

NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH, 1728 Saint Joseph Street, Trenton MO 64683
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC MISSION, 606 Broadway Street, Princeton, MO 64673
 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH, 1208 S 25th Street, Bethany, MO 64424



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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	Nov 26	5:00 pm	BS	The People of Blessed Sacrament	Fri	Dec 2	9:00 am	SJ	
Sun	Nov 27	8:30 am	SJ	The Hehr Family	Sat	Dec 3	9:00 am	SJ	
Sun	Nov 28	10:30 am	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM	Sat	Dec 3	5:00 pm	BS	The People of Blessed Sacrament
Tue	Nov 29	6:30 pm	SJ	Marilyn Little	Sun	Dec 4	8:30 am	SJ	The Hehr Family
Wed	Nov 30	9:00 am	SJ		Sun	Dec 4	10:30 am	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Thur	Dec 1	9:00 am	SJ						

NOVEMBER 20
St. Joseph's
IHM
Blessed Sacrament

OFFERING
\$1,313.26
\$ 416.00
\$ 681.00

ROSARY
 8:00 am SUNDAYS AT
 ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER REQUESTS
 Gerry Ann Wagner, Will Zang, Judie Smith,
 Denise Babinski, Mary Muse,
 Kaylie Schmitt,
 Kerry Sampson, Jeff Wagner

ADORATION at 6:00 pm,
 Followed by Mass
 at 6:30 pm
 Tuesdays at St. Joseph

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

Announcements

At Blessed Sacrament:

ADVENT: Nancy Stewart will be leading, with Fr. Fox' help, a bible study on Wednesday's during Advent at 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish which will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. Fr. Fox will offer a weekday Mass following this study at 6:00 pm. Please let Nancy know if you plan on participating.

Christmas Philanthropy Project: "The Blessed Sacrament Ladies Group is sponsoring a parish wide Christmas Philanthropy Project again this year. Last year, this project was wonderfully successful, and we are excited for this year. The Ladies Group will be collecting monetary donations for needy children attending our local county schools. We will be collecting these donations December 3rd and December 10th only. Please place your donations in the gift-wrapped boxes. Thank you as always for your generosity."

For the Blessed Sacrament Ladies Group sponsored Food Pantry collection:

November - Thanksgiving type items (stove top stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, etc.)

December - Baking items (cake mix, frosting, chocolate chips, baking soda, etc.)

On Mass Intentions

We recently received a clarification from the diocese regarding Mass intentions on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. Canon law requires that a Mass intention be offered “for the people” of each parish (Canon 534 § 1, cf. Canon 540 § 1). We most often offered this Mass, also called the Mass “*pro populo*,” at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) for the people of both IHM and St. Joseph’s since they are part of the same parish. All the Saturday evening Masses at Blessed Sacrament have been *pro populo* since that is the only Sunday Mass in the parish.

However, the diocese has pointed out that a priest “who has the care of several parishes is bound to apply only one Mass for the entire people entrusted to him” (Canon 534 § 2). That means that each weekend, only one Mass *pro populo* needs to be offered for the people in all three of our churches. Consequently, **Mass intentions for Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses at Blessed Sacrament are now available.**

What is a Mass Intention? While “faith teaches us, that although the venerable Sacrifice may be lawfully offered to God alone,” Pope Leo XIII teaches, “it may also be offered - in accordance with an apostolic tradition - for the purpose of expiating the sins of those of the brethren who, having died in the Lord, have not yet fully paid the penalty of their transgressions” (*Miræ Caritatis*, № 12). We also have the practice of offering the Holy Mass for the intentions of living persons: for their health, for their spiritual growth, even in thanksgiving for some blessing. Certainly, we should all come to Mass with our own intentions but asking a priest to offer Mass for that intention demonstrates faith and trust in the Eucharistic Sacrifice in a direct and special way.

The typical offering for Mass in our diocese is \$10. Do you need to schedule a Mass Intention? Contact Peggy or Fr. Bill.

Mass During Advent

The *Roman Missal* is filled with deep spiritual riches and we have options to help us explore those riches. To explore these, we will be changing up some of our practice at our Masses (both Sunday and weekday) during Advent:

We will be using the second form of the Penitential Act at Mass followed by the Κύριε, ἐλέησον (*Kyrie, eléison*, “Lord, have mercy”) in Greek. We will also do the *Sanctus* (“Holy, Holy Holy”) and the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”) in Latin, with the music provided in the *Missal*. We will also start using the second option for the *Mysterium Fidei* (the “Mystery of Faith”) in English. That text reads “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.” Please watch for worship guides for these tweaks.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This important solemnity commemorates the conception of Our Lady by Saints Anne & Joachim without inheriting Original Sin from Eve & Adam. “The most Blessed Virgin Mary,” Blessed Pope Pius IX declared infallibly in 1854, “by a singular grace and privilege ... was preserved free from all stain of original sin” (*Ineffabilis Deus*). Under the title of her Immaculate Conception, Our Lady is the patroness of the United States. Consequently, Thursday, December 8, 2022 is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Here is the Mass schedule for this celebration:

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 *pm* at Blessed Sacrament, Bethany.

Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 *am* at Saint Joseph, Trenton.

Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 *pm* at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton.

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, 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 for more information.