

**Men's Club**  
**50/50 Drawing Will Start Sunday, January 4, 2026**

1. Make a \$52.00 check out to St. Joseph Catholic Church.
2. Put in the Memo Line: Men's Club 50/50.
3. Put you Parish Number on your check.
4. Put your check in a blank envelope, envelopes are on the bulletin board.
5. Deposit envelope in Sunday collection basket.

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**La rifa 50/50 del Club de Hombres ya esta por comenzar!!**  
**Fecha de inicio: Domingo 4 de Enero del 2026. Los pasos a seguir son:**

1. Si pagará por los 6 meses por adelantado; Haga el cheque de \$52.00 a nombre de:  
St. Joseph Catholic Church.
2. En la seccion de *memo*, indique que es para: Men's Club 50/50.
3. Incluya tambien su numero de miembro de la parroquia en el cheque.
4. Coloque el cheque en un sobre. Habrá sobres en blanco disponibles en el *bulletin board*.
5. Deposite el sobre en la canasta de la colecta el domingo.

**Gracias, contamos con su participación.**

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**Nativity of the Lord**

(Christmas)  
 Wed. Dec., 24 6:00 pm  
 (Children's Program at 5:45 pm)  
 Thurs., Dec. 25 10:00 am

**Holy Family**

Sun., Dec. 28 11:00 am

**Mary, Holy Mother of God**

(New Years)  
 Wed., Dec. 31 5:45 pm  
 (Communion Service)  
 Thurs., Jan 1 10:00 am

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Combined St. Joseph & Vietnamese**  
**Christmas Party**  
**Sun., Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m.**

**If you did not get the Flyer that was**  
**available last weekend for**  
**Holy Day Masses and Other Events**  
**Or the Celebration for**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**You can find it on our website at**  
[stjosephindy.org](http://stjosephindy.org)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 DECEMBER 14, 2025

# The Carpenter's Bench

*The Weekly Bulletin of Saint Joseph Catholic Church*



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**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** Monday at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday at 3:30 or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Pre-marriage counseling with the priest is required at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date. Call the Parish Office 317-244-9002 to schedule an appointment.

**Infant Baptism:** Preparation classes are required; please call the Parish Office 317-244-9002 to register.

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

**(OCIA):** Call the Parish Office at 317-244-9002 to learn more about becoming Catholic.

**Bulletin Deadline**

For publication in next weekend's bulletin insert email items to [stjosephschurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stjosephschurch@hotmail.com) by noon on Monday.

**Suggestions**

Please leave your suggestions for fostering fellowship at St. Joseph's in the box on the Narthex literature rack.

**Hospital Ministry**

Please notify the Parish Office 317-244-9002 of hospital admissions, so that Pastoral Care may be provided.

**Communion for Shut-ins**

Please call the Parish Office 317-244-9002 if you would like to receive Holy Communion.

**Parish Council Meeting**

Held monthly at 7 P.M. in the Meeting Room September through May.

**Mass is Celebrated**

at 10:00 A.M. at Neighbor Care every Tuesday, in the Ballroom.

**Vietnamese Mass Schedule**

Sun. 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

**Parish Staff**

**Administrator** — Rev. Minh Dường  
 E-mail.....[mduongindy@gmail.com](mailto:mduongindy@gmail.com)  
*Emergency* .....317-760-7664  
**Parish Secretary** — Patty Arthur  
 E-mail.....[patty.arthur@aol.com](mailto:patty.arthur@aol.com)  
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 Mike McKay.....317-445-9720  
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**Children's Religious Education**

Pre-school—grade 12, Sept. to May  
 Sun.—9:30 to 10:50 a.m.

**Children's Sacraments** Call the Parish Office 317-244-9002 for information to register your child.

**New Parishioners**

If you are new in the parish, please call the parish office and speak with the Parish Secretary about Parish Registration.

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend**

Saturday.....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday**

Monday.....9:00 a.m.  
 Tues., Thurs., & Fri.....5:45 p.m.

**Communion Service** Wed..... 5:45 p.m.  
**Confession**

Mon. 8:30 a.m. and Sat. 3:30 p.m.

**Devotions**

**Rosary**

*Prayed before Masses on the weekend.*

**First Friday Devotion and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 4:00 p.m.  
 5:45 p.m. Mass

Next Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent	Altar Servers	Cantors	Readers
Dec 20 4:00 PM	Sebastian, Nate, Julie & Jimena		<i>Schedule</i>
Dec 21 11:00 AM	Emiliano,Cristian & Pablo	Tim & Bill	<i>Is Pending</i>



**Saint Joseph’s Church Cleaners**  
Dec 15—Susanne McFerran, Maria Fredrick  
Dec 22—Marilyn Howard, Cozette Lowder  
Dec 29—Marilyn Howard, Cozette Lowder  
Jan 5—Maria Fredrick  
Jan 12—Susanne McFerran, Maria Fredrick

**Saint Joseph’s Lawn Crew**  
Thank you so much for your dedication in maintaining our parish grounds, they always look so beautiful.

This Week’s Mass Intentions			
SAT	Dec 13	4:00 PM	Andres Preciado birthday
SUN	Dec 14	11:00 AM	+Justine Koeberlein
MON	Dec 15	6:00 PM	+William C. Engels
TUES	Dec 16	5:45 PM	+Corey Arthur
WED	Dec 17	5:45 PM	Communion Service
THUR	Dec 18	5:45 AM	+Louise Little
FRI	Dec 19	7:00 PM	+The Souls of the Ancesters
+ Denotes person is deceased			

**Next Weekend’s Mass Intentions**  
SAT, Dec 20 at 4:00 PM - +Stephanie Jones  
SUN, Dec 21 at 11:00 AM - +Alph & Carrie Berger

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Our Parish Secretary is also available Monday through Friday at 317-244-9002 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**You may also leave a voice message other times and your call will be returned as soon as possible.**  
**OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY**

**Please Pray For...**  
**Prayer Chain** — Offering prayer for anyone who asks or needs the loving support of caring members of the parish. All information is confidential. Call your request for prayer to Shirley and the chain will begin immediately.  
**Shirley Verhonik**  
317-241-8979

Happening This Week	
Dec 13	3:30 Confession or by appointment 4 p.m. Mass
Dec 14	11 a.m. Mass 2 p.m. Parish Christmas Party
Dec 15	8:30 Confession or by appointment 9 a.m. Mass
Dec 16	10 a.m. Mass at Neighbor Care
Dec 17	5:45 Communion Service
Dec 18	6 p.m. Free Meal
Dec 20	3:30 Confession or by appointment 4 p.m. Mass
Dec 21	11 a.m. Mass
Daily Mass - Mon. 9 a.m., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. 5:45 Communion Service - Wed. 5:45 Visit our online calendar for more activities: <a href="http://www.stjosephindy.org/Calendar">www.stjosephindy.org/Calendar</a>	

**Collection Report**  
Budget is \$3240 per week.  
Dec 7 , 2025 - NO REPORT THIS WEEK  
Was \_\_\_\_\_ budget

**SCRIP CARD SALES**  
**Support St. Joseph’s Altar Society**  
We purchase the cards at a discount, so that when you make your purchase from us you’re supporting our fundraiser for free!  
**For special orders call or text:**  
Maria Fredrick: 317-287-4485  
Diane Whitis: 317-241-3842  
**Last Day to Order Before Christmas December 14.**

**Funeral Contact**  
Patty Arthur.....317-339-6503  
**SVDP Helpline.....317-687-0169**  
(Spanish).....317-687-0167  
(Donations).....317-687-1006  
**Hurting from Abortion?**  
Call.....317-452-0054  
**Pregnant? Need Help?**  
Call.....833-937-4968

**We are inviting parishioners to join in praying the Rosary before Sunday Mass at St. Joseph’s. The Rosary begins at 10:39 a.m. to ask Mary to intercede for Unborn babies and their mothers and fathers. If you are at home, please join us also.**

**Christmas Flowers**  
**Please have Christmas Flower names turned in no later than Sunday, December 21.**  
**Thank you**

**Third Thursday Adoration**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Flame of Love Devotion begins at 4:30**  
**Questions:**  
**Call Bev at 317-362-2682**