

A Word From Father Gerry

Christmas this year gives us an especially fitting season to meditate on Pope Francis' words in Misericordiae Vultus, his proclamation of a Jubilee Year of Mercy:

"Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy".

and

"Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us."

The face of God took on flesh at the birth of Jesus as God comes to meet humankind at Bethlehem. Today, God's face shines on us in the mercy and compassion of one person to another. God comes to meet us when we live in communion with Jesus Christ.

We encounter God's mercy everyday in our faith and as disciples of Jesus Christ. Even when we are unaware of our participation in this mystery, Divine Mercy is shared through our hands, our words, our labor, our laughter, our tears for others and hundreds of other ways. For many, the presence of God's Divine Mercy remains hidden. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us be always vigilant to the gift of Jesus Christ we carry and be ready to share that gift in our own acts of mercy and compassion.

Christmas celebrations become meaningful to us and others when we encounter the mystery of "God With Us" through our communion with Body of Christ, the Church. I greatly admire and appreciate all the ways you are the face of God's mercy for Saint Joseph Parish.

My Christmas prayer for you is to have many reasons to rejoice in the Lord's presence during this Year of Mercy as you celebrate his coming among us.

*Fr. Gerry Reinersman,
Pastor*

PASTORAL STAFF

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- Opportunities For Life:**.....call 1-800-822-5824

End of Year Donation Statements will be prepared soon. Parishioners who have an email address on file with us will receive their statements via email. **Those without an email address that require a statement should call the rectory to request a statement be printed and mailed to their home address.** If you would like to update your email and/or home address, please contact the Parish Office at 441-1604 or email Barb @ BKling@stjoeparish.net.

**New Year's Day Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m.

There will not be a 6:30 a.m. mass on New Year's Day. The only morning mass on Friday, January 1st will be at 9:00 a.m..



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- **Baptism Preparation classes** are required before having your first child baptized. Call the rectory about classes before setting a Baptism date (441-1604 ext. 2271.)
- **Matrimony** - Couples are to contact the rectory at least nine months before planning their wedding. Diocesan requirements are to be followed for Marriage preparation. No date is final until a priest has been contacted.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52
Monday	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to early printing deadlines, the offering information for December 20th was not available. It will be included in the January 3rd Bulletin

Please see next page for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion schedule for January 1st Holy Day.



**We remember in Prayer Those Who Have Entered
“NEW LIFE”**

Edward Kerkhoff

St. Joseph Family Pictorial Directory

The 2015 Pictorial Directory is available for pickup in the vestibule of church. If you participated in having your family portrait taken for the directory, your free copy of the Pictorial Directory will be in an envelope identified by your family name.

2016 Men's Retreat

All men of the parish are invited to attend the annual men's retreat held at the Saint Anne's Retreat Center from January 29th-31st. Monsignor Bill Cleves will be the Retreat Leader. This is a good opportunity to spiritually relax, reflect and renew your mind, body & soul with other men from the parish. Please contact Bob Lauer at 781-7939 or sjholyname@yahoo.com for more information or to make your reservation.

VIRTUS USERS: To remain compliant and active at St. Joe's please make sure to complete your monthly bulletins. **December's bulletin has been posted and is due Thursday, Dec 31st.** December is an open month in VIRTUS. If you have fallen behind on reading your bulletins, now is the time to catch up.

Date	Lector	Deacon & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Servers	Mass Intentions
1/2/2016 Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Larry Sheanshang	EMC Captain: Rose Pfaff EMC: Dolores Kiernan, Patty Meek, Chick Meyn, Margie Schack, Julie Schimpf, Mary Smith, Larry Uebel, Sylvia Uebel	Jessica Appel Luke Flottman Evan Brondhaver Katie Williams	George Coleman
1/3/2016 8:00 AM	Walter Dunlevy	EMC Captain: Ron Haigis EMC: Dennis Brennan, Lauren Donnermeyer, Sharon Holtz, Sue Kahmann, Donna Kramer, Candy Schroder	Dylan Donnermeyer Colin Schuh Hayden Schuh	For the People
9:30 AM	Anna Rafferty	EMC Captain: Steve Winbigler EMC: Chris Ampfer, Jan Ampfer, Jolynne Bundy, Donna Pickett, Carol Russell, Mary Short, Sr. Dennise, Adrian Tarvin	Samuel Adams Kelsey Adams Maya Batshoun Mitch Otten	Bill & Bernice Neltner
11:30 AM	Pat Finn	EMC Captain: Ken Burton EMC: Donald Clark, Julie Finn, Michelle Fischer, Natalie Geiman, Patty Goering, Austin McDole, Joe Tallarigo, Gary Volker	Abby Cook Tyler Cook Brett Rottinghaus Trey Rottinghaus	Joseph, Sr. & Laura Volker
7:00 PM	Tonya Zaya	EMC Captain: Len Grothaus EMC: Annie Krause, Kara Ruschman, Brenda Whitford, Melissa Wulfeck	John Bush Sam Bush Mick Clines	Carleen & Richard Niehaus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28

6:30 a.m. Special Intention - E.G.
8:30 a.m. Kent and Fred Kaufman

Tuesday, December 29

6:30 a.m. Lloyd Miller
8:30 a.m. Bob Seifert

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 a.m. Special Intention - N.C.
9:00 a.m. Shan Burns

Thursday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Joann Pross Kraft
5:00 p.m. The Schwab Family

Friday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Kathryn Grace Federle

Saturday, January 2

8:30 a.m. People Affected by Addiction

SERVER'S WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Mon. Dec 28 8:30 Jeff Kahmann, Zac Kahmann
Tues. Dec 29 8:30 Evan Franke, Jack Piscitello
Wed. Dec 30 9:00 Olivia Reckner, Talie Neufelder
Thurs. Dec 31
8:30 a.m. Jenna PLaneaux, Zac Kahmann

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—Eve
5:00 p.m. Jeff Kahmann, Peter Kahmann,
Brandon Moloney Carena Bhola

Fri. Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:
9:00 a.m. Abigail Bartels, Wyatt Bartels,
Need 2 Servers

Sat. Jan 2 8:30 a.m. Pete Williams, Nick Vennemann



Looking for a way to extend what you get in Mass throughout your week? Tune in to Sacred Heart Radio at 740 AM, 89.5 FM or online at sacredheartradio.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 28

7:00 p.m. Drama Club - Memorial Hall
7:00 p.m. Handbells - Church

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 p.m. Drama Club - Memorial Hall

Thursday, January 31 - NEW YEARS EVE
Rectory Office Closed Through 1/3/2016

Mass Times: 8:30 a.m. (daily mass)
5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1 - NEW YEARS DAY

Mass Time: 9:00 a.m.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

One of the all-time great Christmas movies is *It's a Wonderful Life!* The classic scene is the final one. The townspeople are gathering in George Bailey's living room. They're pouring money onto a table, all with the intention of rescuing George from financial ruin. It's not long before George's brother enters the picture. Having heard of the hard times George had been going through, he secured a leave from the military, hopped a plane, and flew all day and night to make it to Bedford Falls. He wanted to be of help. Seeing the people and the mountain of money, he raises his glass and toasts his brother: "To my brother George, the richest man in the world!"

George Bailey was rich, all right, but not because he was suddenly given money. He was rich because he had family and friends who loved him and cared about him. There's much to be said for the benefits and blessings of family.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Forester News: At our last meeting which was our Christmas dinner, we gave awards to 3 members. Tony Holtz received a "Lifetime" award for his many volunteer hours to the organization. Thank you Tony for all your hard work. Amy Geiger received the highest award given, which is the "Legion of Honor" award. Thank you Amy for your time and effort in organizing such wonderful youth events. Ron Planeaux received the Merit Award". Thank you Ron for all you do to for the Forester's. Ron does a great job organizing the pancake breakfasts and he and his crew always make sure we are well fed at our meetings. Congratulations to these members!! Everyone working together makes our organization such a great one to belong to. We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

Date	Lector	Deacon & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Solemnity of Mary
12/31/2015 5:00 PM	Larry Sheanshang	Deacon: Tim Schabell EMC Captain: Rose Pfaff EMC: Kathy Sheanshang, Margie Schack, Colleen Smith, Sharon Clark, Judy Beck, Tom Ehlman, Margaret Braun
1/1/2016 9:00 AM	Sr. Dennise	EMC Captain: Candy Schroder EMC: Linda Goetz, Sr. Dennise, Irmgard Seiter, Larry Ron Haigis NEED 1 EMHC

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St. Joseph Parish Men's Fellowship: Saturday, January 2, 7:00 – 8:15 AM in the Activity Center. This is an opportunity for men to gather and share their Catholic faith. NO RSVP, NO preparation, NO follow-up. Just show up. COME and SEE. . .

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be presented at St. Henry Parish, Elsmere, beginning Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$93. For more information, contact Karen Egan at 307-7552 or kegan001@gmail.com, or www.daveramsey.com.

Celebrating Mary, Mother of God: As we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, learn more about Mary and her role in salvation history and the Church. Find out why and how Mary can and should be a part of your life. Learn more using these FORMED resources:

Adults:

- Catholicism, Episode 4: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God (Programs)
- Footprints of God—Mary (Programs)
- Praying the Rosary Like Never Before
Dr. Edward Sri (audio)
- Symbolon, Part I, Episode 9: Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints

Teens / Young Adults:

- YDisciple, The Creed, Session 9: Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
- YDisciple, Discipleship Activities: Total Consecration; Praying the Rosary; Rosary Hike



Every family in the parish received a copy of Rediscover Jesus at Christmas Masses. If you did not receive your copy, please pick one up. This book is arranged in 40 very brief (2 - 4 page) chapters, each with a Scripture verse, prayer, and thought-provoking question at the end. Take 40 days and read and reflect on one chapter a day. 5 – 10 minutes a day – that is all it takes! Start January 1 and you will finish on February 9, the day before Ash Wednesday! Start on Ash Wednesday and read a chapter every day during Lent! Make a daily commitment to read this book. Think of it as your daily meeting with Jesus.

Fortunate Families

Fortunate Families is a group of Catholic parents, friends and families of the LGBT community who gather for support and to share their stories. The group will meet from 7-9 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month, in the lower level meeting room at St. Joseph in Cold Spring. For more information, please email Ed Buechel at ejbuechel@rbcldlaw, or Jan Schwegmann at janpschweg@aol.com. All are welcome at any meeting.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs. Melissa Holzmacher, School Principal

Registration Reminder

Registration for Preschool, Kindergarten and new students to St. Joseph School for the 2016-2017 school year will be Saturday, January 30th from 8:00 – 10:00 in Memorial Hall.

In order to enter Preschool your child must be potty trained and 3 before October 1, 2016 or 4 before October 1, 2016. In order to enter Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old before October 1, 2016.

Effective 2017-2018 School Year a student must be 5 by August 1 to enter Kindergarten. (KRS 158.030)

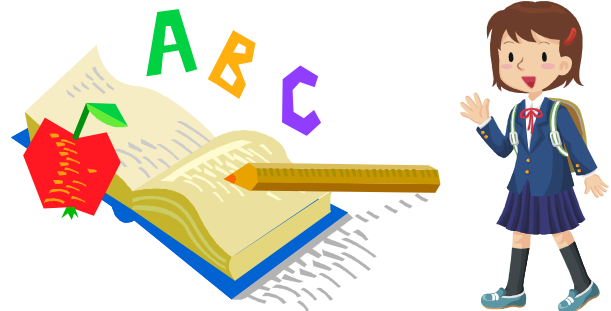
You will need to bring to the registration the following: (We will make copies of the certificates.)

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's baptismal certificate
- Social Security Number
- \$100.00 registration for Kindergarten/\$100.00 per child for other grades 1-8.
- \$50.00 registration for Preschool

The enrollment policy determines who will be accepted to Preschool, Kindergarten and new students in other grades. The Enrollment Policy can be found on the website www.stjosephcoldspring.com. Go to school tab at the top and scroll down to Student Handbook.

Preschool, Kindergarten, and New Student registration numbers will be available upon entering Memorial Hall at 8:00 AM.

The purpose of the numbers is to help determine act as a tie breaker for acceptance. those placed on the waiting list Being first to register cannot assure your child a place.



FOOD BASKET IN CHURCH



Your donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated. Please check the expiration date on any food donated. Thank you for your generosity.



PRO-LIFE NEWS
Families For Life

Project Rachel – Are you or someone you know suffering from an abortion decision? Our merciful and loving God is waiting with open arms to offer hope and healing through His church. Call [859-392-1547](tel:859-392-1547) or email projectrachel@covdio.org for confidential information about Project Rachel.

Calling All Young, Single, Catholic Adults Usher in the New Year by attending a night out on Saturday, January 9th from 8:30pm - 12:30 a.m. at St. Philip Parish Center (1402 Mary Ingles Highway, Melbourne, KY.) It will be a night of music, drinks and socializing for young adults ages 21 & up. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided, as well as music by DJ Billy Sarge. Adult beverages will be available for a nominal charge. This will be a great opportunity to meet other young, catholic adults who share the same Catholic values, form new friendships and possibly be the beginning of a future adult group for outings/service. Save the date and if you are interested in helping with the planning, contact Lydia Duvall at lrd225@g.uky.edu or call St. Philip parish office at 441-8949.

Going Deeper into the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Taught by Fr. Martin Pitstick

Wednesdays of January (6, 13, 20, 27), 2016: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Divine Mercy Parish, Charity Hall, 312 Poplar St, Bellevue, KY

There is a fee of \$25. Pre-registration is requested.

Call the Office of Catechesis: 392-1500.

You may also register at the seminar.



Natural Family Planning International

Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home**

Study Course from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

We are listed at the U.S Bishops' website under NFP long distance learning: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>

BISHOP BROSSART HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Student Shadow – Any 8th grade student interested in shadowing for a day at BBHS can contact Chris Holtz to schedule at (859) 635-2108 ext. 1018 or email at choltz@bishopbrossart.org

Nativity Display – Over 100 Nativity sets made by artists and craftsmen from 60 different countries will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School. The display is FREE and open to the public every Sunday in December from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enter at the main entrance.

Crosstown FOODout – Attending either night of the Crosstown Shootout Basketball games between BBHS and CCHS on Saturday January 2nd or Friday January 8th at Campbell County Middle School? Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of the CARE Mission, a local charity in our community, providing assistance to those in need.

NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC NEWS

Attention: 7th & 8th Graders. New Year's Eve's Eve Dance - Wednesday, December 30 - 7:00-10:00 PM at NCC in the Black-box Theatre. \$10 Admission includes drinks, snacks, and party favors. Visit ncchs.com for permission/liability form.

Opportunities for Life Regional Director

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington is accepting qualified candidates for an OFL Regional Director. The position is 50% (20 hours a week). Opportunities for Life (OFL) is a statewide ministry of the Kentucky Bishops which offers personal, confidential help to persons experiencing an untimely pregnancy. To view job description visit Catholic Charities web site at www.covingtoncharities.org



Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) is seeking volunteers to help provide educational support services to young children in Covington. Tutors, as well as PE monitors, are greatly needed. NDUEC will open for the spring program on January 4. If you have a few hours a week to make a difference in a child's life, call Mary Gray at 261-4487 or email her at nduecvolunteer@sndky.org.

E-mail Bulletin info to:
Bulletin@stjoeparish.net

Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 12:00 p.m. for the following week's bulletin

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CHAIRPERSON

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St. Vincent de Paul: Larry Sendelbach.....441-2712
or email jsendelbach@zoomtown.com
STP Volunteers: Art Holtz.....441-3809
Boy Scouts: Paul Gabis.....781-6130
Girl Scouts: Ceil Gubser.....441-0120
Seniors: Jim Pelgen.....760-0400

PARISH SERVICES

Exposition every Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Sundays by Appointment, 1:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation Program required. Class held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please call rectory 441-1604 to reserve date.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call at least 6 months in advance. No date will be set without consulting one of the parish priests.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays, before and after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Saturday afternoon between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (unless there is a 3:00 p.m. Wedding) and by appointment.

Rosary: Monday thru Friday at 7:05 a.m. and after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. before Benediction. Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on Sunday morning before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Patriotic Rosary every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.



Communion to the sick and/or shut-ins: Call the rectory.