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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass 9:30 AM

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday – Saturday 7:45 AM

Holy Days Of Obligation..... 6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday 8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday James Jordan

Tuesday Michelle Malone

Wednesday Gloria Peters

Thursday Mike & Mary Marlowe

Friday; Saturday Special Intentions

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CCD Classes After Sunday Mass

Bible Study Monday; 6:00–7:00 PM

RCIA Classes Thursday; 6:00–7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday:..... 6:00 PM



St. Joseph Catholic Church Maysville

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December 01, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS

Pay Attention! Keep Watch! Be Ready!

By Ruth McKittrick

During the next 3-4 weeks, we will be inundated with all things “*Christmasy*”. Many of us will rush out to as many stores as we can fit into our days; looking for that special gift that someone said they wanted for Christmas. Many of us have already begun to move furniture to make room for an especially large tree; every ornament and decorative pieces must be perfect. The closer December 25 gets, there will be nothing but RUSH, RUSH, RUSH. However, our scriptures during this season of Advent are telling us to slow down and re-examine our lives with Christ Jesus.

Advent is the time to do that; it's the time "to come". This, the 1st Sunday of Advent, begins a new liturgical calendar. We also begin preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. We will light candles, sing Advent hymns, and we will wait and prepare of hearts to receive Him. The season will take us back to simpler times without all the frantic pace that has become the signature for our lives today.

We will celebrate how Jesus comes to us in three ways: (1) How He came to us, over 2000 years ago; there will be re-enactments, pageants and cards; (2) How Jesus comes among us now, in God's Word and the Holy Eucharist, and how He comes to us in one another; (3) We celebrate His Second coming when He will judge creation, bringing in a time of peace and joy that is spoken of so eloquently in the Isaiah reading for today. The end is coming, to be certain.....but when? We must understand that this life is like a race, not a "rat race", but a Christian race. We are not competing against each other; we are competing against evil obstacles - physical and spiritual. Jesus continues to warn us and remind us to Always Be Ready. In today's gospel He tells us that the Son of Man will come Secretly - Selectively - Surprisingly. He wants us to be doing what is right and just at *all* times. Let us always walk in the Light of the Lord.....Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord.

PAY ATTENTION!! KEEP WATCH!! BE READY!!

Know Your Faith

By Rev. Stephen Remilekun Sohe, S.S.J.

In a simple term, advent means “coming.” The term is rooted in the Greek word, *Parousia*, which is used to refer to the second coming of Christ. Advent points to two ideas of “coming” in relation to Christ: The coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas and the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

Advent is the first season on the Church’s liturgical calendar, coming before the Christmas season. As such, advent is a period of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, and an anticipation for the second coming of Christ on the Last Day. During this period, the faithful are called to prepare themselves, not just exteriorly, but most importantly, interiorly, body and soul, for the coming of Christ. In that regard, making their body a worthy dwelling place for Christ, with whom they will dwell in eternity.

Today, the first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a four-week period that makes up the season Advent. During this season, the Gloria is not said at Mass until the eve of Christmas. The Alleluia is retained, however. The Priest wears purple or violet vestment.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Brandon Barnes
Altar Society..... Patricia Reed
Bereavement Pamela Barnes
Bible Study Ruth McKitric
Bldg & Grounds Mgr..... Walter Battles
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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY - DECEMBER 01

LectorLance Johnson & Ashley Lott
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
..... Diona & Leona Rudolph
Altar Server.....Matthew, Pat & Brandon
Family Gift Bearers: ... St. Joseph’s Future

•DECEMBER 08

LectorPam Barnes & Sheila Mosley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
..... Robert & Ruth Pettaway
Altar Serve.....Ashley, Azure & Kai
Family Gift Bearers: Barnes Family

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

•BIRTHDAYS

01 Malachi Pratt
06 Courtney Simpson
07 Marshae Blackmon
09 Herman Alexander III
09 Rafael Donaldson
09 Robert Pettaway
19 Johnny Thompson
20 Lisa Dewberry
21 Caleb Roberson
23 Genevieve Carter
23 Tiffany Davis
25 Akeem Haughton
26.....William Lofton Jr.
26 Michael Steele
28 Kendrick Mackie

ANNIVERSARY

15TH – Allen & Gwen Hickman

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS



Sacrament of Matrimony

Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

Mass of Christian Burial

When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

WEEKLY COLLECTION..... \$1,563.00

(Week of November 24)

ATTENDANCE..... 76

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ILL & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list Ill and/or Homebound parishioners)



OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

The Media and Public Relations Committee would like to thank each and every member of the St. Joseph Maysville Family for intrusting us to create, design, and produce your first in-house Sunday bulletin. The new bulletin should be viewed as a “living document” of St. Joseph parish and its parishioners. We ask that you advise any member of the committee of your thoughts and suggestions of any needed improvements.

Please find it in your heart to patronize the businesses that have given to the parish by their advertisement. Your support to these businesses will encourage their continued support to the church.

The new bulletin will be available on the church’s website (www.stjosephmaysville.org) on the Ministries page. It will also be emailed to you if your email is listed in the church directory. At the conclusion of Sunday Mass our ushers will ask if you would like a printed bulletin. We ask that if the electronic form is your preferred method, just politely decline the printed version. May God’s blessings continue throughout our parish and we ask that you continue to pray for the future of St. Joseph Catholic Church Maysville.



READINGS FOR MASS

First Week of Advent

December 01-07, 2013

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| SUN 01 | First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 |
| MON 02 | First Reading: Isaiah 4:2-6 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-1 |
| TUE 03 | First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Gospel: Luke 10:21-24 |
| WED 04 | First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37 |
| THU 05 | First Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27 |
| FRI 06 | First Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31 |
| SAT 07 | First Reading: Isiah 30:9-21, 23-26 Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8 |

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

❖ Lunch Is Served!

On the First Friday of each month, Lunch Plates will be available for pick-up or delivery from 11AM at a cost of \$8 at the Parish Hall, 1703 Dublin Street.

The Menu will include an Entrée, Vegetable, Potato Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Dessert and Bread. This week’s entrée is Fish.

FREE DELIVERY for orders of five (5) or more plates. Delivery areas include Maysville, Down-the-Bay, Camp Ground and Cedar Point Road.

For more information or deliveries, please call Patricia Glover Reed at 251.402.7132.

❖CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Sharon Malone, November’s 50/50 Winner of \$90.00.

❖FELLOWSHIP — Make plans next Sunday after Mass to join us at the Carroll’s Coffee Café near the picnic tables for coffee, doughnut, bagels.

❖The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary and Court 210 will sponsor their **MONTHLY FUND RAISING TRIP** to IP Casino next Sunday. Bus will depart from St. Joseph at 2 PM. Donation is \$20 per person.

❖The **USHER BOARD** will be commissioned next Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass.

❖Dedication of the Stained Glass Window for **SISTER JOSÉ** located in the Choir Loft will be held on Sunday, December 15th.

❖**PRAYER INTENTION CARDS** are now located in the Vestibule of the Church.

❖**FREE FRESH FISH** on the 1st Thursday of each month in church parking area between 11:30 and 12:30 PM.

❖Our Community Life Committee is asking for clothing donations for the **WINTER CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE** for Catholic Social Service.

