

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	05	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Hess
Tue.	06	8:00 a.m.	Evan Miller
Wed.	07	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Kowlek
Thur.	08	8:00 a.m.	Ed Stepanian
		5:00 p.m.	Frank Winkler
	SA	7:00 p.m.	Marion AuBuchon
Fri.	09	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	10	5:00 p.m.	Bob Romine
Sun.	11	10:00 a.m.	E. Massmann
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY MASS: DEC. 10 AT 5:00 P.M.

Lector-----	Patti Norton
Special Ministers-----	Char Gestring Carolyn Rhodes Volunteer
Servers-----	Volunteers
Ushers-----	M/M Matt Haug Carl Cash LaVerne Carrow
Cross Bearer-----	Jeff Rosener

SUNDAY MASS: DEC. 11 AT 10:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Mike Lukachick
Special Ministers-----	Roland Seal Marcy Mueller Mary AuBuchon
Servers-----	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers-----	Kyle Krus John Pace Tom Willette Volunteer
Cross Bearer-----	Carl Vessell

ST. ANNE MASS: DEC. 11 AT 8:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Kristina Lambert
Special Ministers-----	Russell Basler Delores Brawley Victor Bender
Servers-----	Clare, Patrick & Audrey McDowell
Gift Bearers-----	Sharon Kleinsorge Opal Sickman
Ushers-----	Jim & Betty Novotny
Cross Bearer-----	Audrey McDowell

Anointing of the Sick December 10 & 11, 2016

We will have an Anointing of the Sick for the physical and spiritual healing of those 55 years and older and especially for those who are seriously ill. The Anointing of the Sick will be given at the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph and at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anne during the weekend of December 10th and 11th.

Reconciliation Today

St. Joseph Parish and St. Anne Parish will have a Penance Service at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

Our PSR students and their families will have a Penance Service on Wednesday, December 7th.

Baby Jesus Birth Celebration Today

You are invited to a Baby Jesus Birth Celebration on Sunday, December 4th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Bingo

Bingo figures from November 24, 2016:
Gross Receipts: No Bingo - Thanksgiving

Church Cleaning

Dec. 06: Jina and Mike Jennings
Dec. 09: Becky O'Neill (Week 1)

Your Gift to God

November 26 & 27, 2016

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 610.00
Loose	277.60	45.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00	-0-
Building	10.00	-0-
School	10.00	-0-
Adopt An Angel	10.00	-0-
Cemetery	20.00	-0-
Votive	15.00	47.00
Thanksgiving	140.00	20.00
Camp. Human Dev.	3.00	-0-
Military USA	3.00	-0-
Christmas Flowers	40.00	-0-

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Church Cleaning Team #4 - Jane Schmidt

St. Vincent DePaul

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

**Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, December 8, 2016, is a holy day of obligation for all of the faithful in the United States. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. St. Anne Church in French Village will celebrate Mass for the holy day at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Giving Tree Ornaments

Your wonderful generosity gives a child in need a special Christmas. Please remember that these children do not receive a Christmas gift if you choose an ornament and do not bring back a gift to put under the tree. The limit is \$20.00 maximum per Christmas gift. Bring your wrapped presents (with the giving tree tag attached) by Friday, December 16th. Thank you.

Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent, we encourage each family to use the Advent calendar included in a previous week's bulletin for daily scripture readings and reflection in preparation for Christmas. Please take note of the times for parish Penance Services and the Christmas Mass Schedule.

2017 Calendars

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

Penance Services

Penance Services in preparation for the coming of Jesus' birth at Christmas are scheduled for:

Dec. 09	St. Joseph Farmington	8 am - 6 pm
Dec. 17	Immaculate Conception P H	3:30 - 4:45 pm

From the Pastor's Pen

Advent - God Comes Among Us

Definition of Advent

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

Origins of Advent

Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany – not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the Magi and the Baptism of Jesus. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40 day period of fasting and repentance.

Later, in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the Second Coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages, the church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The prophecies of Isaiah remind us to wait and prepare. By December 17th, the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

Stewardship Reflections

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Donut Sunday

We invite you to come and enjoy fellowship with your Church family this morning, along with the coffee, donuts and orange juice.

December 4, 2016