



**Saint Joseph**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Alexius Ekka, Canonical Administrator/Pastor  
Robert Leake, Deacon  
Denise Whelan, Youth Director  
Cheryl Hirner, Secretary  
Jeff Massman, Parish Council President

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5pm  
Sunday at 7 and 10am

**Marriage:** Contact Father at least  
six months in advance

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 4, 2015**

‡ MASS INTENTIONS ‡			COLLECTION 12/28/2014		PARISH CALENDAR
Tue	8:00am	Virginia Spencer	Loose Money	\$185.75	Sun(4 <sup>th</sup> ) - 9:15 - CCD Classes - 4:30pm - MS Youth Group - 6pm - HS Youth Group
Thu	10:00am	Louise Hollingsworth +	Envelopes	\$6360.00	
Fri	8:00am	Rocky Akright +	Priestly Retirement	\$3326.10	
Sat	5:30pm	The parishioners	Building Fund	\$105.00	Mon - Noon to 6pm - Red Cross Blood Drive
Sun	7:30am	Mary Hirner +			Sat - 5pm - Rosary prayed before Mass
Sun	10:30am	Bill Richmond +			Sun(11 <sup>th</sup> ) - KC Breakfast for Paws Pack Prog. - 9:15 - CCD Classes - 6pm - HS Youth Group

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK			
Mass Times	5:30 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Ushers . . .	Tom Dodd & Charles Chambers	Mike Wolfmeyer & Chuck Wigle	Jim & John Fohey
Greeters. . .	Dale & Cindy Gervais	Don & Mary Krekemeyer	Darin & Joelle Goodwin
Servers . . .	Volunteers	<b>KNIGHTS</b>	Chase & Ella Goldinger
Euch. Min	Joe & Terry Barnes, Jim Veit	<b>OF</b>	Becky Goodwin, Brenda Bland, Monica Bross, Joelle Goodwin, Diane DeHaan
Lector . . . .	Elizabeth Bradley		Denise Dodd
Gifts . . . . .	Sean Webster family	<b>COLUMBUS</b>	King Kline family
<b>Please find a replacement if you are unable to perform your assigned duty. Meet in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass</b>			

**YOUTH GROUP**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Middle School Youth Group will be changing dates and times! Due to most Middle School Students complicated weekly schedules Middle School Youth Group will be the first and third SUNDAY of every month from 4:30-5:30pm. In addition, due to the time change, we will not be serving dinner at youth group but there will be snacks. There will be youth group Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-5:30pm we will have a relaxed time reflecting on Christmas break and New Year's Resolutions. Starting January 18<sup>th</sup>,

we will be doing a 3-part God's not Dead series. We will watch part of the movie and then discuss it over the course of three youth groups.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

There will be Youth Group Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6-8pm. Wednesday night youth group is changing time! We will continue to have youth group the first and third Wednesday of every month, however it will now be from 6:30-8pm. This will allow the teens to get home earlier in order to finish homework since it is a weeknight. There is youth group Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm.

**CCD CLASSES**

CCD will return to regular schedule Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15-10:15am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

There will be no Mass on Wednesday, Fr. Alex will be in Jefferson City.

**NEWLY BAPTIZED!**

This weekend Max Everett Jones, son of Adam & Stacey Jones, and Carson John DeBauch, son of Andy & Marin DeBauch were baptized into Christ Jesus. We welcome them into the Body of Christ. The God parents for Max are Tim & Andrea Barnes. The God parents for Carson are Jared Summers and Ashley DeBauch. May Max and Carson grow in holiness with the graces they received at their baptism, and may God bless their parents and Godparents with the wisdom and love necessary to help them in their journey as followers of Christ!

**PLEASE SUPPORT**  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**SERVING FROM 8 TO 10:30AM**  
**Cost is a free will donation**  
**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE**  
**P.A.W.S. PROGRAM AT SCHOOL**

**>>>2015 church donation envelopes are at the hall.**



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

How did Matthew’s “mixed community,” converts from Judaism and converts from Gentile religions, deal with today’s story of the magi, whose searching for Jesus caused Herod to be “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him”? Imagine the conversation! From Jewish converts, schooled from childhood to appreciate their privileged status as God’s chosen: “How are Gentiles now included, since the Messiah comes from our people?” (Paul marvels over that in today’s Ephesians reading.) From Gentile converts: “But if you Chosen People had all the prophecies, how is it all Jews have not yet become Christians?”

Enlightened by their most advanced wisdom, the magi followed the star, which brought them close—but not all the way! For human reason’s star stopped at the city where divine revelation was enshrined. Only after enlightenment by Jewish scripture did Gentile reason find Jesus. Yet the keepers of that revelation stayed behind with the wicked king. Reason indeed needs revelation; but revelation still needs grace to leave the comfortable past for the challenging future.

Today’s magi are legion—men and women of science and statecraft, devotees of art and culture, people of good will

with good hearts, whose searching, far from “troubling” us, should challenge us to deepen our understanding of the revelation we have received and to appreciate the gifts modern seekers still bring. We are called to find Christ *together*, even if we already know where Christ is; and with all who seek Christ, to be changed by that encounter, to “return to our own country,” our daily world, “by another way.”

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

As I begin this new year, on what situation in my life right now do I need to let God’s peace descend and enfold me? How can I allow God to make me an instrument of such peace to someone I know?

Whom can I help lead to Christ in this new year? Among the searchers I know, who might challenge me to seek Christ more intensely?

**K OF C FREE THROW**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Free Throw Championship on January 18 at 2:30PM at the Palmyra HS gymnasium. Boys and girls, ages 10 – 14 yrs old, are eligible to participate. Sign up for this competition will begin at 2:00PM at the gym. Call Ross Dames (248-9284) if you have any questions.

**NEW CLOTHING FOR THE CHILDREN OF JASHPUR, INDIA**

In honor of your children or grandchildren consider donating a new outfit at Christmas this year. We are filling a suitcase full of new children (ages 1 to 12yrs) clothing that Father Alex will take with him when he travels to India in January. Please place your donation in the church entry by Sunday January 4, 2015. Keep in mind that girls only wear dresses and that the weather can get as low as 40 F. Socks, tights, undies, fleeces, all weather coats, & rain gear works too. Also donations are needed to cover shipping expenses too. Any questions about this effort contact Lisa Leake 573-248-7649. In the spirit of giving let's reach out to our neighbors of Jasphur and fill the suitcase.

**PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

**Please remember the following in prayer this week:** Laura Russell, Kaitlynn Hill, Jim Cissna, Jerry Hagan, Jr., Anita Lee, Don Gander, Liz Gander, Audrey Neeley, Greg Harrison, Jean Harrison, Greg Cox, and Laura Begley.

**(To renew the name listing, call the parish office after three weeks)**

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**Communion to the home bound:** To have Communion taken to someone who is unable to attend Church, please call the office

**Pray for those with Birthdays this week:**

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| Charles Wall.. . . . . January 5  | Peter Thelen.. . . . . January 9    | Katee Hinkle . . . . . January 10 |
| Janet Krekemeyer.... .. January 8 | John Buckman .. . . . January 10    | Alfred Jones .. . . . January 11  |
| Dennis Brown.....January 9        | Mason Franklin . . . . . January 10 | Tyler Jones .. . . . January 11   |

**THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY**

**General** – That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.  
**Mission** – That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

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**Parish Website:** [stjoepalmyra.org](http://stjoepalmyra.org)  
**Bulletin deadline:** Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. Items for the bulletin can be called in to the office (after hours please leave a message), faxed during office hours or e-mailed anytime.