



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Peter Blake, Pastor &

Rev. Eric Kunz, Senior Associate Pastor

January
13 & 14
2024

Confession Times:

Saturday 4:00pm – 4:40pm

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass: 10:30am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Wednesday – NO MASS

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Thursday – Friday – 6:30am

Pastor's Column

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. For five weeks we enter what the Church calls **Ordinary Time** to distinguish it from the major liturgical seasons. On Feb. 14th, in addition to Valentine's Day, we will also begin the next major liturgical season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. What we hear in the season marked as Ordinary Time in the scriptures are a call to follow Jesus and are instructed in how disciples ought to live their discipleship. Today's first reading from the first Book of Samuel recalls the calling of Samuel by God. Samuel hears God calling, but first believes it's his mentor Eli. Three times this happens and then Eli realizes that it's God calling the youth. He instructs young Samuel, and us, to respond to God with the disciple's response, **"Speak Lord, Your Servant is listening."** When we feel the Lord calling us, to a more intimate relationship with Him, or perhaps to a religious vocation, or some ministry of service, that ought to be our response too, "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening." In our epistle lesson, St. Paul is confronting an immoral community of Christians who are struggling with living in an immoral society. He challenges them, and us, to remember that as disciples of Jesus we are to follow Him in pure and Godly living. In today's Gospel, Jesus begins calling His disciples to follow Him, inviting them to, **"Come, and you will see."** When we begin to listen to Jesus calling us to discipleship, we will find what we are looking for. He alone can give us the meaning and the purpose for which we were made.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish and families:

Shirley Beckman
Valerie Broeker
Anna Marie Brueggemann
Leann Davis
Chris Elbert
Cynthia Faust
Linda Frick
Zachery Goosage
Benny Hammer
Andrew Hellebusch
Marcia Herbst
Brandon Huels
Olivia Jasper
Rick Just

Get
Well
Soon

Ashley Koelling
Marcus Lowe
Vincent Mueller
Jean Oldavi
Ashley Shelton
Marcia Shollenberger
Courtney Smith
Special Intention 1
Special Intention 2
Erica Sterling
Heather Struckhoff
George West
Sr. Georgiann Wildhaber, SSND
Sheri Zambruski



I had a special prayer request come in for:
Juliette, Casper, Manuel, Aidan, Elias & Nicholas.

Please pray for those serving our country:

Adam Amato

Michael Miller

Jamie
Brueggemann
Murphy

Michael Murphy

Reese Pellin

Andy Davis

Sam Smith

Taylor Donner

Owen Struckhoff

Emily Guenther

Luke Stuesse

Caleb Logsdon

Emma Wildhaber

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5th Annual Knights of Columbus Council #16213

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Benefiting **St. Gertrude School and Special Olympics Missouri**
OVER \$5200 DONATED IN 2023!!!

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024
St. Gertrude Parish Center
6520 Hwy. YY, Washington, MO

Doors open at 10:00 am
Check-in from 10:00 - 10:30 am
Double Elimination style tournament begins at 11:00 am

\$40/team (admission includes tournament koozie and one free drink ticket/player, and a 3 game/2 match guarantee)

- Must be 21+ to participate in tournament
- Men, women, or coed teams are allowed
- Cash payouts to 1st thru 5th place teams!
- Bags will be provided. NO outside bags allowed for tournament play
- Food and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) available for purchase
- 50/50 raffles, bourbon raffle, and gun raffle throughout the day!

Link to the Facebook event page to stay up to date on all tournament details!

Scan the QR code or visit 2024kofc16213cornhole.eventbrite.com to sign up today!

*** NO outside alcoholic beverages allowed on St. Gertrude Parish property.

***Registration open to the first 64 teams and will close at midnight on February 29th, 2024. No signups accepted the day of the tournament.

Contact Nick Jacquin at (314) 606-4822 for more information.

St. Ann's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

\$15 per plate

February 9 4-7 pm

Upper Hall Parking Lot
7851 Highway YY, Washington, MO

Meal: 1/2 chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll and pie

PLEASE TAKE A PEEK AT THE SICK LIST AND LET ME KNOW IF ANYONE CAN BE REMOVED BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING BETTER!

Pastor's Column Cont...

Thank you to everyone who helped to take down the Christmas decorations this past week. It's always sad to see it all come down, but we look forward to seeing it again next Christmas. This coming week I will be venturing south of the border with my brother priests, and a bishop friend, for our annual escape to warmer climates. For 17 years we have made this an annual opportunity to renew our friendship, celebrate Mass together, and enjoy a brief respite from our daily tasks. With all that has happened this past year with **All Things New**, I am looking forward to this time. One of the other priests has also taken on a multiple parish assignment and it will be good to hear how he is coordinating and juggling being at three parishes. I will be away next weekend and then return Monday evening. While I'm away, Fr. Kunz, our senior associate will be keeping things in order. Please pray for him.

God Bless, Happy New Year!
Please remember to pray 3 Hail Marys
Fr. Pete

St. Louis Review Subscription

Anyone who would like to cancel their subscription for the St. Louis Review must do so in writing. You may email the parish office, or for your convenience you can complete the information below, cut and return it in the collection basket on or before February 1st. Thank you!

Please cancel the St. Louis Review Subscription for...

Name/Names

Thank you

For your Generosity & Support

January 1 - 7

General Fund Donations

Regular Offering Envelopes: (62)	\$ 4,573.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 34.00
Blessed Virgin Mary: (6)	\$ 59.00
First Offering: (25)	\$ 250.00
Online Giving*: (13)	\$ 600.43
Total:	\$ 5,516.43

Restricted Funds Donations

Catholic Education: (1*)	\$ 49.20
Electric: (1*)	\$ 47.95
Seminary (1)	\$ 100.00

*Online Giving/With Transaction Fees Removed
(Number of Contributors)

January



January 2024
"General Funds Collections"

January 7	\$5,516.43
January 14	\$ TBD
January 21	\$ TBD
January 28	\$ TBD

Weekly Schedule

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEK

SAT 13 JAN	5:00PM MASS MASS INTENTION PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JOSEPH LECTOR JIM NOELKER EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS JEANNE DIERKING JO NOELKER THERESA STRAATMANN	THURS 18 JAN	6:30AM MASS MASS INTENTION NO MASS TODAY
	SUN 14 JAN		10:30AM MASS MASS INTENTION MARGE HANKINS LECTOR AMIE KOHLBUSCH EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS PATTI GREIFE JEFF BAKER CHRIS BLOCK
WEEKEND MASS TIMES SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15PM – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – UNION • 5:00PM – ST. JOSEPH – NEIER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00AM – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – UNION • 8:30AM – ST. CLARE – ST. CLAIR • 10:00AM – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - UNION • 10:30AM – ST. JOSEPH - NEIER 		SAT 20 JAN	5:00PM MASS MASS INTENTION MELVIN BRUNE LECTOR JEN KISSINGER EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS CHERYL VOSS KATHY FETH VOLUNTEER
		SUN 21 JAN	10:30AM MASS MASS INTENTION PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JOSEPH LECTOR VIOLA SCHROEDER EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TIM FETH DENISE FETH VOLUNTEER

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- **Monday, January 15th**
 - Parish Office Closed
- **Monday, January 15th – Monday, January 22nd**
 - Fr. Pete on Vacation
- **Wednesday, January 17th**
 - PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm – Parish Hall
- **Thursday, January 18th**
 - NO 6:30am Mass
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm – Quilter's Room
 - Sarah off at 1pm
- **Saturday, January 20th**
 - Wedding Reception
- **Sunday, January 21st**
 - Removal of pews in Church – After 10:30am Mass

Snow Schedule

Winter is here!! At our last Finance Meeting we approved a policy for a snow schedule for Sarah & weekday Masses. The new policy states that if Union schools close because of inclement weather, Mass for that morning will be cancelled, and Sarah will be working from home.

November Financials

Total Unrestricted Revenue:	\$ 17,292.52
November 2023 Expenses:	- \$ 12,767.95
Difference:	\$ 4,524.57
Total Restricted or Homecoming Funds Used For Other November Expenses:	\$ 7,262.82

December Financials

Total Unrestricted Revenue:	\$ 27,257.19
December 2023 Expenses:	- \$ 19,180.52
Difference:	\$ 8,076.67
Total Restricted or Homecoming Funds Used For Other December Expenses:	\$ 7,753.18

2023 Funds Received After December 31st

Regular Offering Envelopes: (7)	\$ 1,190.00
Capital Maintenance & Pres: (2)	\$ 7,700.00
Christmas: (1)	\$ 100.00

Union Knights of Columbus



January

Wednesday, January 10th


Council Meeting • 7:30pm – Hall

Sunday, January 14th

Breakfast

7:30am – 11:30am • All you can eat
Adults \$12 • Children (6-12) \$6
Children under 6 FREE

February



**Union KC Hall
Blood Drive**
700 Clearview Drive, Union, MO 63084

**Monday,
February 12th
1:30pm – 6:30pm**

Transforming Lives,
ONE Blood Drive At A Time!

Knights of Columbus Roses For Life Campaign

The Knights of Columbus ask that you sign the postcards that are available in the pews at Mass on the weekends of January 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th. There are cards for various officials, so please sign as many as you can. You can take these home, sign them and drop the postcards in the box provided in the vestibule. If you wish to make a donation to help support the "Pro-Life Campaign", please put your donation into the same box. The postcards will be delivered to our elected officials to show our concern for the unborn infants whose lives are being taken every day through abortion.

Thank you for your support!



Let it Snow,
Let it Snow,
Let it Snow!



Union KC Breakfast

Sunday, January 14th
7:30am - 11:30am
All you can eat!



Adults \$12
Children (6-12) \$6
Children Under 6 FREE

May 1st
2024

SAVE THE DATE



ST. JOSEPH NEIER
BLOOD DRIVE

TRANSFORMING LIVES,
ONE BLOOD DRIVE AT A TIME

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 10:30am Mass	1 Parish Office Closed Country Church Tour 12pm - 4pm NO MASS	2	3 Forever Young Club 1pm - ?? NO PSR	4 6:30am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 1pm 4H - 7pm	5 6:30am Mass	6 5:00pm Mass
7 10:30am Mass Bartender Meeting After 10:30am Mass - Hall	8 15 10:30am Mass Parish Office Closed	9 16	10 PSR Rosary 6:45pm	11 6:30am Mass Finance Meeting 5:30pm - Hall Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm - Hall	12 6:30am Mass	13 5:00pm Mass
14 10:30am Mass	15 16	17 PSR	18 NO MASS	19 6:30am Mass	20 5:00pm Mass Wedding Reception	21 5:00pm Mass
21 10:30am Mass	22 23	24 PSR	25 6:30am Mass	26 6:30am Mass	27 5:00pm Mass	28 5:00pm Mass
29 10:30am Mass	30	31 PSR	1 6:30am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 1pm 4H - 7pm	2 6:30am Mass	3 5:00pm Mass	4 5:00pm Mass

AFTER MASS - FR. PETE ON VACATION UNTIL JANUARY 23RD

START TO REMOVE BENCHES FROM CHURCH & SET UP THE HALL FOR CHURCH

Quilters
Thursday's
8am - 1pm &
7pm - 9pm

PSR
Wednesday's
6:30pm -
7:45pm