

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 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. Filemon Yting, Jr.

Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 27

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Edwin Flamm

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 29

8:15 a.m. For the Children

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to our ST. JOSEPH Family and Friends!

Tonight we celebrate God blessing us with the greatest gift of all - His very own Son, a Savior born in the humblest of circumstances yet one whose life astounds the whole world! As we celebrate this special day in different ways: be it listening to and singing carols, with Christmas trees and decorative lights, lanterns and Parols, cookies and milk or boots waiting for Santa, nativity scenes, exchanging gifts and greeting cards, a festive meal and, especially, the Mass, seeing the world still full of kindness and love, we say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus! You are *Immanuel*, God with us." Gracias, nuestro Señor Jesus!

Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noël! Feliz Natal! Buon Natale! Zalig Kersfeest!

Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Mo'adim Lesimkha! Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Merii Kurisumasu! Sretan Bozic! Maayong Pasko!



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2: 11-14

† ST. MARY †

OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass

† ST. FRANCIS XAVIER †

Sunday: 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday: 12:15 p.m. English

Mass and Holy Hour

CHURCH EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 (Sunday): Christmas Eve; 10:00 a.m. (regular) Mass at St. Joseph; 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary

December 25 (Monday): The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); 12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph; 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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 16 Ken Flamm
December 18 Brenda Masden
December 21 Daniel Pineau
December 23 Savannah Eck
December 23 Clayton Eck
December 26 Anna Rodgers
December 27 Tess Brummer
December 28 Joe Brumleve
December 28 Mark Haddick
December 28 Tom Masden



The Meaning of the Four **ADVENT CANDLES**. According to dynamiccatholic.com, "The Fourth Week of Advent - Candle Name: *the Angel's Candle*, Represents: *Love*, Candle Color: *Purple*. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel." *Let us light all four candles!*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Patty Flamm

EM: Debbie Russell, Luisa Vercide

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Paulette Aronson

EM: Lori Cohen, Debbie Russell

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

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

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 and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 3, 2023

General Fund	\$3,595.00
Offering	\$3,555.00
For the Needy	\$10.00
Retired Priests	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$290.00

December 10, 2023

General Fund	\$1,382.00
Offering	\$1,543.00
For the Needy	\$200.00
Religious Retirement	\$125.00
Immaculate Conception	\$140.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00

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, 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.

This Wednesday, we remember **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**. “The Holy Innocents are the young male children from Bethlehem and its vicinity at the time of the birth of Jesus who were put to death by King Herod the Great. Herod ordered their death after the Magi who came from the East to pay homage to the child Jesus left without giving Herod news about “the newborn king of the Jews.” This slaughter is recounted in the second chapter of Matthew’s Gospel but is not mentioned in other sources, such as the writings of the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus. Estimates of the number of infants killed range from 10-12, based on the likely population of Bethlehem at the time of Christ’s birth, to 64,000, a fantastic figure cited in the Syrian liturgy. This feast has been celebrated in the West since the fifth century. The Holy Innocents are the patrons of children, babies, and foundlings.” (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/upload/twim-christmas-holy-innocents.pdf>) *Let us pray for all children!*

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 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.”

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 the Diocese: Diocesan **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**. The 46th Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2024 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you so much!

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