Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Founded in 1835

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Second Sunday of Advent —December 8, 2019

He Who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?

Mass Schedule

Saturdays 5 p.m., Sundays 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Tuesdays through Fridays 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Catholic statewide policy requires six (6) months of preparation. To set your wedding date, you must contact the pastor first. No date secure without contacting the priest personally. Please call the parish office.

Holydays of Obligation for 2019

Jan. 1, Mary, Holy Mother of God
Aug. 15, Assumption of Mary
Nov. 1, All Saints' Day
Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception
Dec. 25, Nativity of the Lord

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Sundays: 6:15 a.m.; or any time by appointment.

St. Joseph Pastor/Rectory	Father Viviano	455-2725
St. Joseph School Principal	Tammy Ogden	455-2339
Parish Council President	Steve Brune	659-3332
School Board President	Gina Meyer	455-2836
Home and School President	Mary Rakestraw	455-2805
Parish Office/Secretary	Debbie Wieberg	455-2320
Sacristan	Dennis Holterman	619-3397
Cafeteria Use/Rental	School Office	455-2339
HS religious education	stjoewestphaliaccd@yahoo.com	
Liturgy Committee	liturgycomm@gmail.com	
Senior Ministry	Sister Bernita Wasinger	573-690-4432
St. Anne's Sewing Circle	Barbara Reichart	455-2645
Parish Cemetery	Chris Massman	455-2221
K of C Grand Knight	Mike Massman	418-7029
K of C Ladies Aux Pres.	Darla Veltrop	291-0047
Knights of Columbus Hall Rental (Theresa Huhn)		680-0992
Prayer calling tree	B. J. Rodeman	573-864-5193
or	Dorothy Bock	455-2470

Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers:

Linda (Luebbering) Tobar, Bernice Bexten, Theresa Rehagen, Dorothy Huhn, Chris Massman, Terry Plesser, Gina Mackie, Father Mike Murphy, Joe Kever, Whitney Wells, Russell Mertz, Jackie Luebbert, Ann Bolden, Hayden Backes, Emma Kempker, Lynn Proctor, Bro. Roman Wilbers, Dona Robben, Ronald Baker, Audrey Rankin, Rita Buersmeyer, Brennan Schulte, Kyler Stark, Jeff Plesser, Rhonda Kloeppel, Alfred Wieberg, Anna Mae Holterman, Owen Masterson, Albert Wieberg, Brandon Schulte, A.H., Lori Luebbering.

If you wish to add/remove a name, need a prayer, hospital visit, support in grieving or a difficult pregnancy, call the rectory at 455-2725.

Pray for Priests: This week you are asked to pray for the following priests: Monday, Rev. Geoffrey A. Brooke; Tuesday, Simeon A. Etonu; Wednesday, Rev. Joshua J. Duncan; Thursday, Rev. Paul J. Clark; Friday, Rev. Brad Berhorst; Saturday, Msgr. Louis W. McCorkle; and Sunday, Rev. C. Duane Ryan.

Bulletin deadline - Items for bulletin must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays (455-2320) prior to the weekend's bulletin. Items can also be emailed to bulletinemail@yahoo.com.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting."

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, December 9 **Immaculate Conception of Mary**
8:00 a.m. Special intentions
Tuesday, December 10
8:00 a.m. Jerry Schwartz
Wednesday, December 11 **Saint Damasus I**
8:00 a.m. Fred Bure
Eucharistic Adoration immediately after Mass in the gym until Benediction at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
7:35 a.m. Rosary—Barbara Reichart
8:00 a.m. Mike Knoll
Rosary Group—immediately after Mass
Friday, December 13 **Saint Lucy**
8:00 a.m. William Markway
Saturday, December 14
5:00 p.m. Loretta Schwartz
Sunday, December 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
7:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Saint Joseph and Saint Anthony parishes
10:00 a.m. Betty Luecke

Parish Support Report 2019-2020

Last weekend (Offertory), we received	$ 13,606.50
Total Offertory YTD:	$ 337,933.85
Total Offertory FY18-19:	$ 724,747.96
Maintenance	$ 178.00
Campaign for Human Development	$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	$ 65.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	$ 30.00
Seminarian Formation & Priests Retirement	$ 185.00

Thank you for your generosity.

SCRIP will be on sale before and after all weekend Masses on December 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22.

Quilt-of-the-month chances are in the vestibule of church in envelopes addressed to all parishioners. If you have not picked up your envelope, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

NOTE: This week only Masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be in the school gym. Masses on Tuesday and Thursday will be in the school cafeteria.

Christmas decorating of the gym for our Christmas Masses will be on Sunday, December 22, following the 10:00 Mass. Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Liturgy Assignments for December 14—15, 2019

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 p .m.
Rosary: Judy VanderFeltz
Music: Kate Kampeter and youth singers
Servers: Cody Bertels, Easton Stuckenschneider, Michael Sesti
Lector: Perry Heckemeyer

Sunday, December 15, 7:00 a.m.
Rosary: Irene Hentges
Music: Janice Wieberg and Donna Rehagen
Servers: Simon and Xavier Stuecken
Lector: Barbara Reichart
Offertory Gifts: Keith Haslag Family
Communion Ministers: Eleanor Kloeppel, Charlie Luebbert, Anne Steele
Ushers: Larry Berhorst, Nick Berhorst, Tim Bexten, Doug Even

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 p.m. (continued)
Offertory Gifts: Bill Plassmeyer Family
Communion Ministers: Charlotte Heckemeyer, Lisa Verslues, Betty Zimmer
Ushers: Scott Berhorst, Bill and Loretta Berhorst, Kurt Bruemmer

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.
Rosary: Kathy Stuckenschneider
Music: Leah Groene, Abby and Zoe Rehagen, Allie Hale
Servers: Cody Berhorst, Avery Brandt, Olivia Hale
Lector: Dennis Schulte
Offertory Gifts: Brad Schmitz Family
Communion Ministers: Stacia Bax, Darlene Schanzmeyer, Anne Stratman
Ushers: Roger Morfeld, J.R. Royston, Brad Schmitz, Michael Wieberg

Collection Counters: Mary Markway, Robert and Dolores Holterman

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tommy Parris, brother of Debbie Crede of our parish, who died November 28. May he have eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon him forever. Amen.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

St. Anne's Sewing Circle will be quilting on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the day in the school cafeteria. All quilters are welcome at any of the times.

Senior citizens' meeting on Tuesday, December 10, at 12 noon at the Lions' den.

A Steward's Way: This Advent, the entire Jefferson City Diocese is being called to participate in a series of reflections and gatherings. All are welcome to join in our bi-parish spiritual journey this Advent. We will be gathering in St. Anthony's parish hall, from 9:30 to10:30 a.m. the first three Sundays of December (December 1, 8, and 15). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Huhn (291-3556) or Janice Wieberg (619-9657). ***We are better together. As One Body, in Christ, may we grow together in Faith, Hope and Charity.***

The Westphalia Christmas Home Decorating Contest will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Eligible participants must reside within the Westphalia city limits and have their outside decorations turned on by 6:00 p.m. Winners will be selected for first place - $50 prize; second place - $40 prize; third place - $30 prize; fourth place - $20 prize; and four Honorable Mentions.

Baptismal preparation: The 2020 dates for the Baptismal preparation are January 21 and March 17. The classes will be held in the SJS middle school building and will start at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Janice Wieberg to sign up for the classes and receive the preparation materials for the classes (573-619-9657).

Christmas choir practice times for the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be as follows in the St. Joseph School gym: December 11 at 8 p.m.; and December 18 at 8 p.m. These are all Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Donna Rehagen at donnarehagen@gmail.com or 573-338-4556.

Advent: Bishop McKnight is encouraging Catholics throughout the diocese to participate in small group faith study programs known as "A Steward's Way." The scripture class will stop scripture study during Advent and have a discussion on "The Joy of the Gospel." You are invited and encouraged to join us beginning Wednesday, December 11, at 8:30 a.m. (after Mass) in the school cafeteria at the table nearest the back door.

Adopt a Staff Member: We had such a success with our Adopt a Staff Member last year, we decided to do so again. If you are interested in praying for, offering notes of encouragement, etc. (do not have to send in gifts) for a staff member, please contact Mrs. Ogden. We have 31 staff members that we need adopted. You may contact Mrs. Ogden at togden@stjosephwestphalia.org or call 455-2339, ext. 1101.

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Winter Weather Walks
Keep moving all winter.

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The St. Joseph Gym is available for indoor walks on
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:45-9:30 AM
Please check in at the office for a visitor's badge.

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Stay warm and avoid falls on slippery sidewalks.

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Westphalia American Legion will be putting wreaths on all the veterans' graves at Westphalia and Folk cemeteries on Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. We will have a short ceremony, weather permitting, at the new cemetery and then place the wreaths. We have the wreaths for each veteran's grave. If you would like to place the wreath yourself, you are welcome to do so. The wreaths will be placed rain or shine.

SCRIP is on sale this weekend and every weekend until Christmas. The contest is still going! – For every $100 spent on **SCRIP** throughout November and December, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a $25 gift card of your choice! Winners will be chosen every Monday until Christmas. Your name will stay in the hat all holiday season. Anyone who purchases **SCRIP** is eligible (not just school families). Good luck and, as always, thank you for supporting St. Joseph School and our **SCRIP** program.

Congratulations to the fifth $25 winner, Kate Wieberg!

Profit to Date: $21,236. Our profit is up $2,461 from this time last year. Since May 1, we've sold $596,878 worth of **SCRIP**! Keep on Scriping!!

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STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

So far, Saint Joseph Parish, Westphalia, has raised $15,585 of its parish goal of $21,000. Thank you to all who have donated! The Diocesan goal this year is $2,450,000.00. So far the diocese has received $1,469,947 of its goal.

The High School CCD students are participating in several community service projects within the upcoming weeks. We would like to offer assistance to those in our community who may not be able to decorate their homes for the holidays. We would love to help you set up your tree or set up other festive decorations! We would plan to put up decorations that you may have on Saturday, December 7, and take them down on Saturday, January 4. If you would like the students to help get your home ready for the holidays, please call or text Cheyenne Bradley at (573) 680-4306 or email fechtel@stjosephwestphalia.org

We are also asking for some supplies to stuff stocking for our active military troops. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this Soldiers' Angels project, please contact Erin Boeckmann at 573-645-3396 or erineditor95@gmail.com. The needed items are: Slim Jims or beef jerky; packages of holiday nuts; single-serving drink mix packets (i.e. Crystal Light); playing cards; puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find); holiday-themed writing pens or pencils; holiday candy (in sealed wrapping or small unopened bags); candy canes; peanut brittle; socks; travel-sized games; card games (Uno, Phase 10); stress balls (holiday-themed preferred); gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all); single-serving cookie packages; apple cider packets (must be in Ziploc baggies in case the packets break); hot chocolate (must be in Ziploc baggies in case the packets break); small notepads; holiday-themed lip balm (wrapping and scent); caps (warm winter); other holiday-themed items. Anything helps!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year. The celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9. This year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be one Mass at St. Joseph's on Monday, December 9, at 8:00 a.m., to celebrate the feast. Everyone is welcome to join us to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Martin School, Jefferson City, is in search of a certified kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants who have a current teaching certificate, are active in their faith-life, and have a strong work ethic are perfect candidates for this position. The candidate should have an understanding of the importance of the developmental milestones in a young child's life, as well as how emergent reading and math skills are developed. Other skills needed in this position are being able to effectively communicate with parents and work as part of a team with other teachers and staff members. A skill-set on using different platforms of technology is beneficial. All interested persons should send their resume to Mrs. Julie Clingman, Principal at principal@stmartinjc.org along with filling out the application for St. Martin School, Jefferson City, on the Jefferson City Diocesan website https://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/

2019 ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE IN THE AREA

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 10 – St. Joseph, Westphalia

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 11 – Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 17 – St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18 – St. George, Linn

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19 – St. Cecilia, Meta

Giving Tree—If anyone wishes to donate money towards a gift, they can still do so. Just put the amount of money (cash only) you wish to donate in an envelope marked ***Giving Tree*** and put it in the collection basket. Money must be in by December 17. Please contact Kathy Stuckenschneider at 573-619-0152 if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Ask a priest:

Question: Can you give direction on capitalizing or not capitalizing words from the faith, specifically the words mass and church?

Answer: The word church is lower case when it refers to the building itself. *The church is made of limestone*. When speaking of the universal, global Church, then church is capitalized. *The Church has over one billion members*.

When mass is used to describe a form or figure, mass is lower case. *The patient has a mass in his lower leg.* When referring to the ceremony of the Mass, then the m is capitalized. *We are going to Mass this morning.*

Note: If you have any questions about the Mass, about the Catholic Faith, about the precepts of the Church, etc., that you would like answered, you can email Father at pastor@stjosephwestphalia.org, drop a note in the collection basket in an envelope addressed to Father, or send a note by regular mail to Post Office Box 116, Westphalia, MO 65085.

Joe's Market Receipt Program has begun. Our school will be collecting receipts dated September 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. The collection locations: Joe's Market - box in the entryway; Church vestibule (a drawer is marked); or send to school with a student. If you see Darlene, Duane or Jennifer Fennewald, please thank them for participating in this program!

"Restoring Our Roots" Capital Campaign

Cash received toward renovation:	$1,912,170
Amount still owed toward pledges:	$ 351,804
Campaign Total To-Date:	**$2,263,974**

Thank you to all our generous donors!

Church Renovation Update: 12/5/2019

All old pews have been removed from church. The carpet in the rear of church, stairs, and first balcony has been also removed. The carpet in the choir balcony will be removed when the scaffolding is taken down. The old confessional has been removed.

The stairs will soon receive new oak steps and risers. The stain and finish will match the church pews and interior doors. The flooring in the first balcony will be a vinyl tile that matches the terrazzo floor downstairs. The choir balcony will get new carpet when the scaffolding comes down.

The painting contractor, Conrad Schmidt, is now fully engaged with interior painting. Ceiling and wall cracks were recently patched and priming is complete. Painting is currently underway. The new murals are currently being created.

The clerestory windows are being repaired in Wisconsin. They are expected to be reinstalled in January.

There are many ongoing interior projects in the works or in preparation. These include building the new reliquary, finishing the restrooms, researching a new sound system and fire alarm system, refinishing the Stations of the Cross, repairing and painting statues, and numerous other tasks.