



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

Straightening Your Path

This Second Week of Advent we meet the fire-and-brimstone ministry of John the Baptist, who “went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:1-3). For John it was important that everyone knew that in order for Jesus to be able to lead him or her to salvation that repentance, totally turning from old sinful ways, was essential. This spiritual conversion requires us as individuals to look at any deep-seated resentments, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, unhealthy attachments or even a bullying attitude that may consume us. We are called to name our individual sins, ask for forgiveness and work toward turning from them. And when we do, Luke reminds us that those mountains of obstacles will be made low, winding roads of chasing wrong ways will be straightened, and rough obstacles will be made smooth, so that they lead to no one else but God. For as St. Paul reaffirms in the second reading from his letter to the Philippians, “that the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6). Let us avail ourselves of not only naming our sins, but also take the time to turn from those that prevail in our lives, repent from them and be forgiven, so that we can be ever more prepared for the graces, the good work, that God has in store for us this Christmas.

Christ’s Blessings,
 Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 10	12:05 pm – Health of Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Dec 11	5:30 pm – Clayton Rosener
Wed, Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe	12:05 pm – Special Intention
Thurs, Dec 13	5:30 pm – Theodore Anthony Efantis
Fri, Dec 14	12:05 pm – Tommy Allen
Sat, Dec 15	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Dec 16	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$9,068.00

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:

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

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

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

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enter our **parish code: HT24XG**
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WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 9, 2018

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

Monday, 12/10

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Center
5:30 p.m. - Grief Group - Lounge
5:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice - Church
6:30 p.m. - CCM Adoration - Church
8:00 p.m. - CCM Breakfast Breaks - Hall

Tuesday, 12/11

7:00 a.m. - Men's Advent Breakfast - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
8:00 p.m. - CCM Breakfast Breaks - Hall

Wednesday, 12/12

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
8:00 p.m. - CCM Breakfast Breaks - Hall

Thursday, 12/13

9:00 a.m. - Women's Group - Center
5:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice - Hall
6:00 p.m. - KC Council Mtg. - Center
6:30 p.m. - Piano Recital - Church

Friday, 12/14

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church

Saturday, 12/15

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:00 p.m. - KC Christmas Party - Hall

Sunday, 12/16

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
5:30 p.m. - Parish Christmas Dinner - Hall

RCIA

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic this week is the history of the Church (Part 1). All are welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Parish Christmas Dinner will be next 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!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

On Saturday, December 22nd, our parish is responsible for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart. The money raised from this event goes to help those in need here in our community. If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time, either alone or with family or friends, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.

CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER GRADUATES!

CCM and St. Joseph Church wish to congratulate all our MSU students graduating this month! We wish you the very best and hope you know you will always have a parish home here in Starkville! Congratulations and God bless you!

RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE K-12

Religious Ed. classes will meet as usual today. Next Sunday, Dec. 16th, the morning classes (K-8th grades) will have their bingo party and final class before the holidays. We will not have high school class that evening, however, because of our parish Christmas Dinner at 5:30pm. We hope everyone will be able to attend!

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 serve one to two Sundays a month, and training will only take about 15 minutes of your time. At your earliest convenience, please call Deacon Jeff Artigues in the Church Office for training and hopefully be added to next month's ministry schedule. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish!

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 with your name and phone number, as well as the name(s) of those whom you wish to honor or remember. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday offering, or you can bring them by the Church Office by December 18th to give to Demi. Thank you!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE GIFTS DUE

If you took a card from the Adopt-a-family tree this year, the gifts are due back today! Unlike the past, all gifts should be returned to the church **Unwrapped, and your card need not be attached.** Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Every Tuesday during Advent (December 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 tomorrow, 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 TODAY

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

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:00pm, there will be an Advent 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 DEADLINE TODAY

It's time to turn in your posters for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition! Today there will be a basket at the back of the church where posters can be dropped off, and we will also come around to the Religious Ed classes to pick them up. 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 16th.

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!

GARAGE SALE THANKS

Thank you to all who donated items, shopped, and volunteered to help with the CYO Garage Sale! Especially those who set-up, sold and packed-up after! It was a huge success and could not have happened without each of you.