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WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call any time or by appointment.

Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

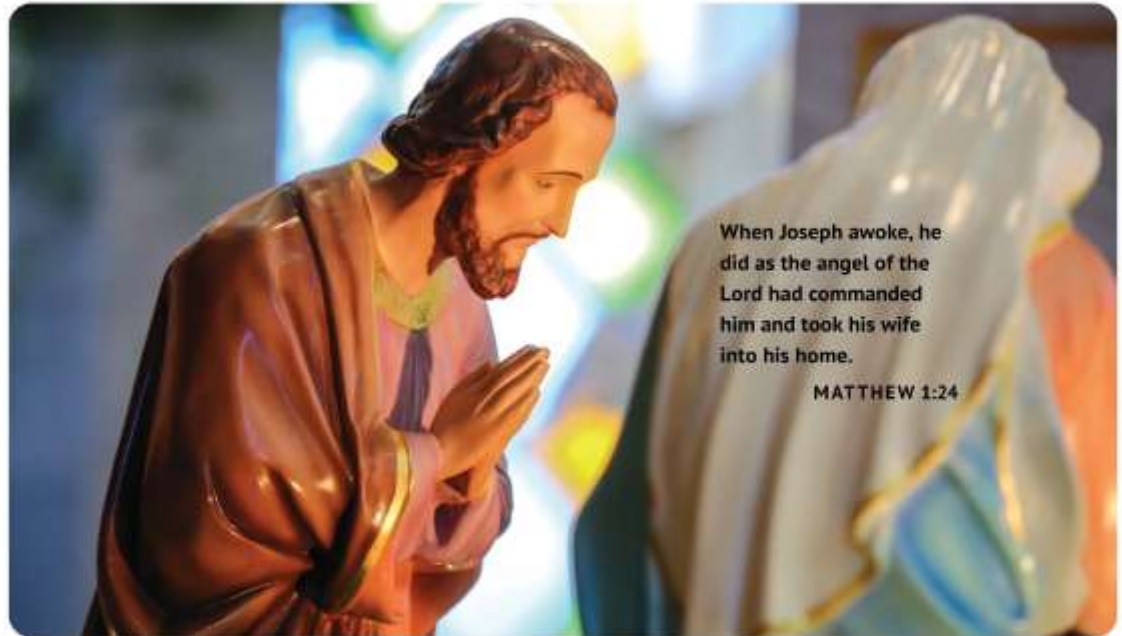
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

Reflect

Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?

Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24

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Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 17	4:00 PM	Parish
Dec. 18	9:45 AM	Gary Bardwell
	11:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Dec. 20	8:00 AM	Raymond Bieri
Dec. 22	8:00 AM	Herman/Sylvia Loehnig
Dec 24	4:00 PM	Deraps Family/Mark Imhoff
	7:00 PM	Parish
Dec 25	9:45 AM	Dustin Struempf

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 17th 4:00 pm

Lector:	Becky Bloch
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Russell/Lisa Anderson
Song Leader:	Rosemary Bardwell
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Vickie Schroeder

Sunday - December 18th 9:45 am

Lector:	Jacob Hoellering
Servers:	McCumber Family
Greeter:	Bernie/JoAnn Bestgen
Song Leader:	Bev Kleffner
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Ruth Ann Jobe

Ministries for Christmas – sign up in back of church

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Pat Roll; Linda Rodick; Linda Reichel; Mary Jo Garnett; Liz Schlup; Tucker Clough (great-grandson Linda Bardwell); Steve Gerlt; Wilfred Hoecker; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Baby Lillian (granddaughter of Lori Heather) Vickie Schroeder; Marilyn Durk; Cody Schmidt; Betty Pringer; Debbie VanDieren, David Strickfaden; Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irely; Joann Ponder; Jackie Anderson; Jamie Bax; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, Dec. 17	BVM
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Parish
Sunday, Dec 18	4 th Sunday of Advent
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Gary Bardwell
11:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	Religious Education
Monday, Dec. 19	Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:45 PM	Rosary
8:00 PM	AA-Alon
Tuesday, Dec 20	
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Raymond Bieri
	K of C Christmas Dinner
Thursday, Dec 22	
8:00 AM	Herman/Sylvia Loehnig
Saturday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Deraps Family/Mark Imhoff
7:00 PM	Parish - Bilingual
Sunday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Dustin Struempf



Merry Christmas

PARISH NEWS

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are from Barb McKinzie in memory of her sister, Sr. Deborah Muenks. The 2nd bouquet is from Pauline and Tim Forck in memory of her mom Hazel Boss.

We have been blessed with a wonderful response for our altar flowers. They have all been so beautiful! Just to let everyone know, the 2023 Altar Flower calendar is now in the vestibule. Feel free to sign up at your convenience. Thank you!

Annunciation Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2022

Members Present: Guadalupe Agüero, Bernie Bestgen, Peggy Borgmeyer, Randy Cain (VP), Josh Frank (Sec), Fr Anthony Viviano, Evelyn Jobe (Pres), Jayna Marriott, Deacon Bob Reinkemeyer, Leticia Sangster

Discussion

1. Father opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Annunciation had a limited response to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan Survey. Just less than half of respondents answered overwhelmingly positive, but 70-80% answered that we are following the plan either "a little" or "a lot".
3. We discussed the two pillars of our Pastoral Plan:
 - a. Youth Engagement. PSR and Youth Group attendance are down. Discussed ideas on attending events in Jefferson City and even Washington DC.
 - b. Integration of Cultural Communities. Discussed bringing communities together in Parish Picnic preparation and game nights.
4. Deanery Meeting on "Shaping Our Future Together". Each Pastor is currently represented at Deanery Meetings to plan efficiencies into our Deanery/Parish processes to share workload and resources.
5. Discussed Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception and Christmas Mass schedules. Father Frank will assist with Christmas.

6. No major issues reported from Buildings & Grounds, Long ange Planning, or Finance Committee.

However, the PC renewed their general support for a driveway and pavilion north of the Church.

7. Pastoral Council will be seeking nominations and voting for new members in the coming months.

The meeting was closed with a blessing. The next meeting is TBD. Josh Frank, Secretary

Weekly Collections - December

1st week: \$ 8,009.41 3rd week: \$
2nd week: \$ 14,915.00 4th week: \$

Hispanic \$463.00 Mustard Seed \$340.00
Candles: \$57.30 Christmas Flowers \$115.00
Ins. Reimb. \$8,893.50 - air conditioners

Upcoming

Christmas Eve – December 24th

4 PM Annunciation 7PM Annunciation - Bilingual

Christmas Day – December 25th

9:45 am Annunciation

New Years Eve – December 31

4 PM Annunciation

New Years Day – January 1st

9:45 AM - 11:15 Spanish

High School Youth - We will be meeting Sunday night at 6pm at the Church and will go Christmas Caroling. Thanks!

Decorating for Christmas – Volunteers Needed

We will be decorating the church on Tuesday morning December 20th after 8AM mass. We need lots of volunteers to help.

Calendars for 2023 are in the back of church for you to pick up.

Ministry List for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day is in back of church. Please sign up. We can use your help.

Christmas Flowers

Denis & Enda Mae Hagedorn	Rose/Clem Distler
Herman & Sylvia Loehnig	Margaret Strickfaden
Joe & Mary Agnes Ernst	Susan Dumsday
John & Rosalie Hentges	Special Intention
Mildred & Elliott McPherson	Lenard Elliott
Earl/Margaret Scheidt	Frank Haller Family
Howard & Rita Jeanne Miller	Gary Bardwell

Congratulations to Fred and Kathy Pfaff who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 25th.

Dear Padre,

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est*.” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.” ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25
<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a	Is 7:10–14 Lk 1:26–38	Sg 2:8–14 Lk 1:39–45	1 Sm 1:24–28 Lk 1:46–56	Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 Lk 1:57–66	2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67–79	Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–18



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

**HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF
PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013**