

St. Joseph's News

DAILY MASS is celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a. m. **Rosary** is prayed at 7:30 a. m. and the **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions** is prayed each Thursday immediately following Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration begins in the church following Mass on Tuesday, **December 29**, and closes at 3:30 p. m. with Benediction. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.

OUR DAILY BREAD – St. Joseph Parish will prepare and serve the meal next **Sunday**. At this time monetary donations are needed. You may place a donation in the regular collection identified as for “**Our Daily Bread**” or place a donation in the box located in the back of the church. Your generous support makes this ministry possible.

BACKPACK BUDDIES – Our parish donations of mac and cheese are still needed weekly to assist this local ministry. You may also make a monetary donation by noting on your check, **Backpack Buddies**.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – We are looking for volunteers to help at the local store. Any amount of time would be appreciated. We observe all COVID protocol while working in the store and during sales. For more information, contact Paul Thompson, Sr. @ 228-627-6785. Next scheduled sales will be January

Jerry Lee's Receipts Program and **Wayne Lee's Bucks Back to Schools** – RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please save and bring in the eligible receipts as you do your holiday shopping then place them in the containers in the back of the church.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Dec 31 – Team 3** – Cynthia Grierson and Patty Waters

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH – Mass will continue to be live-streamed at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to **www.stjosephmosspoint.com** for copies of the weekly bulletin.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann

Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)

Dec. 27 – **No CCD**

Dec. 31 – **Feast of Mary Mother of God – 6 p.m.** (Thurs)

Confessions –30 minutes before each Mass

Contribution Envelopes and **Calendars** are in the back of church. Please pick them up today!

Mass Intentions for 2021 are now being reserved. If you would like a Mass offered for your loved one on a certain date, please call or email the office.

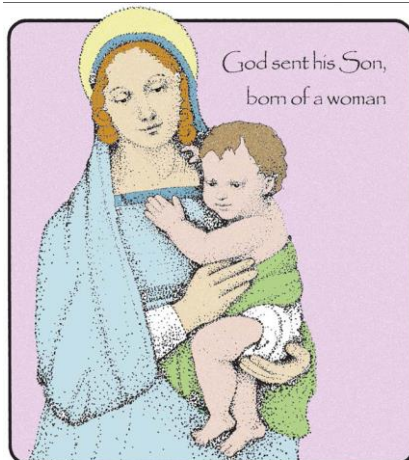
Backpack Buddies of East Central are in need of grits more so than oatmeal at this time. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Box located at church entrance.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Easy to understand Bible study by Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press beginning online **Thursday, Jan 7** at 6:30 pm. Guaranteed to see the Bible like never before, better understand Mass and why be Catholic. Can't make it but want to know more? Attend as many as you can OR register to receive recordings. To register and for more information, contact: wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

For a great Lenten experience, join online Jeff Cavins/Edward Sri - beginning on **Thursday, Feb 4** at 10 a.m. for the Ascension Press study of **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life**. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. To register and more information OR to receive recorded session, contact: wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com



The feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

6 p.m.

St. Ann Church

Friday, January 1

12 noon

St. Joseph Church

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

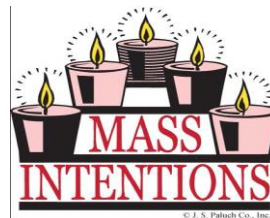
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – People of the Parish
6 p.m. – Robbie Guardia (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – James Commerton, Sr. & Jr.
10 a.m. – Mike Byrd (RIP)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Joseph Rick (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Maria Xuon (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Maria Hons (RIP)
- Friday – 12 noon – Naomi Broussard (RIP)

MASS REQUESTS – If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the intention of a loved one, a special occasion, or a deceased friend or family member, envelopes are available in the vestibule or you may call or mail your request to the parish office. A ten-dollar donation is suggested.



Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.

Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Glenda Jackson, Charles and Marilyn Pinkney, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Inge Bellone, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Earl Laiche, Caroline O'Banner, Darlene Slater, Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Norman Jardine, , Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, the family of Bill Powers, all affected by the pandemic, all providing essential services, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and all military personnel.

COLLECTIONS for December 19 - 20

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 4,651.00
- Building Fund – \$ 205.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 155.00
- Retired Religious – \$ 60.00
- Our Daily Bread – \$ 66.00
- In memory of William Powers – \$ 50.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 1812.00
Building – \$ 82.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 934.00
- Building Fund – \$ 216.00
- Children's Offertory – \$ 3.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 35.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- January 2 - 3 – Aged and Infirm Priests*
- January 23 – 23 – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*

Thank you for all of your generous support during 2020!

