

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

507 East 26<sup>th</sup> St. - Bryan, TX 77803

979-822-2721

[www.stjosephbcs.org](http://www.stjosephbcs.org)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 7:00am  
8:30am  
10:00am  
11:30am

5:30pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel  
Coulter Drive

Monday - Saturday  
8:15am and 6:00pm



## Clergy

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Steve Sauser**

**Pastor Emeritus:**

**Msgr. John McCaffrey**

**Deacon Pat Gallagher,**

**Deacon Gary Nelson**

**and**

**Deacon Jeff Olsenholler**

## Mission Statement

The family of St. Joseph Catholic Church holds the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and all it encompasses as God's Greatest Gift.

Through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we live out our faith as exemplified through spiritual growth, evangelization, social outreach and protecting the dignity of all human life.

We recognize the importance of providing for and encouraging Catholic development of all of our faithful, with continuing concern for our children, youth and young adults.

**Religious Education (PK - Grade 6)**

**Lisa Storemski 823-5568 - [lstoremski@stjosephbcs.org](mailto:lstoremski@stjosephbcs.org)**

**Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)**

**Taylor Schroll and Matt Rice**

**ABLAZE Catholic Ministries ([ablazeyouth.org](http://ablazeyouth.org))**

**979-485-9910 [taylor@ablazeyouth.org](mailto:taylor@ablazeyouth.org)**

**Music Ministry - Brian Stout**

**979-402-4206 [brianstout06@hotmail.com](mailto:brianstout06@hotmail.com)**

**Sunday Nursery:** For infants and toddlers, during the 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am Masses. Nursery is located in our Parish Activity Center.

## Sacraments

**Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)**

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the priest at least six months before desired date

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Pre-Baptism Class held on the First Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the PAC

## St. Joseph Catholic School System

Students 8 weeks old through Grade 12

Early Learning Center (8 weeks-3 year olds)

Emily Kemp 822-6236 or 779-0861

Elementary School - Middle School - High School

President: Jim Rike 822-6643 or 822-6641

Asst. Principals: Amy Lavender and Stephanie Rayburn

website: [www.stjosephschoolbcs.org](http://www.stjosephschoolbcs.org)

# December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

## Sunday, December 2

**Religious Education Classes** for Pre-K - Grade 6 from 8:45 - 9:45am at SJ Elementary School  
**Sunday Studies** for Adults in the PAC 8:45-9:45am  
**Sacrament of Confirmation** 10:00am at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel (10:00am Mass also at St. Joseph Church)  
**Youth Ministry** at SJ Secondary Campus 6:30-8:30pm for IGNITE Grades 6-8 and JOURNEY Grades 9 - 12

## Monday, December 3

**Men's Faith Formation** 5:45am in the PAC  
**Pre-Baptism Class** 7:00pm in the PAC  
**SJ Scout Troop 383** meet at 7:00pm in the Scout House

## Tuesday, December 4

**Prayer Service for our Country** at Veteran's Park 12:15pm  
**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** 6:30pm in Chapel  
**RCIA Session** at 7:00pm in the PAC  
**Folk Choir Practice** 7:30pm in the Church

## Wednesday, December 5

**Advent Silver Coffee for Women** at 10:00am in the PAC  
**Novena to the Miraculous Medal** at 5:45pm  
**Wednesday R.E. (Faith Formation) Classes** for Pre-K - Grade 6 from 6:00-7:00pm at SJ Elementary School  
**Sanctuary Choir Practice** 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church

## Thursday, December 6

**St. Nicholas Day** at St. Joseph Elementary School  
**Advent by Candlelight for Women** at 6:30pm in the PAC

## Friday, December 7

**First Friday Mass and Novena** at 8:15am, 9:20am and 6:00pm  
Mass at Generations Health at 10:30am.  
**Friday Study Group** at 12 noon in the PAC Annex  
**Vigil Mass** for Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6:00pm

## Saturday, December 8

**Mass** for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8:15am  
**"Grief and the Holidays"** at 9:00am in Adoration Chapel  
**RCIA Rite of Acceptance** at the 6:00pm Mass

## Sunday, December 9

**R.E. (Faith Formation) Classes** at SJ Elementary School 8:45-9:45am. Grades PK - Grade 6  
**Sunday Studies** 8:45-9:45am in the PAC  
**SJ High School Christmas Choir Program** at 4:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church  
**Youth Ministry** at SJ Secondary Campus 6:30-8:30pm Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

## Parish Support

**Collection Sunday November 18:** \$ 20,878.00  
**Collection Sunday November 25:** \$ 17,288.00  
**Electronic Funds Transfer (36):** \$ 3,975.00  
**Online Contributions:** \$ 3,050.00

*Many Thanks for your Generosity!  
Electronic Giving is available on the church website.*

## Baptisms

We WELCOME the following who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend:

**David Robert Vaughn**  
**Alaina Ellianna Villeda**

## Rest in Peace

Please remember in prayer the following who have died.  
Our sympathies are with the families:

**James Flores**  
**Bernice Popek Ondrasek**  
**Ike Wilganowski**

## Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the following in prayer: may the healing presence of Christ restore them to physical and spiritual health:

**Tillie Eyeington, Joshua Sweed, Esperanza Saenz, Reson Ratjen, Jim Bilnoski, Paul Martinez, Phil Nash, Marie Stetz, Betty Stetz, Rita Pouliotte, George Constancio, Robert Holmes, Joe Bernal, John Medina, Ruthye Nuche Blevins, Vickie Ruffino, Brenda Kocman, Patrick Lapaglia, Rosie Garcia, Mary Reyes, Barbara Miller, Steve Hodges, Marvin Charanza, Eddie Putz, Alan VanWinkle, Phyllis Buffington, Huay-Min Pu, Dave Dwyer, George Allen, Margaret Bowser, Emil Matura, Anthony Canatella, Rev. Bob Meissner, Chris Jadowski, Cody, Kayla & Scott Ruthven**  
*Names remain on this list for 4 weeks and then transfer to the Book of Prayers on the Altar. If a name needs to remain in the bulletin, please call the church office 822-2721.*

## Wedding Banns

The following couple is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Joseph Church:

**December 8**  
**Garret Cammack and Courtney Lawson**



## Advent for Women

All women are invited to attend the Women's Guild of St. Joseph Church Annual Advent Coffee and Advent by Candlelight at the Parish Activity Center.



Reservations are now being taken:

Carrollyn Kropp, 979-775-1582 drkropp@msn.com

or

Carol Seibert, 979-777-8778 carols@suddenlink.net

### "The Beauty of Christmas"

*Hope, Joy, Love and Peace*

Guest Speaker : Carla Quigley, Catholic Artisan

#### Advent Coffee

Wednesday, December 5 - 10:00am

#### Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 6 - 6:30pm

Cost is \$5.00 for each event.

Carla Quigley and Mt. Carmel Rosary Guild Gift Shop will have items available for your shopping pleasure before and after each of the Advent Celebrations.

**Sign-up Deadline is Monday, December 3**

## Religious Education News

### Christmas Posada Program

Sunday: December 16 - 9:15am

Wednesday: December 19 - 6:30pm

Wednesday Classes Resume January 9

Sunday Classes Resume January 13



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK DEC. 3 - 9

Monday	8:15am	Special Intention (Adams) For All Salvadorians
	6:00pm	Marie Louise Conner
Tuesday	8:15am	Norma Geronime Special Intention (C.O.)
Good Shepherd	9:20am	Claire Gregg Davila
	6:00pm	Catholic Life Members
Wednesday	8:15am	Leo Nitch (A) Special Intention (N.E.) Ann Konderla
Good Shepherd	9:20am	Willie Kempenski
	6:00pm	Linton Lipscomb
Thursday	8:15am	John, Fannie, Johnny and Jerry Luza
Good Shepherd	9:20am	NO Mass
	6:00pm	Johnnie Habarta (B)
Friday	8:15am	Randy Kemp (B) Polly Lokken
Good Shepherd	9:20am	Cecilia Stetz Martin
Generations	10:30am	Residents of Generations
	6:00pm	Natalie Hanus Freddie and Evelyn Kosh
Saturday	8:15am	Mary Nitch (B) Mary-Therese Keo Thi Ly
	6:00pm	Helen Matous Christopher Krause (B) Curran Rehm
Sunday	7:00am	John Lero (B)
	8:30am	Rebecca Brennan Willie Kempenski Lydia Schumacher (B)
	10:00am	Tom Borski (B) Joe Branecky (B) Stanley and Patricia Nemeec Peter Ky Huu Nguyen
	11:30am	Louise Bond Sister Veronica Schultz Larry Cargill
	5:30pm	For Our Parish

## Holy Day of Obligation



**Saturday, December 8th** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Mary, under the title of Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States of America.

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Vigil Mass**

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15am Mass**

The 6:00pm Mass Saturday December 8th will be the Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

## Wedding Anniversaries in 2018

St. Joseph Parish along with Bishop Vasquez will be honoring couples in our parish who have celebrated their:

**25th ... 40th ... 50th ... 60th or over**

**60th Wedding Anniversary in 2018**



Marriage Recognition Certificates will be given to these couples at the Mass they attend on the weekend of **December 29-30**. These certificates bear the Seal of the Austin Diocese and the signature of the Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin.

**Please call, e-mail or bring by the name of the bride and groom, and the date of their marriage to the Church Office** for the above listed Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 by **Friday, December 14**.

979-822-2721 or hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org.

## SJ Boy Scout Troop 383

Boy Scout Troop 383 meets at the Scout Hut across the parking lot from the Parish Activity Center every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm. We welcome potential Boy Scouts (ages 10-17 or who completed the 5th grade) to stop by with their parents to learn about our program. No previous Scouting experience is required.

Please call Bob Holzweiss at 979-575-98164 for additional information.

## Thank You from Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Troop 383 thank the parishioners of St. Joseph Church for their continued financial support of the Scouting program through their purchase of pies during the recent Pie Sale after each Mass. The proceeds from the sale of 114 pies (a sell-out) helps the scouts purchase much-needed gear and maintain equipment already in inventory.

## Christmas Mass Offerings



St. Joseph Church will once again have prayers offered for your loved ones (living and deceased) at Christmas. All the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for the names requested. Christmas Mass offering Cards and Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. These names will be placed on the altar for all the Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **These names will NOT be published in the Christmas Bulletin.**

## Christmas Flowers



Donations for Christmas Flowers and Decorations in the Church are now being accepted. **Donations may be made in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving.** Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the Church and need to be returned by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th.** **These names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin.**

## Catholic Radio 88.5 FM

Tune in to Catholic Radio KEDC 88.5 FM for great programming from EWTN and Relevant Radio 24 hours a day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! [www.redcapostolate.org](http://www.redcapostolate.org) or call 979-255-2633.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The men and women attending RCIA will participate in the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate at the 6:00pm Mass **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.** They will publicly state their intention to continue on their faith journey and will be in the second phase of the RCIA process – a time of deepening discernment and prayer. Weekly Sessions will continue along with their sponsors during this period of becoming closer to Christ and of deepening spiritual growth. Please continue to keep these men and women in your prayers.

## “Grief and the Holidays”

*A Time of Reflection*

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

In the Adoration Chapel of St. Joseph Church

**Presented by: Deacon Gary Nelson**

The Christmas holidays can present a difficult challenge for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. “Grief and the Holidays” will provide practical advice rooted in spiritual precepts to help the bereaved through the Christmas Holidays. It is a myth that the mourning process takes weeks or a few months. There is no timetable for mourning. This gathering will last about one hour. In preparation, you are urged to write a sealed letter to your loved one who has died and bring it with you. These letters will be placed in a Christmas Basket on the altar of the Chapel and remain there through the holidays. Anyone wishing to write a letter to their deceased loved one and place it on the altar are welcome to do so. **There will be a closing service on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Adoration Chapel. Closing Service should only last about 20 minutes.**

## Advent 2018 Penance Services

Advent Penance Services have been scheduled at area Catholic Churches. Several priests will be present for private confessions at all Penance Services. Please plan to attend. Take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

**December 4 6:00pm St. Mary – College Sta.**

**December 5 7:00pm St. Mary - Caldwell**

**December 6 7:00pm St. Mary - Bremond**

**December 11 7:00pm St. Francis - Franklin**

**December 14 6:00pm Sta. Teresa - Bryan**

**December 18 6:00pm St. Mary - Hearne**

**December 19 6:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas - C.S.**

**December 20 10:00am and 6:00pm**

**at Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel**

**St. Joseph and St. Anthony – Bryan**



## Music Director Needed

St. Joseph Catholic Church is seeking a Music Director. Our current Music Director, Brian Stout, is resigning effective December 31. This person is responsible for planning music, scheduling and training cantors and directing the Sanctuary Choir along with other responsibilities as needed. The ideal candidate is a competent musician capable of confidently leading, developing, and encouraging others in a positive ministry environment in order to provide quality music that draws the faithful into prayerful worship. This is a paid part-time position. Resumes accepted at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Office (507 East 26th St. - Bryan, TX 77803)

## Christmas "Giving Tree"



Join us in sharing joy, thankfulness, and peace with low or no-income families in the Bryan/College Station community.

Pick a tag from the tree and buy the suggested gift, wrap your gift, attaching the tag on the outside, and return your gift/s to the Church **no later than Monday December 10th** so gifts can be delivered on time. If this is a gift of clothing, please include, if possible, a gift receipt to facilitate exchange if necessary. You may pick up as many tags as you wish!

St. Vincent de Paul Society needs volunteers!

### Gift preparation:

**Tuesday, December 11**

**Wednesday December 12**

**Thursday December 13**

**Friday December 14**

### Deliveries: Saturday December 15

If you'd like to volunteer, sign up online at:  
<http://bit.ly/SVdPChristmas2018>

**Contact:** Esther Miranda at [esthermiranda@yahoo.com](mailto:esthermiranda@yahoo.com) or 979-676-0724

## Parish Sunday Nursery

St. Joseph Parish Sunday Nursery located in the Parish Activity Center has childcare provided free of charge for infants and children through age 5 for the:

- 8:30am
- 10:00am and
- 11:30am Masses

We welcome parents to come meet our child care employees, Kathleen Garcia and Cassie Soto and use our service for their little ones while attending Mass here at St. Joseph Church. For parents who choose to take their children to Mass, if needed, we do have a **Cry Room** located to the left of the altar.

## Men's Advent

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the PAC. ALL men of the parish (age 21 and over) are invited to St. Joseph Catholic Church 20th Annual Men's Advent Supper.

If you would like to attend, please call the Church Office at 822-2721 or e-mail [hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org](mailto:hmetzer@stjosephbcs.org) by Monday, December 11th. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**MEN are WELCOME to host a table. Dr. Steve Braden** will give the reflection on



**Our ADVENT Journey.** Let us all come together as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ this Christmas 2018! Please get your reservations in as soon as possible so we can plan this special Advent evening!

## Attn: High School Youth

### Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference

**When:** February 1 - 3, 2019

**Where:** Waco Convention Center

**What:** A weekend dedicated to providing youth with opportunities to encounter Christ through liturgy, sacraments, and engaging talks that call the youth higher. They will be surrounded by hundreds of youth who live all around the Diocese of Austin.

**Cost:** \$200 (Includes hotel, transportation, food, and the conference)

**Sign-up by:** December 18 to Sam (NO LATE FORMS)

If you have any questions please contact Sam Shepard the High School Youth Minister at [sam@ablazeyouth.org](mailto:sam@ablazeyouth.org) or 979-485-9910 ext. 710

## Habitat for Humanity:

**Youth Playhouse Build:** Youth ages 7-15 will build and decorate playhouses for low-income families. Orientation is Dec. 5 in the evening; the build is Saturday, Dec. 8 in the morning. Contact the HabitatBCS website or Jane Sherman at [jsherman@habitatbcs.org](mailto:jsherman@habitatbcs.org) or 823-7200, ext.114 for more details.

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## God Bless America



## Catholic Services Appeal



THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation to the Catholic Services Appeal this year. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge yet, please join us in supporting the programs and services throughout the Diocese of Austin, that no single individual or Parish can offer. Simply complete your pledge card and place it in the offertory basket. If you misplaced your pledge card, more are available in the Church and from the Church Office.

## Mt. Carmel Rosary Guild Gift Shop

The Mt. Carmel Gift Shop is open and staffed by volunteers after the Saturday evening Mass and all Sunday morning Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Stop by and look around at the selection of statues, Bibles, books, printed publications, medals, and jewelry. The shop features beautiful rosaries (handmade by the local Mt. Carmel Rosary Guild), as well as an expanded line of religious gift items. A selection of Advent and Christmas items are now on display. Mt. Carmel Gift Shop Gift Certificates are also available for purchase.



**Remember to keep Christ in Christmas!**

## ♪ We Rejoice for the Gift of Christ

**Sunday, December 9th** The St. Joseph High School Concert Choir will be presenting its 13th Annual Advent/Christmas Service at 4:00pm The title of this year's program is "*We Rejoice for the Gift of Christ!*" and it will be presented at St. Joseph Catholic Church. This year we will also be featuring the newly formed St. Joseph Junior High Choir. All the members of the High School Choir are excited to be able to perform this traditional service made up of choral, organ and instrumental music. We hope that the music, weaved together with readings and narration, will be a meaningful preparation for the Christmas season. Assisting us in conveying our theme of "*We Rejoice for the Gift of Christ*" will be Mira Jun on organ. This service is in part, a gift from St. Joseph School to you, the members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. We hope that you, your family and friends will attend.

## "Signs of Life" ... by Scott Hahn

Mt. Carmel Rosary Guild Gift Shop at the main entrance of the church now has the book "Signs of Life ... 40 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots" by Scott Hahn.

Beverly Ogden, Pastoral Council Member, has done a Book Review on this popular Catholic Book published by Doubleday Religion Copyright 2009 with 288 pages.

Scott Hahn takes 40 customs of our faith, some we do daily, weekly or yearly, and blows the dust from our practice to see them again as we did when they were new to us. He gives us a better understanding and a feeling of renewal which encourages us to try a little harder in our faith.

Many of the chapters will make you smile. Mother Teresa of Calcutta taught her sisters to pray the express novena which is nine repetitions of the "Memorare" Prayer that she called storm novenas. She 'stormed' heaven with her prayers and always received her requests. In the section Spice of Life, Hahn explains the Parts of the Mass as the 'Bells and Smells' which allow us to hear it, feel it, taste it and smell it. These are outward signs of the inner mystery.

This is a great little book to have on your nightstand. A chapter before turning out the lights will ensure a peaceful sleep. Although reading it from start to finish is one way to digest it, it is designed so that reading the 40 customs in the order of your interest is equally enlightening. A very good book for new Catholics and cradle Catholics.

## St. Ann Parish Fundraiser

**Sunday, December 9** St. Ann Parish in **Somerville** will host an Enchilada Dinner Fundraiser beginning at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. The meal will be an enchilada dinner with all the trimmings. Meal tickets are \$10 at the door, dine in or take out. There will be a live and a silent auction, a Country Store, and more. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal.

## Save Time and Donate Online



Online Giving is available with WeShare — a simple, safe, and completely secure way to save time and support the church. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit [www.stjosephbcs.weshareonline.org](http://www.stjosephbcs.weshareonline.org). Questions or concerns, please call the Church Office at **822-2721** or email [onlinegiving@stjosephbcs.org](mailto:onlinegiving@stjosephbcs.org)

## Formed Pick of the Week

**Prepare the Way of the King - By: Scott Hahn**

Ready Your Heart For Advent! Your Advent Journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the Birth of Our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation for the Greatest Gift ever given to mankind, Jesus Christ. This week go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch Prepare the Way of the King.



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