

**December 23, 2018**

**Liturgical Ministers for 12/25**

**Lector** Dick Minnette

**EMHC** Mark Bushue  
Dan Riley

**Servers** Tanner Dreher  
Bernadette & Josef Goepfner

**Liturgical Ministers for 12/30**

**Lector** Henry Schmitt

**EMHC** Jean Cunningham  
Kevin Goepfner

**Servers** Lizzy Beckett  
Daisy Goepfner

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday 12/25**

*The Nativity of Our Lord*  
+Linda Settle

**Wednesday 12/26**

*St. Stephen, Martyr*  
+Thanksgiving for Favors Received

**Thursday 12/27**

*St. John, Evangelist*  
+Don Smith

**Sunday 12/30**

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 11 AM*  
+Carl & Janice Cooke



*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

[StFJ-Parish@stfrancisxstjoseph.org](mailto:StFJ-Parish@stfrancisxstjoseph.org)

I want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and expressions of support during the Advent and Christmas season. Thanks to all who participate in the Christmas Day Mass and to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

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.

We will be delivering Christmas dinners again this year on Christmas Day to seniors and those having no one to spend Christmas with. We will deliver the meals at 11 AM on Christmas Day. If you can help, contact Larry Brockway. We will meet at Benjamin's after the 10 AM Mass on Christmas morning.

We have a new parish e-mail, [StFJ-Parish@stfrancisxstjoseph.org](mailto:StFJ-Parish@stfrancisxstjoseph.org). Please use it to send all parish related e-mails. The former e-mail will be for personal use only.

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.

Anyone interested in singing in a Christmas Choir practice will be on December 23 from 10-10:30 in Church. See Mary or Jenny Goepfner for questions.

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

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

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.

There will be no Wednesday night Adult Education on December 26 and January 2. Adult Education will resume with *Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother* on Wednesday evenings beginning January 9 after the 7 PM Mass in the Kinnaman Room. Dr. Edward Sri is the presenter in this series.

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.

Offering envelopes are in the rear of the church. Please take yours home with you. If you do not have envelopes, please let Kevin Jones know so that we can provide you with them.

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