

# JANUARY 22, 2023, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph, Trenton:** 8:30 am Sunday  
 6:30 pm Tuesday  
 9:00 am Wednesday through Saturday  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton:** 10:30 am Sunday  
**Blessed Sacrament, Bethany:** 5:00 pm Saturday

Sat	Jan 22	5:00 pm	BS	The family of Brent Alselben
Sun	Jan 22	8:30 am	SJ	† Brad Schwenneker
Sun	Jan 22	10:30 am	SJ	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM & BSP
Tue	Jan 24	6:30 pm	SJ	Marilyn Little
Wed	Jan 25	9:00 am	SJ	Peace in the Family
Thurs	Jan 26	9:00 am	SJ	Margaret Buckley

Fri	Jan 27	9:00 am	SJ	
Sat	Jan 28	9:00 am	SJ	
Sat	Jan 28	5:00 pm	BS	† Richard McGuire
Sun	Jan 29	8:30 am	SJ	† Brad Schwenneker
Sun	Jan 29	10:30 am	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM & BS

JANUARY 15	OFFERING	MISSION
St. Joseph's	\$788.45	\$263.00
IHM	\$605.00	\$152.00
Blessed Sacrament	\$567.15	\$136.00

ROSARY  
 8:00 am SUNDAYS AT  
 ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER REQUESTS  
 Will Zang  
 (If you want names added to this list, send an email to Peggy or Fr. Bill at the above address)

ADORATION at 6:00 pm,  
 Followed by Mass  
 at 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday's at St. Joseph's

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. Joseph, Trenton:** 8:00 am Sunday  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton:** 10:15 am Sunday  
**Blessed Sacrament, Bethany:** 4:30 pm Saturday  
 or by appointment

### Paul's Conversion to Christianity (Feast day January 25)

One day, Saul was "breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord," and decided to go down to Damascus to see if he could find incriminating evidence to arrest the Christians there (Acts 9). But God had other plans for him:

*On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He said, "Who are you, sir?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, for they heard the voice but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank. – Acts 9:3-9*

After this incident, God spoke to a believer named Ananias, asking him to find Saul, lay hands on him, and restore his sight. Ananias was reluctant to do so at first, as he knew Saul's history of persecuting Christians. However, God urged him, saying, "Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites," (Acts 9:15). He then did as God commanded, restoring Saul's sight – and baptizing him. Saul then began proclaiming the gospel in Damascus and beyond, inaugurating a life of dedicated ministry. (Taken from the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception, [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org).)

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Fifty years ago this Sunday, January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) issued the deeply dehumanizing decision *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion, the deliberate killing of pre-born human persons with no limits. January 22 has, consequently, been declared as the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” In years like this year, when January 22 falls on a Sunday, our observance moves to the following day, Monday January 23. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops writes:

“On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.” (USCCB website)

Even though the legal reasoning of *Roe* was found faulty, and that decision overturned this past June in *Dobbs*, there is much more work to do. SCOTUS, in *Dobbs*, did not affirm the clear human personhood of pre-born children. Furthermore, subsequent referenda around the country, including in neighboring Kansas, demonstrate that there is a great disregard for the life and dignity of pre-born persons. Consequently, we continue to observe this important Day of Prayer.

Even though we do not have any liturgical events scheduled this Monday, Fr. Bill Fox suggests that we spend our prayer time Monday considering how we can better support human life and dignity in general as a starting point for advocating for the life and dignity of the pre-born. To that end, he offers this little paragraph from Saint John Paul II’s great encyclical *Evangelium Vitæ* (“The Gospel of Life,” N<sup>o</sup> 87.3):

“Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good. We need then to ‘show care’ for all life and for the life of everyone. Indeed, at an even deeper level, we need to go to the very roots of life and love.”

### The Ladies Group at Blessed Sacrament

Food pantry suggested items for January and February are:

January: breakfast items (coffee, tea, cereal)

February: canned fruits and vegetables

### Contribution Statements

If you need a statement of your 2022 contributions to the church for Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph’s, please contact Peggy. If you need one for Blessed Sacrament, please check with Gerry Ann.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Whitney True-Francis at 816.392.0011 or [true-francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true-francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.