



*St. Joseph Neier*

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor  
January 12 - 13, 2019

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Confessions:  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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### *From your Pastor*

Today, in celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church concludes the twenty days of this year's Christmas Season. The Church concludes. The Church. Nearly everyone else in America moved on from Christmas a while ago. It was early on December 26<sup>th</sup> – shortly after the morning Mass – that I heard the news anchors on television talk about taking down the family Christmas tree and advising their audience on the proper eco-friendly method of disposing them. There were no more Christmas carols on the radio, regular programming had resumed. It was a regular work day for a lot of people. And I still remember my amazement when I heard one of my relatives proudly describe, last year, how she had removed all of her Christmas decorations: down, packed up, and put away, before noon that Christmas day. Christmas Day, really!

As far as Christmas is concerned, the gaze of our society is directed ahead, not behind. From that perspective, there are only 340ish more days until next Christmas! Looking back to the fall of 2018, everyone, including me, has been swept along, enticed and prodded into a rush, rush frenzy of preparation for the big day. So much so, that any kind of reflective Advent preparation has become practically impossible. Rush, rush until December 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> – and then, done – in many cases thankfully done from sheer exhaustion. My intention in all of this is not to harangue, but it is to question just how thoroughly we Catholics have been swallowed up by the secular culture regarding the way Christmas is celebrated. Just how much have we allowed our celebration of the Incarnation of Christ to be taken over and assimilated by the dictates of entities and forces outside of our Catholic faith?

In the liturgical year, the Church sets aside about three weeks for all Catholics to reflect more deeply and more directly on the love of God in the gift of His Son's Incarnation. The Church probably doesn't intend that we spend every waking moment in those three weeks just contemplating the infant Jesus, but it likely would recommend that at least we not be so quick to return to our normal schedule of life. Christmas, and the joy of Christmas, is meant to be a celebration that lasts awhile. Rather than just a one-day festival, Christmas is designed to be a season of happiness and joy that allows us a glimpse of the eternal joy that God intends for us in Heaven. Today is the conclusion of the Christmas season. It'll be another year until we get the chance to try this again and maybe make a few adjustments that'll permit the good Christmas times to roll for more than just one day.

Have a blessed final Christmas day and a grace-filled beginning to Ordinary Time!

- **Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference, July 19-21, 2019 at Missouri State, Springfield, MO. For current 8th graders thru graduating seniors. \$190 includes transportation, lodging and all meals. HURRY to RSVP by February 1st! For more information of this life-changing experience, please contact, Michelle at 636-239-4216 x 2741 or [stg.mgildehaus@charter.net](mailto:stg.mgildehaus@charter.net)**
- **Your help is need this Sunday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 mass to take down Christmas decorations. The larger items will be put away later this week. Call Rich if you can help with these items at 636.283.8332.**
- **Open House Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:30am – 12:30pm**

Kindergarten, Preschool and New Student Registration for Immaculate Conception School, 2019-2020

School Year will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, February 7th: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8th: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten children must be five years of age before August 1, 2019.**

To register for preschool or kindergarten, parents should bring the child's immunization record, birth certificate, social security card and baptismal certificate.

Beyond Sunday Scholarship Program will be available beginning January 28, 2019 at [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org).

**Please call 636-583-2641 for further information.**

**Parish Prayer List:**     *Please review and call the office for any changes. Thank You!*

***The Sick of the Parish who need your prayers***

Anna Marie Brueggemann	Ryan Elbert	Chris Arand	Olivia Jasper
Cynthia Faust	Karen Waters		
Zachery Gossage	Stephanie Lindemann	Special Intention II	Henry Tobben
Shirley Beckman	Jacob McMullin	Christine Grus	
Julie Crump	Alice Rolf		
Ray Koester	Bob Beckman	Andrew Hellebusch	
Brandon Huels	Carol Hammer	Edward Henke	
Betty & Lawrence Bean			

***Pray for our Parishioners, Matthew Blankenship, Taylor Donner, Jamie Brueggemann Murphy, Michael Murphy & Blake Van Leer serving in the Armed Forces***

***Mass Intentions: 1/14 – 1/21/19***

Monday	6:30 am	Velma Sehr	
Tuesday	6:30 am	Matt & Bob McCourt	(P.H. Devotions after Mass)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Tom Adams Jr	
Thursday	6:30 am	Wilbert Eckstein	
Friday	6:30 am	Leonard, Floyd, Otto, Eugene & Dorothy Banken	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Joseph & Mathilda Feth	
Sunday	8:00 am	The Parish Family of St. Joseph	
	10:00 am	Ronald Salvino	

***Commentators and Lectors: This Week***

Saturday	5:00 pm	Vernon Eckstein
Sunday	8:00 am	Amie Kohlbusch
	10:00 am	Dennis & JoAnn Bower

***Next Week***

Michael Feth  
Vi Schroeder Betty Fink  
Marilyn Rau

***Servers:***

Saturday	5:00 pm	Adam Bolzenius Melanie Jacquin	Alex Bolzenius Mark Straatmann
Sunday	8:00 am	Josh Straatmann Lillian Wiskur	Brooke Jacquin Rachel DeVore
	10:00 am	Connor Briggs Troy Simmons	Peyton Adams Owen Bolzenius

***Eucharistic Ministers:***

Saturday	5:00 pm	Theresa Straatmann	Judy Brueggemann Alberta Jacquin
		Anna Donner Joan Kloeppel	Tina Brueggemann
Sunday	8:00 am	Jeanne Dierking Karen Dierking	Ann Straatmann Delores Swoboda
		Dianne Wildhaber	Dennis Randolph
	10:00 am	Wayne & Kim Brautigam	Jeff & Christine Baker
		Karen Wright	Patti Greife

***NEW LISTS FOR SERVERS & MINISTERS are in back of church. Please pick up your copy of the ministry you provide our parish.***

***IMPORTANT...if you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub! Thank you!***

<b>Collection for</b>	<b>1/6/19</b>
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$3377.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 58.96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3435.96</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Next Week is the St. Louis Review Subscription Renewal**

- **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN BACK OF CHURCH.** Filed alphabetically. If your address is different than the box (getting ready to mail statements in January!), please call Chris 636.583.2806 or email [cbstjoe@yhti.net](mailto:cbstjoe@yhti.net) Also, contact me if you do not currently have envelopes and would like some. TY
- **NOTE:** If your Envelope Number was over 1260, we have assigned you a new number. Please make a note of it and change your automatic withdrawals to this new number. We ordered less box sets this year to save the parish some cash!

### Neighboring Activities

- Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Union K of C, serving 7 – 11 am

### St. Joseph Events

- **"Faith Study Group:** "CATHOLICISM–A Journey to the Heart of the Faith"

Starting Thursday Evenings, January 17<sup>th</sup> (Approximately 6:30pm-8pm)  
Cost is \$25 per person. Questions, contact Jen Kissinger at 636-584-5055

- **Quilters are meeting on Wednesday 7 – 9 pm and Thursdays 8 am – 1 pm**  
**We will teach newcomers!!!**
- **Thank you to all who joined the PCD families for breakfast last week. If you are interested in joining this energetic group, contact one of the following members:**

Nathan & Barb Bolzenius  
Tim Bolzenius  
Charles & Christine Brinkmann  
Tomas & Jessica Cronin  
Joanne Fennessey  
Justin & Megan Hidritch  
Greg & Sarah Johnson  
Wes & Lauren Straatmann  
Mark Wilmesher

Brian & Alicia Bolzenius  
Wayne & Kim Brautigam  
James & Theresa Briggs  
Kent & Chriss Cudney  
Dave & Theresa Flagg  
Ben & Paige Hammer  
Dan & Mindy Segelhorst  
Tina Webster  
Nick & Kelly Zagarri

- **Cajun Trivia Night, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Great food included in the cost and lots of fun.  
Call 314-808-3364 to reserve a table. Cost is \$200 per table, seating 10.
- **The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the St. Joseph Neier Parish Center.** Please call 314-808-3364 for more information and reservations. This event is hosted by the Partners in Child Development. The Dance starts at 6:00, cost is \$45 per couple, \$15 for each additional daughter. Price includes dinner, crafts, a gift, dancing, and photo booth.