

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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December 3, 2017

Mass Times:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 7:45 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:00 pm

Last Sunday of Month 12:10 pm Latin Mass

Daily Mass: Mon.– Fri. 8:00 am, Sat 9:00 am.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

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Immaculate Conception

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming flesh, becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ's presence in our lives. Every Christian goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make His presence incarnate in what we say and do.

Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have added a 12:10 pm Mass this past year for Holy Days to make it easier for people to attend on their lunch hour. Please make this Holy Day a priority in your schedule.

During Advent there will be several opportunities for us to confess our sins at a penance service or at our regular times of confession. Confession is usually an event that includes difficulty for us to admit our sins, but brings us great relief, peace, and thankfulness for this great Sacrament. Please take advantage of these opportunities. As you will note, our Penance Service will take place on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Winchel



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of:

Morris and Gloria Penland

Pastor: Very Rev. J. Scott Winchel
Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Wright
Permanent Deacon: Donald Coates
Permanent Deacon: Thomas Eden
School Principal: Alex Porto
Director Religious Education: Candia Michela
Music Director/Organist: Nelda Chapman
Director Youth Ministry: Lauren Miller
Finance: Patti Stinson
Receptionist/Secretary: Cindy Zilaro
Nursery Coordinator: Dianne Carter
Bulletin: Jim Zilaro
Maintenance Supervisor: David Rubbo
Pastoral Council President: Kathryn McCannon

Important Information and Resources

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated once a month. Please contact our office to register.

Confessions:

Mon thru Fri: 7:30 am to 7:50 am

Sat: 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Anointing of the Sick:

After Saturday morning Mass and by request

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Please call parish office for more information. Do not set a date prior to speaking to the priest or deacon.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Interested in becoming Catholic, contact Deacon Don Coates at deacondon@st-joseph.cc.

Religious Education:

Sunday 11:00 am - 12 Noon, Mid-August - May.

Bookstore/Gift Shop: 478-743-9224

Tues - Sat: 2:30 - 4:30 pm & following each weekend Mass.

Phone Numbers:

Saint Joseph School - 478-742-0636

Mount de Sales Academy - 478-751-3240

Family Advancement Ministries - 478-745-7165

Maximillian Kolbe Center For Life - 478-257-4425

Daybreak - 478-216-9119

Weekly Schedule:

SUNDAY, December 3, 2017		First Sunday Of Advent	
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37			
7:45AM:	Noah Rowell		
8:30AM:	First Sunday Fellowship (SH)		
9:30AM:	Jacky W. Harrell †		
10:45AM:	First Sunday Fellowship (SH)		
11:00AM:	PREP (SJS)		
11:30AM:	Canticum Novum Rehearsal (LOFT)		
12:10PM:	For the People		
5:00PM:	Marcella Wood †		
6:10PM:	Youth Group (GYM)		
MONDAY, December 4, 2017		St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11			
8:00AM:	Hannah Bass		
5:00PM:	Miraculous Medal Novena (CH)		
TUESDAY, December 5, 2017			
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24			
8:00AM:	Agnes Jones †		
11:30AM:	Senior Mass (CH) Dr. Jesse Ray Grant		
Noon:	Senior Luncheon (SH)		
WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017		St. Nicholas, Bishop	
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37			
8:00AM:	Kade Burkovich		
10:00AM:	Adult Bible Study (KOLBE) No Dinner and Doctrine This Week		
7:00PM:	MDS Candlelight Carol Service (CH) No RCIA		
7:15PM:	St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)		
THURSDAY, December 7, 2017		St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27			
8:00AM:	Burkovich Family †		
6:00PM:	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (CH) Dennis Duncan		
FRIDAY, December 8, 2017		Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Genesis 3:9, 15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38			
8:00AM:	Patty Downs †		
10:00AM:	SJS Mass Jonnie Stelling †		
12:10PM:	Marcella Wood †		
6:00PM:	Mary Dykstra †		
SATURDAY, December 9, 2017		St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8			
9:00AM:	Holy Souls in Purgatory †		
4:30PM:	John Stroski †		
7:30PM:	Handel's Messiah Concert, <i>Choral Society of Middle Georgia</i> (CH)		
SUNDAY, December 10, 2017		Second Sunday Of Advent	
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8			
7:45AM:	John D. Wooten †		
8:00AM:	Breakfast With Santa (SJS)		
9:30AM:	Walter Sayeg †		
11:20AM:	PREP (SJS)		
11:30AM:	Canticum Novum Rehearsal (LOFT)		
12:10PM:	Allison Dennis		
5:00PM:	For the People		
6:10PM:	Youth Group (GYM)		
7:30PM:	Handel's Messiah Concert, <i>Choral Society of Middle Georgia</i> (CH)		

CAFÉ: School Cafeteria	FAM-O: FAM Orange St.	LOFT: Choir Loft	SJS: St. Joseph School
CH: Church	GYM: School Gym	MDS: Mount de Sales	UR: Upper Room
CTR: Center	KCH: Knights of Columbus Hall	RR: Resource Room	* Nursery Available
FAM-H: FAM High St.	KOLBE: Kolbe Center	REC: Rectory	

Activities Here and Around St. Joseph's

Kolbe Center Baby Bottle Round Up

The Kolbe Center would like to thank you for your support of our 2017 Baby Bottle Campaign! We are particularly grateful for the 164 families who turned in their bottles over the past few weeks! We have raised \$3,463.03 through your generous donations! We passed out more than 400 bottles at St. Joseph Church...if you still have a bottle at home please bring it in asap! Bottles cost us \$1.00 each and we strive to keep the cost of fundraising as low as possible so that the funds you donate go directly to providing services for pregnant women and pro-life programs for our community!

Coming in December

Sounds of the Season

Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 7:00PM

Mount de Sales * **Candlelight Carol Service** FREE

Saturday, Dec. 9th and Sunday, Dec. 10th 7:30PM

Choral Society of Middle GA * **Handel's Messiah**
ADMISSION CHARGE

Thursday, Dec. 21st, 12:00 Noon

Third Thursday Organ Interlude and Lunch FREE
Nelda Chapman, *Organist*

For further information, contact Nelda Chapman at 745-1631 ext. 120 or nelda@st-joseph.cc

Plan Ahead

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Thursday, December 7th: 6:00PM Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8th: 8AM, 10AM, 12:10PM and 6PM

Breakfast with Santa:

Come and enjoy breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 10th at 8:00AM, Saint Joseph's Catholic School.

Christmas Flower Donation And Names:

The deadline to submit your donation and names for the Christmas flowers is Friday, December 15th.

Advent Penance Services:

All services will be at 7:00PM except St. Peter Claver 8:00PM

Immaculate Conception, Dublin: Monday Dec. 4th

Holy Spirit, Macon: Monday Dec. 4th

Sacred Heart, Warner Robins: Tuesday Dec. 5th

St. Patrick's, Kathleen: Monday Dec. 11th

St. Joseph, Macon: Monday Dec. 18th

St. Peter Claver, Macon: Every Wednesday during Advent at 8:00PM.

Christmas Masses:

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sunday, December 24th: 4:30PM and 6PM Vigil Masses

Monday, December 25th: 12AM (Midnight Mass), 10AM

Saint Joseph's Catholic School

Online Programs Enrich SJS Student's Opportunities to Succeed

St. Joseph's strives to offer our students every opportunity to be successful. We are fortunate to offer two online programs, Mathletics and Raz-Kids, which strengthen their math and reading skills!

Mathletics is an engaging online learning program that offers SJS students the opportunity to strengthen and enhance their math skills through captivating games and rewards. LIVE Mathletics allows students to challenge classmates or international students to a real time race that tests the speed and accuracy of their math skills. Mathletics is available to our students in kindergarten through 6th grade.



RAZ-Kids provides individualized reading materials according to each child's specific reading level. The program offers hundreds of eBooks at 29 different reading levels! All of the eBooks are available online and in mobile formats and allow the students to listen to, read at their own pace, and record themselves reading. Reading A to Z is currently being used with our 4K through second grade classrooms. We would like to thank the SJS Home & School Association for providing the funding to purchase RAZ-Kids.

For more information about St. Joseph's Catholic School, please contact Debra Harrison, Director of Admissions, at 478.742.0636 or debra.harrison@sjsmacon.org or visit our website at www.sjsmacon.org.

Around the Deanery and the Diocese

FAM Gift Of Love



If you haven't already, please take a ***Gift of Love*** card in the back of the church. Your gift can give a child a joyous Christmas. All gifts need to be up-wrapped and can be dropped at church or FAM. Please deliver by **Dec. 16**. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee

The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah, invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 to join him in celebrating the ***Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass*** in your



honor at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Savannah, Georgia on **Sunday: February 11, 2018**. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish office or register online at: <https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee> by

December 18, 2017 in order to receive a formal invitation with the detailed information. For more information contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life, 912-201-4068.

The Music Ministry Of Santos

Friday, December 8, at 8:00PM in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Social Hall, **300** South Davis Dr., Warner Robins, GA. Free admission, but a Love Offering is greatly appreciated! Light refreshments will be available. For more information contact Kathi Benedetti at 478-957-2871.

Christmas Pageant Costumes

We are in need of replacing several costumes for our Christmas Pageant this year. If you are interested in helping us please call Candia Michela @ 478-745-1631 for details.

Festival Choir For Midnight Mass

Rehearsals for the beautiful Christmas Eve Choral Prelude and Midnight Mass, which will begin at 11PM on December 24th, are now in progress. If you are interested in being a part of the choir for this seasonal music, please join us for rehearsals on the following dates: Dec. 13th, Dec. 20th, 7:15-9PM. In addition, there will be a rehearsal on either Thurs., Dec. 7th or Fri., Dec. 8th following Immaculate Conception Mass—date TBA. All of the above rehearsals will take place in the loft. Dress rehearsal will be on Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, 7-9PM, and will begin in the church. For further information, contact Nelda Chapman at 745-1631 ext. 120 or nelda@st-joseph.cc.

Clean Cupboards

As the holidays approach, St. Joseph's parish support for the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry is vital. The Pantry is anxious to provide items that make the holiday meal special to the families served. Canned vegetables, peas, green beans, corn, gravy and cranberry sauce would make for a colorful and healthy plate. Pasta, sauces, rice and canned fruits are especially appreciated. Please be mindful that all items are factory sealed and are within the "used by" date. Thank you for your support and may God bless you and your family.

He who is kind to the poor lend to the Lord and he will reward him for what he has done. Proverbs19:17

Ministry Opportunities

Daybreak

Daybreak, a ministry of DePaul USA, is a centrally located, stand-alone facility that offers homeless people support that assists to increase their daily living skills and connect them to existing community services. Daybreak offers services in three primary areas: medical care, hygiene (clothes washing, showers), education and citizenship (job readiness, literacy, art therapy). Anyone interested in helping this ministry please contact: Kathy Smith, 478-442-1850 or kathy.smith@depaulusa.org

Health Ministry

This ministry provides an opportunity for health care professionals to volunteer their time to provide health information, basic health screening, and information on available community services. All medical professionals are welcome – physicians, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, physical therapists, assistants, dieticians, medical students, etc. Those who work outside of the healthcare industry are also welcome to help organize the ministry activities. For more information, contact Billy Shackelford at 478-952-0988 or wmsackelford@gmail.com

The bulletin deadline is 10 days prior to the date you need your article to appear. All items received after the deadline will go into the next bulletin. Submissions should be emailed to: jim@st-joseph.cc.



The Sick

Roger Walden
Debbie Stallworth
Catherine Genone
Paul Lockary
Very Reverend Jacek Szuster, VF

The Faithful Departed

Elizabeth Conner

Expectant Mothers & their babies

Amy Bates, Baby Boy Devin
Brittany Elizabeth Bennett

Please say a prayer for the following:

US Army

SPC. Christopher J. Barry
SGM. Marlon Faulds
SPC. Charles Faulds
Sgt. Brian Godwin
PFC. Ian Hayward
Maj. Sean Michelson
Sgt. Josh Scroggins
SPEC Forces Derek King
SFC. Enrique A. Cayado
LTC. Mark R. McClellan
2LT. Grace McClellan
Sgt. Anthony Trujillo

US Army Reserves

Sgt. Alonza Richardson
SSG. Kenneth Aguiar

US Navy

LCDR. Burnes Brown
PO2. David Bushey
MMFN/SS. Brandon Fowler
PC2 T. Michael LeMaster
SN. Mills Misinco
PO2. James A. Palmer, III
SGT. Scott Johnson
LT. Christine Russell Petty
LT. Thomas Petty
LT. Nicholas D. Maskell
LT. Jason M. Conner
ENS. Zackary W. Putman
LCDR. Wrenn Landers
SA. James E Carter
SN/FN. Nathan Treiber

US Air Force

Maj. Amy Bates
MSgt. Gregory Currey
SSgt. Irene Hewins
Maj. Richard Ray
Capt. Kyle Stramblad
Capt. Robert Johnson
TSgt. Kaitlyn Salvatore
SSgt. Daniel Letchworth
Capt. Paul Elsbernd
Capt. Reed Elsbernd

US Marine Corps

Pfc. David H. Dixon, Jr.
SSgt. Josh Howe
SSgt. C. William Stanford
Cpl. Dakota L. Lawson

Welcome to our New Members

Register/Address Change

If you are new to our parish and would like to register with us or have had a change in address, please complete the form below and drop it in the offering basket at Mass or mail to the address on the form. Upon receipt, a parish registration form will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Address _____

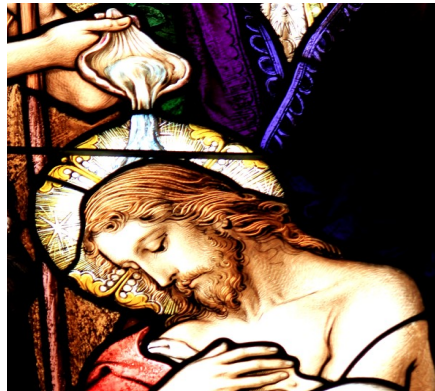
City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New Parishioner
Change of Address

Return completed form to:
St. Joseph Catholic Church
830 Poplar St.
Macon, GA 31201



Recent Baptisms

Shop Our Bookstore

Advent Candles & Wreaths

It's time to stop by the bookstore to purchase your 2017 Advent Candles and Wreaths and begin shopping for Christmas gifts that will bless your loved ones! We have beautiful rosaries, medals, Bibles, crucifixes, photographs by Father Winchel and a book by Father Wright. We have the new CD, by Gail Archer just in time for Christmas, titled *A Russian Journey*. It was recorded last year in our church and has a beautiful photo of our Rose Window on the cover. Copies are available in our bookstore for \$15 each.

Catholic Quiz

1. _____ chopped off the head of General Holofernes, saving Israel.
2. _____ was caught up to heaven in a whirlwind. Just prior to that, Elisha asked for and received a double portion of his spirit.
3. _____ went to the Witch of Endor to get her to conjure up Samuel from the dead.
4. True or False - Witchcraft, sorcery, and divination are not condemned by the Bible.
5. _____ & _____ asked Jesus if he should rain fire down on a Samaritan village.

Answers for last week: 1. 22 2. House of Bread 3. Micah 4. Isaiah 5. Zechariah

Offertory for 11/19/17 & 11//26/17

	11/19	11/26
Collected:	\$17,725	\$17,596
Same time last year:	\$20,826	\$19,483
Weekly average budgeted:	\$23,165	

Interested in how you can leave a donation to St. Joseph's in your will? Contact us at the parish office.

Debt Reduction/Vision 2020

As of November 21st, 2017

Debt reduction figures shown monthly.

Original debt: \$3,223,645

Current debt: \$2,073,533

Online Giving

Online Giving allows us to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. If you would like to give online go to our St. Joseph online giving website

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/697> to sign up or give us a call at our parish office: 478-745-1631

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Joseph Catholic Church!