

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for DECEMBER 2023:

## FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



## † ST. JOSEPH †



**December 10, 2023**

10:00 a.m. John Morgan

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Shane Coleman

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, December 15**

8:15 a.m. John McCullough

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

## CHURCH EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

*December 12 (Tuesday):* Our Lady of Guadalupe; 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier

*December 24 (Sunday):* Christmas Eve; 10:00 a.m. (regular) Mass at St. Joseph

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass at St. Mary, 12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph

*December 25 (Monday):* The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Christmas Mass; 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Christmas Mass

*December 31 (Sunday):* The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; 10:00 a.m. St. Joe Mass

*January 1, 2024 (Monday):* Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's day;

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

We celebrate the feast day of **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Tuesday, December 12, 2023. According to [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org), she is "the Patron Saint of The Americas/Mexico. Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary - and the God who sent her - accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself." *The Mass (Spanish) for Our Lady will be Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier in Carbondale, with a celebration to follow. All are welcome!*



The Meaning of the Four **ADVENT CANDLES**. According to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com), "The Second Week of Advent - Candle Name: *the Bethlehem Candle*, Represents: *Peace and Preparation*, Candle Color: *Purple*. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church, it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-

ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem." *Let's light our first and second purple candles!*

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKLETS** are available for daily inspirational readings! Please pick one up along with your **2024 CALENDAR**.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 a.m.**

*Second Sunday of ADVENT*

Lector: Deb Russell

EM: Liv Cerny, Gary Wiggs

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 a.m.**

*Third Sunday of ADVENT*

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Patty Flamm, Sherry Haddick

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION: Wednesday & Friday after Mass and by appointment



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 02 Chris Stadelbacher

Dec. 02 John Winzenburger

Dec. 05 Fr. Uriel Ordination

Dec. 07 Valerie Palmer

Dec. 10 Gwen Lehr

Dec. 16 Ken Flamm

Dec. 18 Brenda Masden

Dec. 21 Daniel Pineau

Dec. 23 Savannah Eck

Dec. 23 Clayton Eck

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The deadline to submit an announcement for the BULLETIN is Thursday evening. You may email it to: [stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com](mailto:stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com) and/or [stjosephscobden@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscobden@gmail.com). For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 26, 2023

General Fund	\$1,382.00
Offering	\$1,382.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$250.00

*Thank you for supporting St. Joe!*

### PRAYERS OF PETITION

*Those in the Military (Active Duty):* Scott Bourne, Aaron Cerny, Katie Eck, John Russell, Lauren Sweitzer, Devin Vitt

*Those in Need of Healing:* Barbara Alstat, Alan & EJ Anderson, Bob Antill, Paulette Aronson, Cade Cohen, Ted Ernst, Diane Essner, Michelle Fisher, Larry Flamm, Regina Fuse, Shawn Knupp, Cari Hatley Marx, Diane McClelland, Stan McGee, Liz Moore, Yvonne Murray, Sharon Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty, Hannah Perez, Cliff Phillips, Stephanie Poletti, Zetta Ramsey, Clayton Richardson, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Shari Vandersluis, David Villareal, Jun Yting, Sandy Zamora

*Those in Nursing Homes:* Jo Cerny, Judy Flamm

To update the List after four weeks, please call or text Luisa at 618-967-4452.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SOUP LUNCH** successful: our Bazaar and raffle donors, the hall and kitchen volunteers and, especially, all who came out to support this event during the Christmas in the Village. We had many delicious food items donated, as well as lovely craft items. Raffle winners are: 1. *Large Quilt – Minnie benefield*, 2. *Breakfast Basket – Laura Mueller*, 3. *Nativity Set and Creche – Virginia Flamm*, 4. *Jewelry Set – Kenny Flamm*, 5. *Watercolor Art – Kim Harvel*, 6. *Framed Embroidery – Becky Morgan*, 7. *Car Detailing – Tony Cerny & Geof Skinner*. Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you for your generous response to the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project. A total of **TWENTY-EIGHT (28) BOXES** full of love and goodies, twelve (12) of which came from our PSR youth who decorated each box wonderfully, have been sent to SAMARITAN'S PURSE, on their way to the children. *Thank you for spreading God's love at Christmastime!*

Ladies are invited to participate in the **2023 CHRISTMAS COUNTRY CHURCH TOUR** Friday, December 15! The Sodality plans to leave St. Joseph at 1:00 p.m., visit about 4-5 churches (depending on time) in Missouri, have dinner in Cracker Barrel (Cape Girardeau) and be back in Cobden before 9:00 p.m. Sounds like fun? Come and enjoy some Christmas spirit touring these beautiful churches with us! Please contact Connie Vincent at 618-697-3000 if you are interested in joining. For more information, visit [www.visitperrycounty.com](http://www.visitperrycounty.com), email [trish@perryvillemo.com](mailto:trish@perryvillemo.com) or call 573-547-1097.

St. Joe will be doing **CHRISTMAS DECORATING** (with the trees and manger) Tuesday, December 19, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join in the fun of getting our Church ready for Christmas. *All hands appreciated!*

*From Karl:* If you did not have **ENVELOPES** this year or had a box that was unused and would like to request one for 2024, please sign the sheet in the back of the church. If you used your envelopes last year, you do not need to sign the sheet – we will have one for you.

*From Mark and Sherry Haddick:* "After much prayer and several discussions, we have come to the difficult decision to step away from the first and third Wednesday **FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS** which we have done for the last 18 months. We will do the distribution on December 20<sup>th</sup>, and hope that someone in the parish will feel the call to PICK UP where we are leaving off. We will be willing to do the January distributions with whoever takes on this ministry, to show them what we do. *This is really a two-person ministry, with the necessity of having (or having access to) a 12'-16' trailer with a vehicle able to tow about a ton of food. The time commitment for this task is about 6-8 hours twice a month. Also must be able to lift 40-50 pounds.* If you are interested in taking this on, please contact Mark or Sherry for more information on what is required. We hate to see this ministry come to an end, as there is definitely a need for it, but we are just getting to where we cannot do the job."

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