

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH FREEBURG, ILLINOIS

The Nativity Of The Lord
December 25, 2011



Parish Offices

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Rev. Mark D. Reyling, Pastor
Mrs. Judy Bentler, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Rick Barthel, Custodian
Mr. Jeff Smythe, Liturgical Coordinator
Mrs. Jean Reinneck, Music Director
Mrs. Carol Schlitt, Choir Director

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Mrs. Charlotte Vielweber, Principal
Mrs. Sara Keeley, School Secretary

Pastor's Residence

9 N. Alton Street
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Mass Schedule

Tuesday–Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm
Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30–4:45 pm
(or by Appointment)

Baptism

Usually celebrated during the weekend Masses except during Advent and Lent—Please call the rectory for an appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the planned celebration.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday before 2:00 pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you are sick and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Pastor. Also, please have someone call should you be admitted to the hospital.

Communion Calls

Father brings communion to all the home bound on the First Friday of each month. If you would like to have Father bring you communion, please call the parish office.

PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY (539-3209)

Rev. Mark D. Reyling - Pastor
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Mrs. Judy Bentler - Administrative Assistant
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL (539-3930)

Mr. Russ Hart - Assistant Superintendent
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mr. Mike Vogel - President
Mr. Tom Buchmiller - Vice-President
Mrs. Doris Danford - Secretary
Mr. Tom Reaka
Mr. Bill Schwartz
Mr. John Tolan

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mr. Andy Schilling
Mr. Rich Ostman
Mrs. Diane Schaefer
Mrs. Josie Schwab

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Matt Zittel - President
Mr. David Collins - Vice-President
Mrs. Roni Jurecek - Secretary
Mrs. Kim Haas
Ms. Jessica Krauss
Mrs. Melissa Reinhart

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mr. Frank X. Heiligenstein
Mr. Tim Keeley, Sr.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Mr. Rich Ostman
Mrs. Josie Schwab
Mr. Paul Wolf

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR Program
RCIA Program
RENEW Small Faith Groups
Sunday Bible Study
Youth Ministry
Catholics Returning Home
Adult Education
Fanning the Flame

Dawn Dossett
Rose Buchmiller
Rose Buchmiller
Leo Wolf
Georgia Huelsman
Corby Valentine
Fr. Mark Reyling
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LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Liturgical Coordinator
Music Director
Choir/Schola Director
Organists

Jeff Smythe
Jean Reinneck
Carol Schlitt
Catherine Clayton
Michael Green
Sarah Kuester
Jean Reinneck
Catherine Wolf

Eucharistic Adoration

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Soup Bus
Cosgrove Kitchen
Coat and Blanket Drive
Food and Clothing Bank

John Tolan
Catherine Wolf
Marilyn Gaido
Mary Ann Wild

COMMUNITY LIFE

Parish Picnic
Quilt Social
Christmas Pot Luck
Welcoming Committee
New Baby Ministry
Parish Newsletter
Parish Fish Fry
Funeral Luncheon Committee

Geralyn Erwin
Geralyn Erwin
Lori Kreher
Robin Schutzenhofer
Jeff Smythe
Erin Gotto
Catherine Wolf

ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Club
Women's Club
Parish Quilters
CYO
Catholic Holy Family Society
Knights of Columbus
Bishop Wm. M. Cosgrove Assembly
Partents, Teachers, and Friends
Athletic Committee
Together We're Better
Cursillo

Frank Srogus
Darlene Phelps
Betty Sommer
Jackie Kilian
Charlie Merker
James Zinck
Kevin Lanter
Angie Mueller
Karen Kuester
David/Stacy Collins
Alex Nast

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joseph Parish is a Catholic community of faith responding to the call of Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Word of God, the celebration of the Eucharist, and in living the sacramental life of the Church.

We are committed to responding to each other through ministries of faith and love, addressing our spiritual, social and educational needs.

We believe that each of us is called to be a supportive, compassionate and caring Christian witness in Freeburg, the Diocese of Belleville and in the world.

December 31 - January 1: Mary, Mother Of God

	Dec 31, 5:00 PM (Mass) Mary, Mother Of God	Jan 1, 7:00 AM (Mass) Mary, Mother Of God	Jan 1, 10:00 AM (Mass) Mary, Mother Of God
Extraordinary Minister- Bread	Tom Reaka Margie Reaka Leonard Hilmes	Rich Schaefer	Michelle Biver Chris Moddrell Jeanette Schweiger
Extraordinary Minister - Cup	Vernnetta Buss Linda Erlenbush	Denise Bechard Paul Feurer	Anna Smith Jan McDonald Pat Herzing Susan Nold
Altar Server	Kaitlyn Grunden-C Lucas Leonhardt-B Adam Zeveski-S	Brendan Miller	Maria Davinroy-C Brock Vonderheide-B Chandler Mueller-S
Minister of Hospitality	TBA	John Dittmann Wayne Harris Dennis Herzing Charlie Merker	Jim Milford Robert Schweiger Glennon Schlitt Lauren Soltys
Lector	Jessica Krauss	Diana Kasper	Justin Reinneck
Cantor	Jeff Smythe	Jeff Miller	Robin Schuetzenhofer
Care Center Minister			Paul Feurer Corby Valentine Sharon Valentine Sharon Wiskamp
Organist	Michael Green	TBA	Jean Reinneck
TWB	NO TWB	NO TWB	NO TWB



CONFIRMATION JESSE TREE

Thanks for all who took a name from the Jesse Tree. Be sure to pray for them and occasionally send them a note of encouragement – then tie a ribbon on the tree. We want it in full bloom when the Bishop comes for Confirmation in May.

Monday, Dec. 26th

Tuesday, Dec. 27th
8:00AM St. John
Mary Heap

Wednesday, Dec. 28th
8:00AM Feast Of The Holy Innocents
Lucinda M. and Robert J.
Koesterer, Jr.

Thursday, Dec. 29th
8:00AM Octave of Christmas
Vern Abernathy

Friday, Dec. 30th
8:00AM The Feast Of The Holy Family
Marie Krupp

Saturday, Dec. 31st
5:00PM Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy
Mother Of God
Tom Gill, Bob Gill, Jim Harrison

Sunday, Jan. 1st
7:00 AM Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy
Mother Of God
Ray Walta
10:00AM Cletus Biver

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER LIST

Jennie Crowe, Ron Dintelmann, Adele Maurer, Cecelia Silbernagel, Ashley Beisiegel, Herb Wilhelm, Mary Ingles, Janine Wesselman, Joe Shaffer, Darlene Wilhelm, Tyler Hoerchler, Leonard Hilmes, Jane Klump., Nita Weber, Marge Machens, Eugene Maurer, Mary Leingang, Sam Koesterer, Mary Weilbacher, Joan Orlet, Melvin Beisiegel Sr., David Prather., Paul Wild, Erin Wood, Maureen Suchenski, Donald Crabtree, Cherri Mayfield, Francesca Riggio, Margaret Heil, Arlene Sandheinrich, Elizabeth Louis, Bill Gerst, Andy Tolan, Syl Beckerer, Sr., The family of Arockiam Michael (Fr. Michael's Father).



PRAY

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 26
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27
8:00AM Mass
8:00AM Eucharistic Adoration
7:00PM Prayer Hour

Wednesday, December 28
8:00AM Mass
7:00PM Catholicism Series Part 8
7:30PM Men's Club Board Mtg

Thursday, December 29
8:00AM Mass

Friday, December 30
8:00AM Mass

Saturday, December 31
5:00PM Mass

Sunday, January 1
7:00AM Mass
10:00AM Mass


**Your Gifts to God
and Parish**
COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
December 17-18, 2011

Because of the printer's Christmas holiday schedule, this bulletin had to be sent on 15th December. Updated figures will appear in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family

Frohe Weihnachten...Buon Natale...Feliz Navidad...Joyeux Noel...Merry Christmas!



As you gather around the table this weekend...remember Christ. As you drive to work, school or home...remember Christ. As you stand in line at the store, sit in traffic, or go through the drive up...remember Christ. As we turn the pages of the calendar of the upcoming new year...remember Christ.

He is the reason.

To all of you....from Hollywood and myself....Merry Christmas!

Have a good week,
Fr. Mark

Living Stewardship Now

Christmas in the Church's calendar is a *season* that starts on Christmas Day and continues until the Baptism of the Lord on the first Sunday after January 6. Try extending your celebration through that time, with small gifts and good deeds of your choosing.

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Imagine, this day with no child in the manger, Christmas trees, presents, or fancy dinner. How would *you* celebrate? For three hundred years after Jesus' time, Christians did not mark Jesus' birth. Eventually the church settled Christmas on December 25. This became a big festival in the Middle Ages. Later, Puritans suppressed it as pagan and popish. By the mid-nineteenth century Charles Dickens' story *A Christmas Carol* revived Christmas with a family emphasis, not a religious one. In one of today's readings, Saint Paul gets to the heart of this day: "When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7). Now *that* is cause for celebration!

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated on the weekend of December 31 and January 1. We will be following the normal Sunday schedule (5PM on Saturday, 7AM and 10AM on Sunday).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREEBURG TOWNSHIP COLLECTION

Will be collecting coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks and toiletries to be given to needy children and adults this Christmas Season. The items collected will be distributed through the St. Vincent de Paul Mobile Kitchen. Volunteer John Tolan of St. Joseph's Church, will distribute the donations along his route. Items can be dropped off at the Township Hall from Dec. 1st thru Dec. 21st. Township office 539-5639.

FANNING THE FLAME

Looking forward to spiritual renewal during our diocese's 125th anniversary we will strengthen our faith by studying together the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, using the initiative Fanning the Flame. Throughout the diocese, in addition to traditional small groups, individuals will be signing up to receive free weekly study sheets to accompany each chapter. Additionally, people may participate through the FTF Blog and facebook. For more information, and to sign up, visit www.ftfdiobelle.org. This is your opportunity to Know More and Grow More!



FANNING THE FLAME – CATECHISM BOOKS

The Catechisms that will be used in conjunction with Fanning the Flame have arrived. We will be distributing them after the Masses on the weekends of December 31/January 1 and January 7/8. Please be sure to take the time to pick them up. I have ordered a few extra. If you did not order one, you may purchase one of the extra ones. They are \$13.00 each.

"CATHOLICISM SERIES"

Join us for Episode 8:

"A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"

When: Wednesday Dec. 28 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Parish Center



*The best Christmas is one that is shared with others.
May the new year bring happiness and dreams fulfilled.
Merry Christmas
Judy Bentler*

ABOUT THIS WEEKS GOSPEL

John 1: 1-18

Compare this passage with Genesis 1 and note the emphasis on *Light* and *life*. Moses wrote about the old creation, but John wrote about the new creation. Jesus is the creative word and the living word who reveals the Father to us. In His many miracles, Jesus showed His power as Creator. He is a faithful Creator, and you can trust you life to Him.

ALL MINISTERS

It is time to prepare for the winter minister schedule. This schedule will run from Jan 21-22, 2012 through May 26-27, 2012. If you know of any unavailable dates, please contact Jeff Smythe. (539-5328 or email to holyj60@att.net)

Deadline for printing will be December 28th.

NEEDED: MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers for the Christmas Masses. This year's schedule will be:

Saturday, December 24th, 5:00 PM (Children's Mass); 10:00 PM- High Mass; Sunday, December 25th, 9:00 AM, Christmas Day Mass. A "sign-up" sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the back of church (vestibule). Please consider volunteering for a Christmas Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

LUKE 18 TEAMS FORMING! - An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 18th following 11:00am Mass in the youth room. If you are interested in serving on the Luke 18 Team please attend or contact Georgia Huelsman at 781-7374. Luke 18 weekend is being held President's Day weekend, February 17-19th 2012 in the Parish Center. Our retreat needs lots of loving, helpful hands to create a unique, Christ-filled weekend that will leave a positive spiritual impact that will last a life time. Please consider becoming a part of this youth-inspired weekend!

SCRIPTURE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Come join over 1,000 members throughout the United States at The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study as we explore The Gospel of Mark, the earliest story of the life of Jesus Christ. As a companion of Peter, Mark gives us Peter's eyewitness account. Please consider joining a group in January for the second half of Mark at one of the 4 meeting places in St. Louis County, including St. Monica, Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30, Annunziata, Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:15; Mary Mother of the Church, Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 and Mary Queen of Peace, Thursday evenings from 7-9. There is also a meeting at St. Cletus in St. Charles on Monday from 11:00 – 1:00. For more information, please call Jan Schuster, 314-822-2935, or go to our website, TheCornerstoneScriptureStudy.org. You can also call Jeanette Matusak at 539-0207.

From the Principal's Desk

"We wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



From: Aubrey, Brody, Gus, Nathaniel, Cady, Marin, Marshall, Logan, Drew, Charlie, Camden, Dante, Addison, Olivia, Angelina, Adrienne, Danielle, Matthew, Isaac, Sean, Eileen, Shayla, Abby, Maria, Brianna, Gabby, Sophia, Cade, Kaitlyn, Felicity, Megan, Adam, Emma, Cassidy, Jillian, John, Claire, Audrey, Olivia, Harrison, Mason, Max, Adan, Scotty, Noah, Jonathan, Blake, George, Brendan, Connor, Brooke, Chandler, Brylee, Amariss, Evan, Kenny, Megan, Alex, Brenden, Clay, Elaina, Nolan, Lauren, Ayden, Caroline, Chelsea, Maci, Grace, Elyssa, Brock, Nick, Adam, Madelyn, Sam
Mrs. Biver, Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Feldker, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Hootselle, Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Kuester, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. Middendorff, Ms. Yavorsky, Ms. Waldron, Mr. Bathel, Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Vielweber

NEWSLETTER

Is your household receiving two or three school newsletters? Or maybe none? If so, it might be time to update your information with the school office. We're looking for new addresses, new babies, new last names, names of spouses, graduation year, etc. Please email Mrs. Keeley at the office with any new information: office@stjosephfreeburg.org. Thanks!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2012 CALENDAR RAFFLE

By purchasing a 2012 Calendar for a donation of \$25, you have the opportunity to win a portion of \$18,300 in cash prizes that will be awarded in 2012 and you can win more than once! Three different drawings will take place during the year: (1) Prize Of The Day... a winner will be drawn each day and receive a check for \$30 (2) Prize Of The Month...two winners will be selected at the end of each month (except December) for an award of \$200 and \$100 (3) Grand Prize Of The Year...four lucky winners will be selected in December to win an award of \$2000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250. Please contact the St. Joseph School office if you would like to purchase a 2012 calendar.

THANK YOU

The Annual Spaghetti Supper to benefit St. Joseph School was held on November 19th. We received many compliments about our delicious sauce and impressive salad bar and everyone seemed to enjoy mingling with their fellow parishioners. I would like to thank my fellow Spaghetti Supper Committee members for all of their hard work that made this event a success: Angie Mueller, Jerry Menard, Linda Sauzek, Diane Krauss and Karen Middendorf. I would also like to thank everyone who helped work a shift, baked desserts and attended the dinner to support our School! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating the spaghetti noodles and to Mr. Barthel and his crew for their work in setting up for and cleaning up after the event. Thank you to Debbie Tempel, who won the 50/50 drawing and generously donated her winnings back to St. Joseph School. The basket winners were Ashley Rau, Karen Rau, Sharon Ortman, Randy Kasper and Diane Krauss. We hope to see you all again at the Spaghetti Supper next year!

Jessica Krauss, Spaghetti Supper Chairman

PARISH CENTER EVENTS

Order beer and soda 2 weeks in advance for a special event. If you would like kegs or wine please order 4 weeks in advance. Sue Moritz, 792-7269.

TOGETHER WERE BETTER

You may place your special orders of gift cards to our volunteers after mass this weekend. Special orders may be dropped off in our school's office with Mrs. Keeley until Dec. 14th. After that we will not be able to receive special ordered gift cards in time for Christmas. We will still carry numerous cards on hand for your shopping convenience. Thank you for your continued support! Any questions please call Dave or Stacy Collins. 539-3864

DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Sweet potatoes, mac & cheese, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, corn bread mix, and bar soap.

PTF 50/50 CLUB TICKETS

Are available on the registers in back of church. Once again tickets can be returned in the collection basket, either monthly or all 12 tickets in January.

CHRISTMAS BICYCLES

Wayne Heberer and I are looking for your help. With your help we have been able to provide more than 40 kids each Christmas with his or her own bike for more than 5 years now. Well, it is that time of year and we are in desperate need of tricycles and bicycles for kids under 13. We have repaired and given out so many bikes you have donated and now we are short. We need approximately 10 tricycles and 9, 12 inch wheel bicycles. We would appreciate if you would help us out and donate your old bikes or purchase one to donate. Because of your past generosity, we have distributed in excess of 400 bicycles and possibly more and donated them to the food bank and various charities in the area. These bikes have all found homes to help out a kid in need and it is for a good cause. We don't have much time so I am sorry for the late notice but, I hope you consider our request. Please contact Wayne Heberer at 233-0288 or Tony Erwin at 277-9442 to coordinate the pick up. Thanks!

SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

By this time you should have received your Annual Fund Drive letter from the School. If you have not received yours, please call the school office. Our Annual Fund Drive is underway and our goal for this year is \$25,000.00. Monies raised by the Annual Fund Drive are used directly for the benefit of the students by improving and enhancing programs and curriculum offered. This is the only direct appeal the school makes to parishioners, alumni, local businesses, parents and/or grandparents. Please be as generous as possible.

Don't Miss Our Second Sunday Cash Bingo!

Second Sunday of Every Month

January 8, 2012

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Center
519 Hazel Street, Red Bud, IL

Doors open: 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins: 1:30 p.m.

14 Regular Games (\$40 payout), plus four games with \$50 payouts!

Special Games; and \$300 Jackpot!

Lunch, desserts & drinks available

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