

Celebrating the Sacraments

St. Joseph's Rectory/Parish Office
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ANNOINTING OF THE SICK - Calls are accepted on an as-needed basis. If at all possible, the Priest should be called while the person is still conscious. In the case of shut-ins or chronic illness, please arrange with the Parish office their inclusion on our First Friday Communion visits.

EUCCHARIST - In celebration of the Mass (Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist) our parish family comes together to worship God and grow in understanding of God's Word and to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As the Catholic Church teaches, "liturgy is the source and summit of the life of the Church" (Second Vatican Council). It is also a source and summit of the life of our parish community at St. Joseph's. (Please see the enclosed schedule of services for times and days).

BAPTISM - In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, expectant parents are required to contact the Parish Office to speak to the pastor. A call months before your child is due will make the scheduling of our session easier and allow us time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MATRIMONY - The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the Priest. Please allow 6 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish. The actual preference of notification is ONE YEAR.

RECONCILIATION – Confessions are held on Saturday's from 3:00 – 3:30 pm and by appointment.