



Parish Stewardship

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY
For Prayer with The Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

January 06	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701
February 24	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

Faith Formation: NO classes on January 4th.
 Classes will resume on January 11, 2026 for all grades.



Christmas Mass Times for St. Joseph Church

January 3rd	Epiphany of the Lord	5:30 pm
January 4th	Epiphany of the Lord	9:15 am
January 10th	The Baptism of the Lord	5:30 pm
January 11th	The Baptism of the Lord	9:15 am

A Family Perspective: Today's Gospel tells us that "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." Similarly, in families, one person's negative attitude can ripple through and affect everyone. If you desire a peaceful and joyful home, it must begin with you. Embrace peace and joy, and let it spread to those around you.

Parenting Pointer: Consider doing something pro-active for the new year like starting the tradition of having a Family Night once a week. Start today by playing a family game together.

Marriage Moment: January is get organized month. Pick a room, a book case, a file, or a drawer to organize. Often, one spouse has more interest in organizing than the other. If so, this could be a gift to your spouse. If you both enjoy it, make it a date.

Word of Life - The Gospel of Life: "Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united Himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with Him...Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His Glory in the world." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
 "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

EPIPHANY

Jesus is for Everyone

The Magi (The Three Kings) represent that Jesus is for everyone. They were kings from three different countries and their religious beliefs and practices were different from those of the Jewish people. Yet, they had a tremendous interest in following the star to Bethlehem in order to pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews.

They are truly the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that states in this weekend's First Reading: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." (Isaiah 60: 1) And a few verses later: "Nations shall walk by Your Light and kings by Your Shining Radiance." (Isaiah 60: 3)

No matter where anyone in this world comes from or what beliefs they have, Jesus came into this world, lived, died on the cross, and rose again for them and for all of us. The Magi represent all nations and peoples whom God calls to know Him through Jesus. God wants **ALL PEOPLE** to be saved. Our responsibility as followers of Christ is to make this message clearly known, as creatively as possible, by our words and actions.

As the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus, may we give to our Lord, now and today, the gifts of our willingness to use our talents, our service, and our very lives to draw others to Jesus.

God Bless, Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 05, 2026 No Mass			Saint John Neumann, Bishop	1 Jn 3: 22-4: 6 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25 (212)
Tuesday, January 06, 2026 No Mass			Christmas Weekday Saint André Bessette, Religious	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44 (213)
Wednesday, January 07, 2026 No Mass			Christmas Weekday Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52 (214)
Thursday, January 08, 2026 No Mass			Christmas Weekday	1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4 Lk 4: 14-22 (215)
Friday, January 09, 2026 No Mass			Christmas Weekday	1 Jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5: 12-16 (216)
Saturday, January 10, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Christmas Weekday	1 Jn 5: 14-21 Jn 3: 22-30 (217)
Saturday, January 10, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, January 11, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Victor & Geninie Dezanet and deceased family members	Walter & Christine Gavazzi	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3: 13-17 (21)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday



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On the Feast of Epiphany, Catholics traditionally bless their homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on the top of their front door frame with chalk. The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The following blessing can be used during the home blessing.

"Bless, O Lord God Almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy Law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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