

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Director of Music	Jodi Swiderek

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 pm
Sunday (English)	8 am and 10 am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:00 pm
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri) and 1 st Saturday	9 am

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 9 am and 7 pm (Bilingual)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm
Bulletin items due Tuesday before 12:30 pm
Call office to schedule facilities.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DUE TO COVID PLS CALL

Saturday 3pm Sunday 9:15 – 9:45 am or upon request
Domingo 12:00 pm Spanish

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut-ins.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of six (6) months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

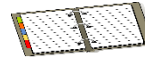
First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001

Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003

Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker



St Joseph the Worker, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please stop one of the ushers or myself, Fr. Julius, and request a registration form. Or you may always call the office at (423) 442-7273.



A Week Ahead in our Parish

Mon Feb 15 - no church OFFICE CLOSED

Tues Feb 16- 9 am Mass *Olga Lastra*
By: Trudy P-P

Weds Feb 17 - 9 am Mass ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30am	Rosary	<i>Olga Lastra</i>	By: Trudy P-P
		church	
	7 pm Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>	

Thu Feb 18 - 9 am Mass *† Andrew Gilligan*
By: Trudy P-P

7 pm Rosary (grotto)

Fri Feb 19 - 9 am Mass *† Andrew Gilligan*
By: Trudy P-P

9:30am – 12pm Adoration

Sat Feb 20 - 4 pm Mass *† A.J. Ruggiero*
By: Rogers

Sunday Feb 21 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am Mass *† Pat & Willie Mauboules*
By: Mary M

10 am Mass *People of the Parish*
By:

12:30 pm Mass (Spanish) *Olga Lastra*
By: Trudy P-P

CCD 11:15 – 12:15 Marian Hall

Feb 20/21	4pm	8am	10am
Usher	Donna T Steve L	Gary C Frank U	Don W
Server	Conrad K Emmett K		
Reader	Barb C	Eric E Dottie E	Terri S Art S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass Temperatures will be checked		
Church Cleaning Feb 22	Maria F Maria L		
Counters:	Ron H	Chuck T	

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Feb 6-7, 2021 **Week 32** Attendance: 211

Needed: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
\$ 4210	\$ 450	+ \$ 597	+\$ 3849
Capital Exp \$ 480		Capital Build Fund \$ 800	
Good Shepherd \$ 74		Feed My Sheep \$ 36	

Thank you all who give so generously. God Bless you!



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Dale Bauer	Mary Cornejo
Charles Downs	Ron Eydt
Maria Figueroa	Jeanne Huffor
Alvaro Pina	Karen Ruggiero
Hugo Schielke	Patty Swatzell
	Susie Ryan
	Dennis Wilson

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy is extended to those who request it).

Event of Death: notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

Happy Birthday – Gary Bishop, Pedro Garcia, Jose Gomez, Lenore Marquardt, Karen Smee, Carole Sumner, Charles Terrell

Happy Anniversary – David & Mary Ouillette
To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.

Masses on Ash Wednesday:

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM



The Holy See has modified the method of distributing ashes: The Priest blesses the ashes, says the formula from the Roman Missal: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". The Priest puts on a mask and sprinkles ashes on the head of each person who comes up.

Thought for the Week: "Dear friends: let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
(1 John 4: 7 - 12)

"My wife is as handsome as when she was a girl, and I, a poor nobody then, fell in love with her; and what is more, I have never fallen out.

"Why, madam," Lincoln replied, "do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

-Abraham Lincoln on Love and Sayings



Altar Flowers: Flowers this weekend are in honor of Patrick Connor McMillan by Jeff & Mary Gail McMillan.

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH:

Visit our website at www.sjtwrcc.org

click on the "Donate Now" button

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, a collection will be taken up for support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Great need is present for the Church in many of these countries. Your donation will help with the training of seminarians and lay leaders, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Thank you for your generosity in support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to recite the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thursdays in the Marion Hall.**

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Support Operation Rice Bowl this Lent:

During Lent, please be generous in supporting Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with "Operation Rice Bowl". Remembering that "What I give up I give to others" we are encouraged to widen the door of faith through our care for the poor. Monies collected assist CRS programs around the world with agriculture projects to help farmers improve harvests, with water projects to bring clean water to communities, with microfinance projects to support small businesses, with health and nutrition projects for expectant mothers and for children, as well as for educational projects. In addition, 25% of what is collected goes to *Catholic Charities of East Tennessee* to assist with its charitable programs in our diocese. Please take a Rice Bowl home with you as a way to highlight the beauty of our Lenten triptych of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

National Collection for Black and Indian Missions:

A collection will be taken up on February 21 in support of Black and Indian Missions that assist with evangelization efforts in various areas of the U.S. Thank you for your generosity in helping mission dioceses in its work of evangelization and with helping to make Catholic education possible for minority communities.



On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph. This event comes on the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX declaring St. Joseph as the

Patron of the Catholic Church. **Special plenary indulgences are available for this Year of St. Joseph.** As long as one is in the state of grace, one sacramental confession suffices for gaining several indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence. Remember, the only living person one can apply it to is oneself. And one can apply it to any soul in purgatory. Think of how many souls the faithful can help. Did you know that the Church dedicates every Wednesday to St. Joseph?

Vatican Radio turns 90: Carrying the Pope's voice to the whole world: The Holy See's radio station, commissioned by Pope Pius XI and designed and built by



Guglielmo Marconi, turns 90 years old, and now speaks in 41 languages. The Director of Vatican Radio says this anniversary is being celebrated by inaugurating a new internet page and adding a web radio station. Almost 12,000 hours of broadcasts in a single year, including radio commentaries, news, liturgical and musical programs. This is the identity of Vatican Radio, the radio station of the Holy See. Today we bring the words of the Gospel and the voice of the Pope to the whole world.

This anniversary is particularly challenging for us. We are celebrating 90 years at a time when one of the greatest trials for all humanity is underway due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our mission has always been to leave no one unaccompanied, and to bring the hope of the Christian proclamation, the voice of the Pope to the world. On 9 March 2020, Pope Francis started celebrating Mass live at Casa Santa Marta, allowing the whole world to pray with him -since in many countries celebrations with the presence of faithful were suspended -our technical and editorial commitment was multiplied.

In addition to the television and radio broadcast service in several languages, we created new programs and podcasts, and distributed audio books to reach every corner of the planet. In these months we have continued to gather and tell stories of closeness, relief and solidarity. We seek to show the face of the Church and of that part of society which, often silently, builds bridges, offers help, and includes everyone. Statistics and research tell us that radio is in excellent shape. In many parts of the world, in addition to transmitting radio waves, it is also broadcasting images, messages, interactions. Radio also lives on social media; it has become part of them. It certainly offers immediacy and speed. Our vocation is to bring the Good News to everyone, and to do this we use radio waves. We have experienced the digital revolution, followed by satellite broadcasting, and continuous challenges up to the pandemic we are living through today, always in order to be close to all those who seek and desire to listen. (From the Vatican News website: by Massimiliano Menichetti)

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From the desk of Fr. Julius

Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and peace!

This coming midweek we partake of Ash Wednesday, and as in ancient times, our heads will be sprinkled with holy ashes to usher in our hallowed Lenten season. In the ancient scriptures, these ashes were often combined with sackcloth to signify sins, and how both mark their 'sting' on our conscience. On this day we are all called to submit ourselves to the guidelines of the Lenten season, that our fasting may be pleasing to God, and that He strengthen us during our devotion.

The old law illustrated in the Book of Leviticus points to the rigorous prohibitions against exposure to a leper. At that time, it was thought that these diseases were a divine punishment for sin. Juxtapose this against Jesus' tender desire to physically reach out and heal the leper in our Gospel. Instead of having to undergo Jewish ritual purification, the leper is not only healed and released, but Jesus our Lord continues in purity. Recall the humble St. Damien of Molokai and his work among lepers. Although he would eventually die from leprosy, he was able to vastly improve the lives of the lepers with water, food, and housing. This was all within the bounds of his spiritual missionary work. With the transformed call to holiness in the Second Reading, St. Paul exhorts us to do "everything for the glory of God; avoid giving offense, please everyone, and imitate me."

We observe our Lord as he heals and liberates the leper...Is there not a parallel condition today as the shadow of the Covid – 19 virus hovers over us, how we have become like lepers to each other? No visits to ill family members, no close contact with our dear friends, hugs and handshakes are discouraged. How sorely we need Lent, and the cleansing and healing that Jesus provides: that we can be restored to new and perfect spiritual health, free from any leprosy of sins.

Therefore, this Gospel could be a direct call to tear down the walls that separate us from each other and build bridges of loving relationships. It is a clarion call to welcome those who may not look, think, or speak like us. It could also mean to welcome AIDS victims, alcoholics, drug addicts, and those marginalized by the society. Indeed, it is a call to re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome and accept ALL!

As Jesus told the leper, "go, show yourself to the priest," the Church gives us opportunities daily by appointment in the Precious Sacrament of Penance – every Saturday, and soon Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), the official beginning of fasting and abstinence, where we pray to be fortified by the act of self-denial.

Joyous Sunday!