessert to share if you can. Anyone willing to stay and help clean up would be greatly appreciated also. This is an exciting opportunity for our parish, we would like to have a great turnout. ¡Viva Cristo El Rey! (Long live Christ the King)

The Advent Penance Service will be held in the church on Thursday, December 13 at 7 PM. Fr. Eric Underwood of St. Lawrence will join me in hearing confessions. Other deanery penance services are as follows.

12/10	St. Francis Xavier, Attica	7 PM
12/13	St. Boniface	7 PM
12/17	St. Lawrence	7 PM

Church decoration for Christmas will take place on December 16 after the 11 AM Mass. We would welcome volunteers who would like to help out.

Christmas Masses this year will be as follows:

December 24	4:30 PM	Attica
December 25	8:00 AM	Attica
December 25	10:00 AM	Covington

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, a holy day of obligation in the diocese. The vigil Mass will be on Monday, December 31 at 7 PM in Attica. Masses on New Year's Day will be at 9:00 AM in Attica and 7 PM in Covington.

Please consider donating Christmas gifts to North Logan Health Care Center for their residents. They need items such as adult coloring books, colored pencils, nail polish, fuzzy socks, blankets, make-up, picture frames, etc. Drop items off in Vernon Hall. Contact Darci Dreher for more information 217-497-4179. Thanks.

The Evangelization and Outreach Committee will be mailing out invitations to Christmas Mass and the Epiphany Dinner to Catholics around the area who are no longer attending church at St. Joseph. If there is someone you would like us to send an invitation to please let Jenny Goepfner know by December 16.

We will be offering Christmas meals to seniors and people who do not have a place to go to celebrate a Christmas meal. We need help to deliver those meals on Christmas Day. Delivery begins at about 11:00 AM at Benjamin's. If you can help, please contact Larry Brockway.

We will be giving away two books as our Christmas present to each of you. The books are *Signs of Life* by Scott Hahn and *Into His Likeness* by Dr. Edward Sri.

Get your subscription to the *Catholic Moment*. Subscriptions are now \$22 for 47 issues. We appreciate your support for our diocesan newspaper.

Should anyone need a ride to a church event, please contact: Henry and Kathryn Schmitt at 793-4220 or Kevin and Jenny Goepfner at 793-7139.

Please have all bulletin submissions sent to me by Tuesday of each week prior to the week you want them in the bulletin.

**Parish registration:** Anyone needing information on becoming a member of our parish contact Fr. Sam, Larry Brockway 765-397-3812, or fill out a form located in back of the Church. Brochures on St. Joseph Parish are available there also.

**Interested in becoming Catholic?** Or need to enroll your child in K-12 Religious Education? Contact Jenny Goepfner, Director of Religious Education 765-793-7139 or [jennygumpgoepfner@gmail.com](mailto:jennygumpgoepfner@gmail.com).

Like St. Joseph Covington and join Fountain County Area Catholics on Facebook for updates on parish activities, news, prayer requests and Catholic discussion.

Additional lectors and volunteers to read announcements are needed. See Father Sam if interested.

**Narcotics Anonymous** 12 step recovery program meets every Tuesday 8-9 PM and Saturday 7-8 PM in the parish hall. Please help spread the word. This is for anyone needing help with substance addictions including alcohol and any type of drug. Please keep those suffering from addictions and their families in your daily prayers.

The next Adult Education series will be *Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. We will begin on Wednesday evening, December 5 after the 7 PM Mass and run through the Advent and Christmas seasons. Dr. Edward Sri is the presenter in this series. Meet in the Kinnaman Room.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or refreshing your Catholic knowledge? Join us Sunday nights 7-8:30 in the Hall. We are showing the Symbolon series followed by discussion. For those wanting to become Catholic, this will serve as the inquiry period for RCIA (Rite to Christian Initiation for Adults). For those interested in refreshing their understanding of Catholicism, a schedule of class topics is posted on the bulletin board. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jenny Goepfner 765-413-0063.

St. Joseph Cemetery Information: Anyone interested in cemetery plot availability, purchases, or location, please contact Dick Minnette at 793-4046 to arrange a meeting.