



St Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri
 12:05 pm

Tues & Thurs
 5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fri
 8:30 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Tues 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues 7:00 am - Wed 7:00 am

STAND ERECT, HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH

As we begin this new Church/Liturgical Year, we will spend the next year turning to the truths revealed in Luke's Gospel. Today Luke encourages us that at all times we need to be ready and not bloating in the pleasures of this world (Lk 21: 34-36). During Jesus' time, the Romans lived very corrupt, immoral, hedonistic, greedy and down right cruel lives. In order that we don't repeat old mistakes, Luke reminds us that Jesus tells us to watch and wait for him. He does not ask us to ignore or despise this earth or this life, but he does ask us to look at this world for what it is – a means to prepare us for eternal life. There will be anxiety, fear and disappointment surely; and our instinct will be to cling to people, ideas, hopes, dreams and/or things that we love. They in many ways become in some crazy way our security blankets. But, if we are going to daily live holy and just lives with the expectancy and hope that our Savior will surely come again, we must be willing to let go. The Gospel says that Christian disciples were so overwhelmed and started living in fear. But Jesus said to them and to us all, "when these things namely the signs begin to take place, we have to stand erect, hold our heads high, because our liberation is near at hand" (Lk 21:28). This Advent season is a time for us to pay attention to our priorities and/or attachments. Are they leading us closer to the Lord? Or, are there some priorities and/or attachments that are leading us further from the Lord. Because if we are living our lives as an opportunity to let go and grow closer to the Lord, then we have every right to stand erect and hold our heads high in expectation of the Lord's blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 3	2:00 pm – Funeral Mass for Anna Chromiak
Tues, Dec 4	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Wed, Dec 5	12:05 pm – Special Intention
Thurs, Dec 6	7:00 am – People of St. Joseph
Fri, Dec 7	12:05 pm – Peter Jurusik
Sat, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception	11:00 am – People of St. Joseph 5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Dec 9	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$10,764.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

Please pray for our relatives and friends who are sick or grieving:

Conor Moran - nephew of Barbara and David Monts
Lyn Barbier - mother of Kathryn Barbier
José Solorzano - father of Fr. Mario Solorzano
Sr. Ailes Therese - friend of Al Baca
Nicky Cumberland -friend of Courtney Slattery
Olivia - friend of Alex and Cindy Harris
Amy Arnault -sister of Lynne Ryder
Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore
Beverly Norris -friend of Barb Frank
Alexander Rosener & family - brother of Dianna Janus
Abraham and Bobbie Potts -friends of a parishioner
Tom Lavelle -son of Mary June Lavelle
Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
Liz, Austin & Nick Redding -sister and nephews of Katie Gent
John Breuning - father of Peggy Cini
Matt Savage -friend of parishioner
Brian Pitre - son of Lea Pitre
Shiloh Sciacca - nephew of Havilah and Neil Couvillion
Arlene Diaz - friend of a parishioner
Greg Raney - friend of David and Lisa Darce
Bonnie Bennett - friend of parishioner
Hazel O'Neal and Jon Peterson - friends of parishioner
Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
Parents of a parishioner
David Lack - husband of Susan Shira Lack
Stephen Cobb and family - friends of a parishioner
Dale Perkins - friend of Al Baca
Dr. Bill Foster - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____
By/Relation: _____
Date: _____ New request ___ Renewal ___ (check one)

Dakhlallah family - friends of Randy & Melissa Follett
Read Bush & family - friends of Chuck Bailey
Bob Lambert - brother of Mary McCoy
Kris Thomas - daughter-in-law of Jay McKee
Hope Mooney - sister of Laura McKee
Eugene Sheehan - friend of Joel Okula
Tonya McLendon & Stefanie Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne
Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
Marilyn Bowen - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
Susan Felker & Danny Carlisle - friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
Gwen Hatch - sister-in-law of David Monts
Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
A friend of Lea Pitre
Deborah Young - relative of parishioner
Brian Gill - family of Patricia and Godfrey Uzoigwe
Dana Uzoigwe - daughter-in-law of Patricia & Godfrey Uzoigwe
Kerri Irby and family - daughter of Peggy Cini
Colleen Parker & Cindy Pittman - daughters of Wil and Judy White
Roger Austin & David Dionne - uncle and cousin of Dawn McGinley
George Mangum - son-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus
Renee Columbus - daughter-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Isabella Grace Morgan	Robert Harris	Charley Joel
Twila Alpe	Trish Auel	Paul Cuicchi
Dan Ryder	John Simpson	June Schmidt
Shirley Delouche	Charles Tubertini	Kathy Winston & Jane Bell
Joel Okula	Chip Gavron	Lainie Anthony
Dan Stumpf	Al Baca	Barb Grzybowski
Libby & Hugh Gerald	Patricia Raines	Emily Jones
Mary Beth Moore	Jason Rollins	Mary Runnels
Michael Rust	Rose Fischer	Hugh Comish
Brenda Fratesi	Susan & Virginia Brown	Tara Puckett
Barbara Clynch	Dianna Janus	Flo Henley
Kathryn Randall	Jane Ammerman	Dee Dee Cook
Theresa Lollar	Peggy Wolverton	Bud Tomaso
Ana Maria Lopez	Julie Smith	Tim Read

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

Aaron Cini	Christian Bondi	Robert Elias
Billy Stricklin	Ryan Mangum	Clayton Eckler
Kevin Raftery	Matt Savage	Scott Shepard
Chris Withrow	Patrick Smith	Andrew Pitman
Adam Fuhrmann	Cory Delouche	

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WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2, 2018

Sunday, 12/2

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
10:15 a.m. - KC Pancake Breakfast - Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - HS Religious Ed - Center

Monday, 12/3

12:00 p.m. - Visitation - Church
2:00 p.m. - Funeral Mass - Church
5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
6:30 p.m. - ENGAGE - Church
7:00 p.m. - CCM Mat Making - Center

Tuesday, 12/4

7:00 a.m. - Men's Advent Breakfast - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
11:30 a.m. - Grand Generation Lunch - Center
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
6:30 p.m. - CCM Tuesday Night Dinner - Hall

Wednesday, 12/5

1:00 p.m. - Book Club - Lounge
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:00 p.m. - 9am Choir Practice - Church
6:30 p.m. - RCIA Center
7:00 p.m. - LIFT - CYO House

Thursday, 12/6

9:00 a.m. - Women's Group - Center
6:00 p.m. - CCM Girls' Group - Lounge
7:00 p.m. - 5:30 Choir Practice - Church
7:00 p.m. - *The Mass* Series - Hall
8:00 p.m. - CCM Guys' Group - Lounge

Friday, 12/7

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church
12:30 p.m. - Bagging for Food Pantry - Hall
6:00 p.m. - LaLeche Potluck - Center

Saturday, 12/8

9:00 a.m. - Food Distribution - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Sunday, 12/9

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
2:00 p.m. - Parish/Finance Council Mtg. - Center
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - HS Religious Ed - Center
6:30 p.m. - CCM Team Mtg. - Hall

RCIA

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topics this week are Mary and the rosary. All are welcome!

NEED 11:30AM MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping to have help from parishioners willing to serve our 11:30am Mass as Eucharistic Ministers and/or Lectors. This year's Time and Talent did not provide many new volunteers, and we have had several people move or drop off the list. If you have ever considered helping to serve the parish in this way, now would be a wonderful time to sign-up. You would normally only serve one to two weekends a month, and training will only take about 15-20 minutes of your time. Please call Deacon Jeff Artigues in the Church Office for training at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

GRAND GENERATION

This Tuesday at 11:30am in the Parish Center, we will have our Grand Generation Luncheon. This month will be a pot-luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share! Come and enjoy some good company and good food with us.

HEALING MASS

This Friday, December 7th, Fr. Rusty will be leading a Healing Mass at 12:05pm in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Church. We will have Mass here at St. Joseph that day at 11:00am. Also that day, Annunciation in Columbus will have Mass at 9:00am and Immaculate Conception in West Point will have it at 10:00am.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia, there are envelopes located on the gathering space table for your convenience. The cost is \$12, and the envelope can be filled out and dropped in the Sunday offering, or you can bring them by the Church Office by December 18th. Please remember to include if the dedication is in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

With the beginning of Advent, we have begun our Adopt-a-family tree for the needy in the community. If you want to help, please take a card to supply a present for a family in need. This year, we are only supplying gifts and not monetary donations, and unlike the past, all gifts should be returned to St. Joes **UNwrapped by Sunday, Dec. 9th**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Deacon Jeff at the Church Office, and thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Every Tuesday during Advent (December 4th, 11th & 18th) from 7:00 to 7:45am, come to pray and reflect on this holy Advent Season and enjoy breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

COLLEGE STUDY BREAKS

Please join your fellow college students next Monday, December 10th through Wednesday, December 12th at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall for our breakfast study breaks. We will be serving all your favorite breakfast foods, coffee, hot cocoa, juice and milk. It's a great time to visit with friends and enjoy some food and fellowship.

Also, the Hall will remain open for your convenience from the end of Mass Sunday, the 9th, until noon on the 13th for anyone who needs or wants a place to study! Best wishes to all of you on your upcoming exams!

LAST 5:30PM MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Our final 5:30pm Mass of this year will be next Sunday, December 9th. It will resume again on January 13th, 2019.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Parish Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 16th, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. The parish will supply turkey, ham, rolls and drinks. We are asking parishioners to bring a dessert, appetizer, or side dish based on the first letter of your last name. Names beginning with A – F please bring desserts, G – L appetizers, and M – Z side dishes. We hope you all can attend!

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:00pm, there will be a Reconciliation Service in the Church led by Father Rusty, Father Jeffrey and visiting priests from nearby parishes. Bishop Kopacz will also be in attendance. We hope you all will join us.

KC KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

It's time for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition! Today the Knights of Columbus will distribute the forms in the Religious Ed classrooms, and they are also available at the back of the church after Mass. Your child does not have to attend Religious Ed to participate. Awards for best poster will be given out at the Parish Christmas Dinner on December 14th.

KC "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" religious-themed Christmas cards after the Masses. Please see them in the back of the Church if you would like to buy some.

CCM SEEKING HELP FOR 2019 SEEK CONFERENCE

CCM is sending a group of students to the SEEK conference in Indianapolis in January! SEEK is a very large college student conference held every two years and is put on by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). There will be over 60 talks given by very influential Catholic speakers including Fr. Mike Schmitz! As you can imagine, these trips can get expensive quickly. If you are willing to donate anything, from frequent flyer miles to monetary donations, please let us know! If you are interested, there will be a basket in the back of the church to drop your donations today, or stop the office to see our campus minister, Mary Beth. If you have any questions or want more information, please email her at: mary.nunenmacher@gmail.com. We will also be selling candles after the Masses to raise money for this trip! They are made by the students and make wonderful Christmas gifts! Thank you so much for your help!

ANNA CHROMIAK FUNERAL INFORMATION

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Joseph Chromiak and family on the passing of his mother, parishioner Anna Chromiak. We ask God to wrap him and all of her loved ones in His loving arms as we mourn. The Visitation for Anna will be tomorrow, December 3rd, from noon to 2pm in the Church followed by the Funeral Mass at 2:00pm. A light repast will take place in the Parish Hall immediately after. We will not have our usual Communion Service at 12:05 that day.