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December 14, 2019

Mass Schedule

Monday	Dec 16	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec 17	6:00 PM – Reconciliation Kahoka
Wednesday	Dec 18	**8:30 AM – W/C-St Joseph**
Thursday	Dec 19	8:30 AM – Queen of Peace 6:00 PM – Reconciliation Queen of Peace
Friday	Dec 20	**8:30 AM – St. Joseph**
Saturday	Dec 21	**5:00 PM - St. Joseph**
Sunday	Dec 22	8:00 AM – Kahoka 10:30 AM – Queen of Peace

Sacrament of Reconcilation
Twenty (20) minutes before Saturday Night Mass and Twenty (20) minutes before both Sunday Masses.

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Friday, Dec 6th	+Harold Logsdon
Sat, Dec 7th	+Kenny Pearl
Friday, Dec 13th	+Ken Logsdon
Sat, Dec 14th	+Clarissa Greene
Friday, Dec 20th	+Erma & Vincent Marsot
Sat, Dec 21st	+Maxine McDermott
Sat, Dec 28th	+Mary Ellison Norton

Note: ***There is no better way to remember your loved ones, those living or deceased than to have a Mass offered for them. Mass intentions are welcomed in thanksgiving for your loved ones life, anniversary, birthday, etc.***

Bishop McKnight's December Intention

"As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith."

Pope Francis' Prayer for December

"That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering."

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday . . . which means Rejoice!
The time of our salvation is drawing near!

From Sr. Jane:
Again, as put to me:
1st rdg.: Looking at the world, your community, and your own life, where could you say, "Here is [our] God?"
Psalm: Looking from our limited perspective we can be blinded to greater needs. Who is God wishing to open your eyes to?
2nd rdg.: When in your life have you been blessed through embracing patience?
Gospel: In our culture, what do you think are the greatest temptations that lead us to turn our gaze from Christ and to search for fulfillment elsewhere?
May we be vigilant in waiting patiently for our God!

St. Ann's will once again offer their Angel Tree, that allows us to purchase an Angel in memory of our deceased loved ones. The beautiful angels are sold at the cost of $5.00, which helps us to provide all of the poinsettias for the Altar. The angels will be available December 14th and 21st. Thank you for your participation.

St. Joseph Gifts to God and Parish
December 7, 2019

75 Families - 21 envelopes used

Envelopes	$ 1124.00
Loose	$ 144.00
	$ 1268.00
CSA Received	$ 3800.00

Thank you for giving!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Saturday, Dec 21st & 28th

Greeters: Kay Bader & Bobbi Krueger
Ushers: Volunteer
Lector: Teresa Daugherty
Servers: Volunteer
Comm. Min: Bob Collins & Cindy Cary
Rosary Leaders: Wendy Wilson
Money Counters: Sue Ann Gaus

Prayers for Parishioners

St. Joseph's prayers for this week are for the families of
Joseph Fellinger and
Bill & Jana Casper.
Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Prayers for Those In the Service

We ask your prayers for our men and women in the armed forces:
Katherine Faoro, Trey Lindsey, Dr. Linda Coates, Josh Lee, Garrett Bader, Justin Kimur.
If there is a service man or woman in your family, please call the parish office and we will add them to our prayer list.

We ask your prayers for those from our parishes who are ill, our Nursing Home residents, and the homebound:
Delores Allen, Jana Casper, Taylor Cole, Dorothy Collins, Amy Coyle, Shirley Davis, Dorothy Ellison, Thelma Feldkamp, Cole Hoewing, Leonard Johnson, Janet Lillard,Jerry Logsdon, Julie Lubbert, Bill Martz, Jennifer & Darren Neisen, Todd Nunn, Bob & Mary Ann Otte, Barb Pearl, Kiley Turnbaugh, Beth Weaver, Bridget Whiston, Jim White and Nancy Wilson.

A Steward's Way Advent Small Group Study

Join Catholics throughout the 38 counties of the Diocese of Jefferson City in small group faith sharing this Advent.

A Steward's Way consists of four sessions based on the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation. Reflect on how our faith provides a foundation of gratitude from which comes deep joy and hope for our lives, our families, our communities and our world. Your participation in these sessions will give us a common spiritual formation as Bishop McKnight leads us in a new pastoral plan for the next three to five years.

Please also help us spread the word about these sessions. Bishop McKnight's vision is that everyone in our diocese can participate, so we have a common spiritual formation leading into the development of a diocesan pastoral plan.

To access the materials free of charge go to
https://diojeffcity.org/advent-2019/

Printed copies can be obtained for a small fee.

You may use an existing prayer group, form a new group, or use the materials yourself or within your family.
Contact Joe Liesen at joeliesen@gmail.com with any questions.

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It is that time of year to decorate for Christmas. Let us not forget our Church. Brenda Liesen will be coordinating a decorating committee. If you are willing to help decorate please contact Brenda. Thank you.

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Annual St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner
December 15, 2019 at Shrine of St. Patrick with Social Hour at 5:00 pm and Meal starting at 5:30 pm. A special visitor from the North Pole will be there for both young and young at heart!

Advent Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, Dec. 17 6 pm Kahoka
Thursday, Dec. 19 6 pm Ewing

Fr. Rob is available every Saturday and Sunday before Mass, and by appointment.
Please avail of the Grace of this Sacrament.

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24 4:30 pm Ewing
Tuesday, Dec. 24 7 pm Canton
Wednesday, Dec 25 8:30 am Kahoka

New Year's Mary Mother of God Schedule

(usual weekend times)

Tuesday, Dec. 31 5 pm Canton
Wednesday, Jan 1 8 am Kahoka
10:30 am Ewing

Advent is a special time to prepare for the Coming of Jesus anew within our lives. Please do your very best to find quiet time in your lives to prepare. It is essential in order for Jesus to be born anew in our lives.

The Seminary Assessment for our 2nd Christmas collection for St. Joseph is $379.00. Please help to meet these assessments and pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life. New prayer cards can be found in the entry way of church.