

St. Joseph – Faithful protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph”. The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.



While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child”.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’”. His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

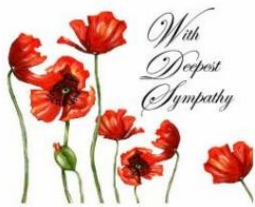
During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble”. Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother”.

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence”, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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On the Calendar...

October 10 – Rosary at St. Stephen for Caitlyn Shively
October 11 – Rosary at St. Stephen / 12:00 noon
October 16 – Rosary at St. Stephen for our nation
October 24 – Mass at St. Peter in Brush Creek
October 31 – Holy Rosary Fall Dinner
November 6 - 1st Saturday Rosary – 10:00



Daniel Patrick “Pat” Mudd, the son of Mary Sue and Dan Mudd, passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. He finished his fight with glioblastoma brain cancer on his own terms, constantly moving beyond the doctor’s

prognosis. Pat always said he was going to win the battle and we believe he did.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, at Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fulton with Father Joseph Abah officiating. Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton, with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Holy Rosary Cemetery in Monroe City.

May God welcome Pat into His Kingdom and surround his family with comforting peace.

School news

- Basketball practice begins on Monday, October 11. The first games will be played on Thursday, November 4, at Paris.
- The Fifth and Sixth Grade Musical will be presented on Wednesday, November 3, at Holy Rosary Gym. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation.
- The First Quarter of this school year will end on Friday, October 15. Report Card Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 21, in the KC Hall.
- Congratulations to Taitym Foltz as she received third place in the State of Missouri for her Knights of Columbus Essay Contest!
- Mass at 8:20 on Friday, October 15, will be led by the fourth-grade students.

Readings for October 17, 2021

1st Reading – Isaiah 53:10-11 If the servant of the Lord “gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33:4-, 18-19, 20, 22 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16 Brothers and sisters: “Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.”

Gospel – Mark 10:35-45 Jesus replied to James and John, “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Liturgical Ministries

October 16 – 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Dorothy Ritter

Servers: NaVada Lewis, Macy Painter

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Ellen Mudd, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Mary Davis, Debbie Durbin, Gina Carroll, Kathy Dean, Regina Miskell

Lector: Lori Watson

Ushers: Joe Gass, Dennis Moss, Jerry Durbin

Cross Bearer: Audrey Fuemmeler

Gift Bearer: Tim & Tina Schmitt

Greeters: Ryan Seward Family

October 17 – 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Paula Karr

Servers: Wyatt DeGrave, Wes DeGrave

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Hunter, Ed Born, Howard Willard, Jennifer Richardson, David Wilson, Linda Willard, Steve DeLaporte, Jerry Copenhaver, Courtney Smith

Lector: Carl Thompson

Ushers: Williams Painter, Steve Hays, Ron Hays

Cross Bearer: Kenny St. Clair

Gift Bearer: Kaleb Thompson Family

Greeters: John & Shelly Long

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Parish-Wide Study – Parousia: The Bible and the Mass
-We meet Monday at 5:00 pm, Wednesday at 7:00 pm, or Thursday at 1:30 pm. This is our final week, lesson 10, - The Real Presence and the Second Coming.

RCIA Sessions – meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 in Holy Rosary Church basement. This week’s RCIA topic is The Mass & The Sacrament of the Eucharist.

FORMED-org. – October 11 is the feast day of St. John XXIII, Pope. Learn more about this beloved pontiff known for his simplicity, courage, and love for humanity.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/john-xxiii-the-pope-of-peace>

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