

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	19	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	20	8:00 a.m.	Sandy McCormick
Wed.	21	8:00 a.m.	Sandy McCormick
Thur.	22	8:00 a.m.	Adeline Duquette
Fri.	23	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	24	5:00 p.m.	Theodore Schober
Sun.	25	10:00 a.m.	Margaret Scott
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

*Please see special insert this weekend for
Liturgical Assistants for Masses*

SATURDAY MASS: DEC. 24 AT 5:00 P.M.

Lector-----	Patti Norton
Special Ministers-----	Patricia Murphy Char Gestring Ken Dalaviras
Servers-----	Clare, Patrick & Audrey McDowell
Ushers-----	Jim & Betty Novotny Fred & Janet Basse
Cross Bearer-----	Landon Stotler

SUNDAY MASS: DEC. 25 AT 10:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Becky O'Neill
Special Ministers-----	Roland Seal Janie McCormick Volunteer
Servers-----	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers-----	Tom Willette Richard King
Cross Bearer-----	Carl Vessell

ST. ANNE MASS: DEC. 25 AT 8:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Kristina Lambert
Special Ministers-----	Evan Loveless Victor Bender Ron Schmidt
Gift Bearers-----	Steve & Ann Folle
Servers-----	Bethany Govero Josh Govero
Ushers-----	Gary Fisher Jerry Rokan
Cross Bearer-----	Joseph Govero

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	5:00 pm Blessing of the Crèche - Children's Mass
Christmas	Midnight Mass 12:00 am At St. Joseph 8:00 am St. Anne FV 10:00 am St. Joseph
December 31	5:00 pm St. Joseph
January 01	8:00 am St. Anne 10:00 am St. Joseph

Christmas Flower Offerings

Your gifts will help us to purchase the beautiful poinsettias for our altar during this Christmas.

Christmas Giving Tree

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree this Christmas Season. You may recycle Christmas cards by donating them to be used as tags for next year's giving tree.

2017 Calendars

Catholic Calendars for the year 2017 are available courtesy of Boyer Funeral Homes.

Bingo

Bingo figures from December 8, 2016:
Gross Receipts: \$630.10; Players: 85

Church Cleaning

Dec. 20: Jina and Mike Jennings
Dec. 23: Deborah & Ron AuBuchon (Week 1)

Your Gift to God

December 10 & 11, 2016

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 555.00
Loose	205.39	42.00
St. Vincent de Paul	40.00	-0-
Building	67.00	40.00
School	28.00	-0-
Adopt An Angel	17.00	-0-
Cemetery	32.00	-0-
Votive	18.00	52.00
Immac. Conception	282.00	97.00
Christmas	5.00	-0-
Christmas Flowers	18.00	10.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**ST. ANNE CHURCH
FRENCH VILLAGE, MISSOURI**

Church Cleaning Team #2 – J. Hejlek, A. Folle

St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks parishioners for their donations. During December, please bring tuna, soup and diapers. Thank you.

2016 – 2017

Safe Environment Audit

Maria Mudd from the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis has completed the annual audit of St. Joseph Parish. We are in compliance 100% with all requirements and Char Gestring, our volunteer Safe Environment Coordinator, is to be commended for her continued thoroughness, professionalism, and support of the Safe Environment Program which protects God's children in our Parish.

Vincentian Mission

Please plan to attend our Vincentian Parish Mission which will be held next year March 18, 2017 through March 23, 2017.

Stewardship Reflections

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Happy Birthday Father Bill!
December 19th**

May God give you the gift of happiness on your special day – December 19th, and all year long. Happy Birthday from the families of St. Joseph and St. Anne! You will be remembered in our prayers.

Welcome

If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence and welcome you to worship with us. Or if you have been away from the Church for a while, we sincerely welcome you HOME this Christmas.

From the Pastor's Pen

THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the
Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the
dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers* USCCB

December 18, 2016