



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

215 West 13th - Hays, Ks. 67601



## Comeau Catholic Campus Center

506 W. 6th - Hays, Ks. 67601

### Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

#### St. Joseph Mass Times

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am  
Monday - Friday: 6:30am  
Holy Days Masses: See Bulletin/Website

Rosary before each Mass.  
Confession: Sat. 3:30pm; Wed. 5:00pm  
Sun. 6:45-7:15am / 9:30-10:15am  
First Friday Deviations: Noon

#### Comeau Campus Center Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm  
Monday - Thursday: 5:45pm  
Friday: 12:10pm  
Holy Day Masses - See bulletin

Confession - Mon. - Thurs., 5:00-5:40pm  
Sunday, 5:00-5:30pm  
(All Year)

Adoration - After Mass, Tues, 9:30am  
ends Wed. 5:45pm.  
before the 5:45pm Mass.

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Year of  
**ST. JOSEPH**

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Confessions  
 7:30 a.m. L/D Mem Stan & Karen Allen  
 9:00 a.m.C +Kathy Strachan  
 9:00 a.m. +Betty Martell  
 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions  
 10:30 a.m. +Bernard Huelsmann  
 6:00 p.m.C +Cyril Fisher

### Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6:30 a.m. L/D Mem Adolph & Ann Glassman  
**NO CAMPUS MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 - St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

6:30 a.m. +Virgil Staab  
**NO CAMPUS MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 - St. Andre Bessette

Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

6:30 a.m. +Thelma Karlin  
 5:00 p.m. Confessions  
**NO CAMPUS MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 - St. Raymond of Penafort

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

6:30 a.m. +Dennis "Pete" Malleck  
**NO CAMPUS MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Friday, Jan. 8, 2021

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

6:30 a.m. +Delbert Staab  
**NO CAMPUS MASSES THIS WEEK**

### Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

8:00 a.m. Vocations  
 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. +Eddie Schmeidler

### Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 - Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Confessions  
 7:30 a.m. For the Parish  
 9:00 a.m.C +Alice Fisher  
 9:00 a.m. +David Hertel  
 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions  
 10:30 a.m. +Alfred Geist  
 6:00 p.m.C L/D Mem John R. Pfannenstiel

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	Sat. Jan. 9 5:00pm	Sun. Jan. 10 7:30am	Sun. Jan. 10 9:00am	Sun. Jan. 10 10:30am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sam A.	Doug M.	Kevin R.	Vicky W.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jace W. Kylie W. Elsa B. Heuer B.	Jacob S.		Hannah R. Joel J. Brogan Z. Madox Z.
<b>Cantor</b>	Liz S.	Jackie M.	No Music	Delany S.
<b>EMHB</b>		Steve D. Ann H.		Adele S. Troy H.
<b>Reader</b>	Melissa G. Laura A.	Terry L. Laura S.	Jeanne R.	Brenda L. Brenda T.
<b>Ushers</b>	Rob W. Eric H.	Steve D. Nick F.	Usher Needed	Troy H. Eric A.

**THANK YOU** to all who gave to our flower fund and gave money specifically to purchase poinsettias for the St. Joseph Church in honor or memory of a loved one. The results were overwhelming as you can tell by the number of the plants in the church. *A revised list of names will be in next weeks bulletin.* There were just too many to place names on the pots so everyone can easily see.

Thanks as well to all who helped decorate the church For Christmas!



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Budgeted envelopes/offertory per week	\$20,900.00
Actual envelopes/offertory received 12/14/20-12/20/20	\$23,470.53
For this week, the collection is <b>ahead</b> <b>(behind)</b>	<b>\$2,570.53</b>
Budgeted envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2020	\$452,833.38
Actual envelopes/offertory thru 11/30/2020	\$362,561.90
As of 11/30/2020 we are <b>ahead</b> <b>(behind)</b> budget for the fiscal year.	<b>(\$90,271.48)</b>

## Pastor's Notes

Fr. Brian Lager



December 8, 2020 Pope Francis declared the next year as the Year of St. Joseph. As the parish of St. Joseph it is important for us to take an active part in this celebration. I pray that this be a year of renewal for our parish. There are many spiritual advantages during this period of time that you can read about in the article in the back of the bulletin.

As a parish I invite you to be a part of this year of St. Joseph. Two things I would like to implement during this year to celebrate and pray for our parish is to pray the Memorare of St. Joseph after every Mass. I also ask that each individual and family pray this prayer together. A parish is made up of families. As each family in our parish prays together, it will build a bond to one another and to our parish. As this bond is strengthened, our parish will begin to grow in holiness and we will fulfill together the will God has for us by journeying along this pilgrimage of faith.

Secondly, I would like to invite each of you to pray the Litany to St. Joseph. We will pray this as a parish on Wednesdays. Wednesday is the traditional day devoted to special prayers to St. Joseph. I invite every family to pray this together as well. If you cannot join us for mass on Wednesdays I urge you to pray this together in your home.

As we venture into this New Year devoted to St. Joseph, I pray that each of you may be deeply blessed through his intercession and that this new year will be filled with much joy and hope. We will be making prayer cards with the Memorare to St. Joseph on it, but I encourage you to cut it out of the bulletin and place it in a spot that your family may come to know it and pray it from the heart. Please also cut out the Litany to St. Joseph that you may have it on hand to pray as well. May God bless you!

### Memorare to Saint Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

### The Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us. ... Christ have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us. ... Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, ... Have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, ... Have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit, ... Have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, One God, ... Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, ... pray for us.  
Saint Joseph, ... pray for us.  
Illustrious son of David, ... pray for us.  
Light of the patriarchs, ... pray for us.  
Spouse of the Mother of God, ... pray for us.  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, ... pray for us.  
Foster-father of the Son of God, ... pray for us.  
Watchful defender of Christ, ... pray for us.  
Head of the Holy Family, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most just, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most chaste, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most prudent, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most valiant, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most obedient, ... pray for us.  
Joseph most faithful, ... pray for us.  
Mirror of patience, ... pray for us.  
Lover of poverty, ... pray for us.  
Model of workmen, ... pray for us.  
Glory of domestic life, ... pray for us.  
Guardian of virgins, ... pray for us.  
Pillar of families, ... pray for us.  
Solace of the afflicted, ... pray for us.  
Hope of the sick, ... pray for us.  
Patron of the dying, ... pray for us.  
Terror of demons, ... pray for us.  
Protector of Holy Church, ... pray for us.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, ...  
Spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, ...  
Graciously hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, ...  
Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His household,  
R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence didst choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most Holy Mother, grant that as we venerate him as our protector on earth, we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in Heaven, Thou Who lives and reigns forever and ever. R. Amen.

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

## CAMPUS MASSES

There will be NO Campus Masses this coming week, Monday, January 4 - Friday, January 8. Mass intentions have been moved to later in the month. You may call the parish office for details on the moved intentions.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

We will have practice this Wednesday evening, January 6th starting at 7:30pm. New Members are always welcomed to join us!

**Please Note:** There is hand sanitizer and masks on the tables by the doors for you to use during Mass if you wish.




**St. Joseph Seminarian**

**Kade Megaffin**

**Please keep in Kade in your prayers**

**Please Pray For Vocations**



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the **Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330)**, the **KBI Crime Hotline (1-800-KSCRIME)** or **ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov**. The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official.

For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse Response Hotline (1-785-825-0865)**; an **Abuse Response Email (reportabuse@salinadiocese.org)**; and an **Abuse Response Online Submission Form (www.salinadiocese.org/safety-security)**. Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

*This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security*

# Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK IN A GLANCE: Jan. 3 - 9, 2021

C = Catholic Campus Center; KB=Kennedy Building; PO = Parish Office; SJ=St. Joe Church

SUN	3	MON	4	TUES	5	WED	6	THURS	7	FRI	8	SAT	9
<b>6:45-7:15am</b> Confessions - SJ		<b>6:30am</b> Mass - SJ		<b>6:30am</b> Mass - SJ		<b>6:30am</b> Mass - SJ		<b>6:30am</b> Mass - SJ		<b>6:30am</b> Mass - SJ		<b>8:00am</b> Mass - SJ	
<b>7:30am</b> Mass - SJ													
<b>9:00am - SJ</b> Mass - SJ						<b>5:00pm</b> Confessions - SJ							
<b>9:00am</b> Mass - C													
<b>9:45-10:15am</b> Confessions- SJ		No Campus Masses this week											<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions - SJ
<b>10:30am</b> Mass - SJ													<b>5:00pm</b> Mass - SJ
<b>6:00pm</b> Mass - C						<b>7:30pm</b> Choir Practice							

**MORAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES**  
*Chairmen of the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on Pro-Life Activities*  
*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**I. MORAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE CREATION OF VACCINES<sup>1</sup>**

As Pope Saint John Paul II never tired of proclaiming to the world, “the Church has always taught and continues to teach that the result of human procreation, from the first moment of its existence, must be guaranteed that unconditional respect which is morally due to the human being in his or her totality and unity as body and spirit.”<sup>2</sup> Recognizing that respect due each member of the human race, the Church does not now and has never accepted abortion: “Christian Tradition ... is clear and unanimous, from the beginning up to our own day, in describing abortion as a particularly grave moral disorder.”<sup>3</sup>

It is because of this respect for the human person that the USCCB, in collaboration with other organizations working to protect human life, has been engaged in a campaign advocating for the development of a vaccine for COVID-19 that has no link to abortion. For example, in April 2020, four USCCB bishops, the Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine, the Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, the Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Care Issues, along with representatives of twenty other organizations, wrote to the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asking it to help ensure “that Americans will have access to vaccines that are free from any connection to abortion.” The signatories pointed out that there is no need to use morally compromised cell lines to produce a COVID-19 vaccine, or any vaccine. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available and are regularly being used to produce other vaccines.

While some pharmaceutical companies have been working on a vaccine for COVID-19 without using morally compromised cell lines at all, others have been using such cell lines in either the design and development phase or the production phase or in both. Still others have been making use of a morally compromised cell line only for a confirmatory test of the vaccine’s efficacy. This leads many people who are concerned for the sanctity of human life to ask if it is ethical to accept any of the vaccines that have some connection to abortion.

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has offered guidance on the question of whether it is morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that has been created with the use of morally compromised cell lines.<sup>4</sup> Both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life emphasize the positive moral obligation to do good and in so doing to distance oneself as much as possible from the immoral act of another party such as abortion in order to avoid cooperation with someone else’s evil actions and to avoid giving scandal, which could happen if one’s own actions were perceived by other people to ignore or to minimize the evil of the action. Our love of neighbor should lead us to avoid giving scandal, but we cannot omit fulfilling serious obligations such as the prevention of deadly infection and the spread of contagion among those who are vulnerable just to avoid the appearance of scandal.

The Holy See points out that there are different degrees of responsibility in cooperating with the evil actions of others. With regard to people involved in the development and production of vaccines, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith explains that “in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision.”<sup>5</sup> As for the moral responsibility of those who are merely the recipients of the vaccines, the Congregation affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of “a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available.”<sup>6</sup>

A specific example where the reasons for accepting vaccination are sufficiently serious to justify it, even though the vaccine has been developed with the help of cell lines derived from aborted fetal cells, is the case of

rubella (German measles).<sup>7</sup> The most important danger posed by spread of rubella is that of congenital rubella syndrome, which affects unborn children when their mothers become infected while pregnant. Congenital rubella syndrome can cause miscarriages and a wide range of severe birth defects. The only available vaccine, however, has been developed with the help of aborted fetal cell lines. In such a situation, parents are justified in having their children vaccinated against rubella, not only to avoid the effects of rubella on their children, but, secondarily and just as importantly, to prevent their children from becoming carriers of rubella, as the spread of rubella can lead to the infection of vulnerable pregnant women, thereby endangering their lives and the lives of their unborn children.

It is important to note that the making of the rubella vaccine (or that of the new COVID-19 vaccines)<sup>8</sup> does not involve cells taken directly from the body of an aborted child. Cells taken from two abortions in the 1960s were replicated in a laboratory to produce two cell lines that can be reproduced again and again, indefinitely. To make the rubella vaccine, cells from these cell lines are stimulated to produce the chemicals necessary for the vaccine. It is not as if the making of the vaccine required ever more cells from ever more abortions. The cell line involved in the three new COVID-19 vaccines, a cell line known as HEK293, has its origin in kidney cells taken from the body of a child aborted in the Netherlands in 1972.

## II. THE LATEST COVID-19 VACCINES

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a situation with circumstances similar to those posed by rubella. First, at least at present, there is no available alternative vaccine that has absolutely no connection to abortion. Second, the risk to public health is very serious, as evidenced by the millions of infections worldwide and hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States of America alone. Third, in many cases the most important effect of vaccination may not be the protection it offers to the person who receives the vaccination, who may be of relatively robust health and unlikely to be seriously affected by the disease. Rather, the more important effect may be the protection it offers to those who are much more likely to be seriously stricken by the disease if they were to contract it through exposure to those infected.

There are currently three vaccines that have been presented to us as having demonstrated their effectiveness and that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. The situation of the first two is essentially the same. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion.

In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.<sup>9</sup> In addition, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community.<sup>10</sup> In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.<sup>11</sup>

The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. The current vaccine for rubella, though developed earlier, relies on morally compromised cell lines in much the same way as the newly developed AstraZeneca vaccine. The AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if there are alternatives available.<sup>12</sup>

It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others. In such a case, just as accepting a vaccination for rubella with a morally compromised vaccine is morally permissible because of the lack of alternatives and the serious risk to the public health, so it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.<sup>13</sup>

### III. A CAUTION AGAINST COMPLACENCY

While having ourselves and our families immunized against COVID-19 with the new vaccines is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and of charity toward others, we must not allow the gravely immoral nature of abortion to be obscured. It is true that one can receive benefits from an evil action in the past without intending that action or approving of it. The association with the evil action that comes with receiving benefits from that evil action, however, can have a corrupting influence on one's perception of the evil action, making it more difficult to recognize it as evil. Experiencing the benefits that have resulted from the evil action, one might become desensitized to the gravely evil nature of that action. One might become complacent about that action and ignore the obligation to do what one can to oppose the evil action. Another consideration is the fact that one's receiving benefits from an evil action might affect how others perceive that original evil action, thereby giving scandal. Others might be less inclined to see that action as evil. They might interpret one's acceptance of benefits from an evil action as an indication that one does not consider the action to be truly evil, which in turn might diminish their sense of the urgency of opposing that evil. They also might miss opportunities to do what they can to oppose it. In both cases, a certain complacency about that evil action could be the result.

With this in mind, we should be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.

### CONCLUSION

The world is currently facing a health crisis. The number of deaths from COVID-19 is now almost one and a half million worldwide. In the United States, the toll is approaching 300,000. Given the urgency of this crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified.

For our part, we bishops and all Catholics and men and women of good will must continue to do what we can to ensure the development, production, and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine without any connection to abortion and to help change what has become the standard practice in much medical research, a practice in which certain morally compromised cell lines are routinely used as a matter of course, with no consideration of the moral question concerning the origins of those cell lines.

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann  
 Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas  
 Chairman, Committee on Doctrine Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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### VACCINE ENDNOTES

1. There are other moral concerns related to the creation of vaccines to stem the COVID-19 pandemic, such as access to vaccines and other treatments for the poor and for developing nations. This document, however, will be restricted to the question of the relationship between vaccines and abortion.
2. *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 60.
3. *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 61.
4. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitas Humanae*) (2008), nos. 35-36; Pontifical Academy for Life, "'Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses,'" (9 June 2005) in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 6:3 (2006): 541-49, and Note on Italian Vaccine Issue (31 July 2017): <http://www.academyforlife.va/content/pav/en/the-academy/activity-academy/note-vaccini.html>.
5. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction (*Dignitas Humanae*), no. 35.
6. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction (*Dignitas Humanae*), no. 35.

7. Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines," 548, especially n. 16.
8. The cell line involved in the three new COVID-19 Vaccines, a cell line known as HEK293, has its origin in kidney cells taken from the body of a child aborted in the Netherlands in 1972.
9. Nothing in this document is intended to express any opinion as to the safety or efficacy of any vaccine in general or in any particular case.
10. We should keep in mind that some people cannot themselves be vaccinated; they must rely on the rest of the community's becoming immune through vaccination so that the disease does not travel through the community and infect them.
11. Every person who becomes ill with COVID-19 places an additional burden on the health care systems, which in certain cities, states, and nations have been in danger of being overwhelmed.
12. The situation is unclear in terms of what vaccines are going to be available where. Various factors may affect which vaccines are available in a given region. For example, the Pfizer vaccine must be stored at extremely cold temperatures (around -80 Fahrenheit), which may make its distribution difficult where the temperatures are high and where the necessary infrastructure is lacking. There is also considerable uncertainty as to how and by whom the vaccines will be distributed and administered. It seems reasonable to expect that there will be little or no consumer choice in the near future. The choice of vaccine may also be limited by considerations of safety and efficacy. Some vaccines may produce better results with certain age groups, such as children. Some may be more appropriate for those with certain health conditions.
13. If one were to refuse vaccination, one would have a moral responsibility to undertake all the precautions necessary to ensure that one does not become a carrier of the disease to others, precautions which may include some form of self-isolation.

## ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

**LOCATION TO PLACE YOUR FOOD ITEMS -** Nonperishable food items as well as medium sized boxes may be brought to the parish school building, formerly Kennedy, doors 25 & 26, near the gym, **from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday.

Food Pantry dates are: January 16 & February 6 & 20.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER:** Ramen noodles, cereal and proteins!

We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines as directed by our city. Patrons are asked to park their cars and enter through the usual doors near the gym, however PLEASE do NOT get out of your vehicle before the doors open at 9am in order to follow guidelines. Patrons will be directed into the cafeteria where you will remain in a group with the people you came with in your vehicle. When all spaces are filled, you may be asked to wait outside until someone else leaves.

## ST. JOSEPH DIAPER CLOSET

Donations Needed: Disposable Diapers: Sizes 1-6, esp. the larger sizes, Baby Wipes: fragrance free, monetary donations. Donated items can be left in the Food Pantry barrels located in the Kennedy Building, doors 25 & 26, from **8:00am - 3:00pm**. Monetary gifts may be directed to St. Joseph - DIAPER CLOSET and mailed to the parish office or placed in the weekend collections. Your generosity is very much appreciated.







VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has decreed a Year of St. Joseph in which Catholics will have the opportunity to obtain a special plenary indulgence.

Until December 2021, there are many new ways that Catholics can receive an indulgence, including entrusting their daily work to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker or reciting the rosary with their families.

These acts must be accompanied by sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions, the usual conditions to obtain any plenary indulgence.

Plenary indulgences remit all temporal punishment due to sin and must be accompanied by full detachment from sin.

According to the decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary on Dec. 8, there are 15 ways to receive an indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph:

1. Participate in a spiritual retreat for at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
2. Pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the unemployed that they might find dignifying work.
3. Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathist to St. Joseph.
4. Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.
5. Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.
6. Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

7. Pray the rosary together with one's family in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
8. Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
9. Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
10. Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on St. Joseph Sunday, the Sunday after Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.
11. Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph.
12. Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on the 19th of any month.
13. Honor Joseph with an act of piety or approved prayer on a Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph.
14. Pray to St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29.
15. Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 with an act of piety or prayer.

"All the faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayers and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the celestial Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that today afflict the contemporary world," the decree signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza said.

The elderly, the sick, and the dying who are unable to leave their homes due to the coronavirus pandemic also have special permission to receive an indulgence by "offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts" of their lives with a prayer to St. Joseph, hope of

the sick and patron of a happy death.

The decree noted that in this instance the person must have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions for an indulgence, as well as a detachment from sin.

The Apostolic Penitentiary permits any prayer to St. Joseph approved by the Church, mentioning in particular the "To you, O blessed Joseph" prayer composed by Pope Leo XIII:

"To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities."

"O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness."

"As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen."



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**A LOOK AT THE WEEK....**

- ◆ Sun. Jan. 3 - 9am Mass, 5pm Confession, 6pm Mass  
Coffee & Donuts after the 9:00am Mass!!!
- ◆ Mon. Jan. 4 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ◆ Tues. Jan. 5 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ◆ Wed. Jan. 6 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ◆ Thurs. Jan. 7 - 5:00pm Confessions, 5:45pm Mass
- ◆ Fri. Jan. 8 - 12:10pm Mass



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**End-of-Year Giving**

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# HEARTLAND NEWS

## The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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### Time slots available:

Thursday 1:00am / Friday 1:00am, 1:00pm

Saturday 6:00am, 5:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

*The Archangels are needing subs to pray at the chapel for the open Adoration hours. This can be a weekly or monthly commitment, Please call one of the Archangels listed below to volunteer or to answer any questions that you may have.*

Archangels: **Bob & Carol Feauto**, 628-1429, (12am-6am) **Lorraine Brungardt**, 625-3021: (6am-12pm) **Yvonne Demuth**, 628-2172, (12pm - 6pm) **Geri Rupp**, 639-5588, (6pm - 12am)

**KNOTS OF LOVE** ministry meets the last Saturday of the month at 3:00pm in the St. Joseph Church Conference Room. Please enter through the east side door to the parish offices.



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**Daughters of Isabella** will sponsor a food and craft Bingo on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the Holy Family Activity Center at 1:00 PM. Members are asked to bring food and craft items between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm for the event. All are invited to attend the afternoon of fun. Please make sure to wear a mask and social distance. Daughters of Isabella will be having a book sale at the January 10th food/craft bingo. Members are asked to bring cookbooks or any books they no longer want.

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