

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 31, 2023

10:00 a.m. December Celebrants

Monday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary

Tuesday, January 2

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, January 3

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. John Morgan

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Frank Brazinski

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

"Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life." (catholicculture.org)



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. *Amen.*

† 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

BLESSINGS TO OUR DECEMBER CELEBRANTS: *Father Uriel Ordination, Joe Brumleve, Tess Brummer, Clayton Eck, Savannah Eck, Ken Flamm, Mark Haddick, Gwen Lehr, Brenda Masden, Tom Masden, Valerie Palmer, Daniel Pineau, Anna Rodgers, Chris Stadelbacher and John Winzenburger.* The Parish prays for YOU!

Can you believe tomorrow is already 2024? With NEW YEAR'S DAY, the Church recognizes our Blessed Mother. "January 1: **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.** It is through the virginal Motherhood of Mary that the Word was made flesh. In adoring the Son of God made man in the Child of Bethlehem, we recognize that Mary is the Mother of God.- Magnificat" (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=12538>)

Let us celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God with Masses at 9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) and 6:00 p.m. (St. Mary). "Note: When this Solemnity falls on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated." (usccb.org)

HAPPY NEW YEAR, ST. JOSEPH FAMILY!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Lector: Paulette Aronson

EM: Lori Cohen, Debbie Russell

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph New Year's Day Mass

6:00 p.m. St. Mary New Year's Day Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 10:00 a.m. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lector: Linda Porter

EM: Liv Cerny, Geof Skinner

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



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 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 17, 2023

General Fund	\$1,319.00
Offering	\$1,204.00
For the Needy	\$10.00
Christmas	\$105.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Cemetery Fund	\$365.00

December 24, 2023

General Fund	\$1,806.00
Offering	\$1,786.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$20.00

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, Sheron 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.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO FRANK, O LORD and let your perpetual light shine upon him! We commend into your hands, our sister Jeanne Wacker's father, **FRANK D. BRAZINSKI, SR.**, 98, of Coulterville, who passed away Thursday, December 28, 2023, joining his wife, Georgie, who preceded him earlier in July of this year. Frank was a devoted family man, farmer and a Korean War veteran. And to his family: sons - Frank Jr. (Lynne), James, John and Mark (Anne Marie), daughters – Jeanne (Raymond) and Elaine (Joseph), grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family members, his caregivers and friends, our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you. May God's love give you comfort and hope during this difficult time. *Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024 with Rosary at 8:45 a.m., Visitation 9:00 a.m. until the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lively Grove, Illinois.* Interment will include a military service. To view Frank's obituary and leave condolences, please go to: www.pyattfuneralhome.com. *St. Joseph, please pray for Frank!*

From Ms. Gabbie: **PSR REMINDERS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024:** All teachers interested in Confirmation Class, please join us for a Teacher's meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024:** Parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church for all students in First Communion. **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024:** CONFIRMED Orientation at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall for Parents and Students who want to enroll. Deadline for Confirmation enrollment will be February 25, 2024.

The **2024 DONATION ENVELOPES** are now available - don't forget to take one! If you are new or can't find the assigned envelopes, please take the next available unmarked box and write in your name and address on the first envelope you will use during collection. For questions, please contact Karl sweitzer (karl_sweitzer@hotmail.com).

Did we (or will we) miss your birthday or anniversary? Are you on our list? Are you new to St. Joseph or have welcomed a new baby into the family? St. Joseph will be updating church parishioner information soon. This **2024 CENSUS** for new and current parishioners allows the addition of changes or deletion of old information in our church records. Starting in January, please check the back of the church for forms and spend a few minutes to complete them. Thank 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 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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