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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC: TERESA SMITH



Saturday, November 22

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, November 23

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +

Monday, November 24

No public Mass

Tuesday, November 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Donnajeanne Wahman +

8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Connie Herr +

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +

Friday, November 28

8:30 a.m. Lloyd Smith Family

Saturday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Beth Kaiser +

Sunday, November 30

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 / Lk 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 25 - Weekday [34] - Dn 2:31-45 / (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 / Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 26 - Weekday [34] - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 / Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 27 - Weekday [34] - Dn 6:12-28 / (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 / Lk 21:20-28

Fri., Nov. 28 - Weekday [34] - Dn 7:2-14 / (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 / Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Nov. 29 - Weekday [34] - Dn 7:15-17 / (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 / Lk 21:34-36

Sun., Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent - Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE-NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Join us on *Thanksgiving Day* (Thursday, Nov. 27th) for *Mass at 9 AM* as we begin *Thanksgiving Day* by first giving thanks to Almighty God. There is no better way to begin this day of thankfulness than with the Eucharist, which, coming from the Greek [*eucharisteo*], means “to give thanks.”

This weekend (November 22nd/23th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This solemnity was originally created as a feast day one hundred years ago in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Following the horrific loss of life experienced during the Great War, Pius XI saw that the world was drifting away from Jesus Christ and had hoped that this feast day would help to reawaken society’s recognition of Christ as King.

In his papal encyclical, *Quas primas*, Pius described this feast day as the response to the rapid rise of secularism experienced throughout various European nations. The fall of local governments and collapse of monarchies gave way to the totalitarian regimes of both communism and fascism. *Quas primas* offered the stern reminder that no state, ideology, or individual could ever take the place of Christ as King.

Perhaps prophetically, Pius XI cautioned that “as individuals and states refuse to submit to the rule of our Savior, there will be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.” Instead, when Christ is rejected, societies collapse and war too often follows. It is only when we “recognize, both in private & in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace & harmony.”

In 1969, Pope St. Paul VI elevated this day to a solemnity (*our highest liturgical celebration*), and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. These changes sought to emphasize that Christ’s kingship is not merely symbolic or historical, but oriented toward His triumphant return at the end of time. In this way, our liturgical year concludes with a renewed proclamation of our hope in Christ’s ultimate victory over all creation.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AND THE CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Sign-ups for our upcoming **Forty Hours Devotion** are available in the narthex. With an opening Mass on Monday, Dec. 8th at 7 PM for the **Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception**, we will once again enter into a period of continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will continue throughout this time until our closing Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 7 PM. At this closing Mass, we will make together the Consecration to St. Joseph.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 7 PM, we will welcome **Dcn. Rob Lortie** to serve as a special Eucharistic Speaker for our **Forty Hours**. Dcn. Rob will also preach at our opening and closing Masses and is joining us in preparation to renew his own Consecration to St. Joseph. While still in preparation for the diaconate, Dcn. Rob and his wife, Vickie, served as speakers during one of our past Advent missions focused on the Domestic Church.

I invite and strongly encourage each of us to sign-up for time in adoration throughout the **Forty Hours**. If you have never had the opportunity to spend time in adoration, now is the time. You will be amazed at how the Lord will speak to you in the quiet of your heart if you but make this time for Him.

“HAPPY (LITURGICAL) NEW YEAR!”

Next weekend, we celebrate the start of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. This new year will restart our three-year lectionary cycle as we return to Year A and the Gospel of St. Matthew. Walking through this Gospel for the coming year, we will see how St. Matthew, writing primarily to a Jewish Christian audience, will place a strong emphasis on Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament promises. He will also emphasize Jesus’ teaching on the cost of discipleship, especially fitting for those who were cast out of the synagogues and faced familial rejection for their Faith in Jesus. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus



Sunday, November 23rd
between the 7:30 & 10:00 Masses
A Free Will Offering will be accepted with
proceeds benefiting the St. Joseph Youth
Group and the Wells County Food Bank.



Our Acts of the Apostles Bible Study continues
Monday, November 24th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
downstairs in the Parish Social Hall.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, November 30th
we will *not* have Religious Education Classes.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 22 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 23- Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 23 - Knights of Columbus Pancake/Sausage Breakfast after 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sun., Nov. 23 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 24- Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Mon., Nov. 24 - **Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles** - 6-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Tues., Nov. 25 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 26 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 a.m.
- Fri., Nov. 28 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 29 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 30 - NO Religious Education Classes - Thanksgiving Break
- Sat., & Sun., Nov. 29 & 30 - Holy Land items for sale in the narthex after all Masses this weekend.
- Mon., Dec. 1 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- Tues., Dec. 2- Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 2- Knights of Columbus meeting - Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Church and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00.
- Wed., Dec. 3 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Teresa Smith.
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith
Lectors
5:00 p.m. Marita Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Carol Butler
10:00 a.m. Mike Dunn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Monica Harris, Jacque Johnson
Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Nov. 15th / 16th

Adult Envelopes - \$4,742.00

Loose - \$408.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$430.00

Memorial Candles - \$40.00

Donations/Bequest - \$40.00

Farmland Donation- \$5,250.00

Total- \$5,660.00

All Saints Day Envelopes - \$20.00

All Souls Day Envelopes- \$20.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$6,770.36 ahead of
our budget for the month
of November 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul
Fund - \$1,263.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph
Parish are greatly
appreciated. Thank you!

To set up **Online Giving**
through **Our Sunday Visitor**, visit:
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Scan the QR Code on the right.



HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS CRAFTS

November 29th and 30th after all Masses

Alfred and Grace Salsa, Natives of Bethlehem,
will be offering a beautiful collection of handmade
religious artifacts made by the Christians in Bethlehem.
Please stop by their display in the narthex and shop for
beautiful religious items for yourself or for someone else
as a gift that will be treasured forever.

Your support helps our brothers & sisters in the Holy Land.



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Eucharistic Adoration

Opening Mass (*Holy Day Mass*)

Monday, Dec. 8th - 7 PM

Eucharistic Speaker: Dcn. Rob Lortie
Tuesday, Dec. 9th - 7 PM

Closing Mass & Consecration

Wednesday, Dec. 10th - 7 PM



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Before you speak....
T H I N K !
T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families." - St. John Paul II