

PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA
December 1, 2024 / 1ro de Diciembre, 2024

“Food for Thought” from the Respect Life Committee:

“The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

Pick of the Week on FORMED! This week on FORMED

WATCH: 30 Minutes BC 30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. **WATCH: Christmas (Part 1) What Catholics Believe** Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the internet’s most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the first Christmas? Find out the answers to these and more! Finally, **WATCH: Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa** Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

Courage International: *A Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and for the family members and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ+.* Whether you experience same-sex attractions and are committed to following the Church’s teaching on chastity (Courage), or you have a family member or loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+ (EnCourage), you are not alone. Join the Courage and EnCourage family and discover an apostolate that provides confidential support for living chastity, growing in holiness, and keeping family bonds intact. To learn more, visit Courage International at Couragerc.org. Inquire about our new local Courage chapter at courage@rcdoc.org and our local EnCourage chapter at encourage@rcdoc.org.

New Year’s Retreat. Jesus used questions to promote healing, forgive the past, repair brokenness, and instill hope. The retreat, “Questions Jesus Asks You for the New Year”, will invite you to answer the same life-altering questions. There will be five engaging reflections, Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus, plenty of time to reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces while enjoying the fireplace in our lounge or exploring the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, December 30-January 1. As a special treat, there will be a New Year’s Eve banquet with traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/new-years. For more information email info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441.

Our Parish Has A FORMED Subscription

To sign up for FORMED, visit: signup.formed.org and enter our parish zip code, 28658 and your email address and that’s it! If you have questions, contact the church office.

“Para la Reflexion” Del Comité de Respeto a la Vida:

“El Evangelio de la vida reconoce la gama completa de amenazas contra la vida humana, tales como la pobreza y la desnutrición hasta el asesinato y la guerra. Hace énfasis particular, sin embargo, en las amenazas a la vida en su inicio y al final, precisamente cuando más necesita protección. En tiempos modernos, niños en el vientre materno y aquellos que se acercan al final de su vida están ciertamente entre los ‘más pequeños de estos’ en la valoración que les damos”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB <https://es.respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life>

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
LAS LECTURAS DE ESTA SEMANA

Monday / Lunes	Is 2: 1-5 / Mt 8: 5-11
Tuesday / Martes	Is 11: 1-10 / Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday / Miércoles	Is 25: 6-10a / Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday / Jueves	Is 26: 1-6 / Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday / Viernes	Is 29: 17-24 / Mt 9: 27-31
Saturday / Sábado	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday / Domingo	Bar 5: 1-9 / Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3: 1-6

Devotions & Crafts: All parishioners are welcome to join us for devotions and crafts on Monday mornings from 10:30am-12:00pm in the conference room by the church office. We are now working on prayer blankets for foster children in Catawba County. Questions? Contact Janice at lexingtonjanice@icloud.com.

BULLETIN ON THE WEB SITE: *Please remember that any time you are away or do not receive a bulletin after Mass, you can access church information and see the weekly bulletin on the church web site at www.stjosephrcc.org.*

BOLETÍN en EL SITIO WEB: *Por favor, recuerde que cada vez que está lejos o no reciben un boletín después de la Misa, puede acceder a la información de iglesia y ver el boletín semanal en el sitio web iglesia www.stjosephrcc.org.*

Purgatorial Society

Enroll your deceased loved ones in our parish’s purgatory society. Every 1st Tuesday of the month a Mass will be said for all the names on the list. Submit the names of your deceased loved ones to stjosephpurgatorialsociety@gmail.com or write them on a paper labeled “Purgatory Society” and place in the collection basket.



St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Iglesia Católica San Jose

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Rev. James M. Collins, Pastor/Parroco
Rev. Mr. Scott D. Gilfillan, Deacon/Diacono

Our Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph’s, embrace Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and center of our lives. We commit to fostering belief through education, faith, through action, and fellowship through love and reconciliation. In the spirit of unity, we shall proclaim and bring to all, Jesus, the Light of the world

Declaración de Intenciones

Nosotros, la comunidad católica de San José, aceptamos a Jesus Cristo como nuestro Señor, Salvador y centro de nuestras vidas. Nos dedicamos a promover la creencia através de la educación, fe, acción, compañerismo através de amor y reconciliación. En el espíritu de unidad, debemos proclamar y llevar a todos, Jesus, la Luz del mundo.

Mass Schedule/Horarios de Misa

Saturday/Sábado 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday/Domingo 9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:45 a.m. Misa en Español

Weekdays/Días de Semana

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 12:10 p.m.
Lunes-Miércoles-Viernes 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Martes-Jueves 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days as Announced/Días de Santo Cuando Anunciado

PARISH OFFICE

Kara Antonio - Admin. Assistant - 828-464-9207
 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

HORARIOS DE OFICINA

De Martes, Miércoles, y Viernes 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS -

MINISTERIOS PARROQUIALES Y ORGANIZACIONES

Faith Formation Director Kara Antonio – 464-9207
 Faith Formation Coordinator Gustavo Rojo - 464-9207
 Minister of Music..... Eileen Crider & Mariah Richardson
 Ministry to Sick & Homebound Donna Sharman – 459-2605
 Coord. Del Ministerio Hispano.....Marcelino Lopez – 514-3039
 Bautismos Alejo & Wendy Diaz – 291-6462
 Matrimonios ...Maria Dosamante & Hugo Dominguez – 962-9035
 Ministerio de Liturgia..... Pedro & Carmen – 469-8562
 St. Joseph Workmen Group..... Richard Timmons Sr - 781-4887
 Co-Leader..... Jonathan Corona - 994-1397
 Annulments..... Selina Diaz - 464-9207
 Grounds Maintenance..... Ransom Graham - 464-9207
 Spanish Charismatics.....Jesus Ruiz - 980-241-0031
 Spiritual Direction..... Deacon Scott Gilfillan – 828-261-6375

WEEKLY SCHEDULE / PROGRAMACIÓN SEMANAL

Sunday / Domingo - December 1

9:00 AM - Mass / Misa

11:45 AM - Misa en Español

Monday / Lunes - December 2

12:10 PM - No Mass / No Misa

Tuesday / Martes - December 3

8:30 AM - No Mass / No Misa

Wednesday / Miércoles - December 4

12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Thursday / Jueves - December 5

8:30 AM - Mass / Misa

First Friday / Primer Viernes - December 6

12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

After Mass-Eucharistic Adoration until 7am

First Saturday / Primer Sábado- December 7

7:00 AM - Mass / Misa

5:00 PM - Mass / Misa

Sunday / Domingo - December 8

9:00 AM - Mass / Misa

11:45 AM - Misa en Español

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass for December 9th

(Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation)

First Week of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE SEMANA

Saturday / Sábado- November 30

5:00 PM - † Purgatory Society

Sunday / Domingo - December 1

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:45 AM - Viviana Hernandez

Wednesday / Miércoles- December 4

12:10 PM - †† Mel & Elaine Haigis

Thursday / Jueves- December 5

8:30 AM - Katherine Thorpe

Friday / Viernes- December 6

12:10 PM - † Pio Deinla

Saturday / Sábado- December 7

5:00 PM - † Evelyn Condon

Sunday / Domingo - December 8

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:45 AM - † Socorro Cesar

† Francisco Cesar

FEAST DAYS / DIAS de FIESTA

Sunday, December 1 / Domingo, 1ro de Diciembre

First Sunday of Advent / Primer Domingo de Adviento

Tuesday, December 3 / Martes, 3 de Diciembre

St. Francis Xavier / San Francisco Javier

Wednesday, December 4 / Miércoles, 4 de Diciembre

St. John Damascene / San Juan Damasceno

Friday, December 6 / Viernes, 6 de Diciembre

St. Nicholas / San Nicolás

Saturday, December 7 / Sábado, 7 de Diciembre

St. Ambrose / San Ambrosio

Sunday, December 8 / Domingo, 8 de Diciembre

Second Sunday of Advent /

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / POR FAVOR RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES

Toni Harris, Kevin Hines, Marjorie Hines, Kathryn Phillips, Karen Miller, Jada Halle, Barbara Lyman, Meghan Fannin, Jennifer Baker, Max Jonathas, Linwood & Patricia Morris, Kim Ramos, Carol Bowes, Luz Estrella Martinez Hernandez, Claudia Poe, Donna Earnhardt, Louis Holden, Rev. James Collins, Jo Wagoner, Corwin Revis, Michael Adamson, Steve McDaniel, Don Nackley, Chris Halle, David Stevens, Gonzalo Dosamante S., Maria Elena Gallegos, Maria de los Angeles Torres Vazquez, Jose Mateo Dominguez Cepeda, Jerry Malone, Ralph Vanderlught, Diane Canipe, Angie Ruffy, Jim Boydstone, Idalia & Waldo Cervantes, Pat Simpson, Dan & Fran Dixon, Mary Anne & Richard Shoener, Normand Dessert, Jeannine Dessert, Lanie Grimm, Theresa Lynn Goonan, Vicki Yokum, Rosalia Rios, Jessica Dominguez, Sally Ann McGill, Peggy Templeton, Barbara Harvey, Monica Noemi Delgado, Thomas Martin, Janet Blondo, Patricia Caldwell, Steve Caldwell, Kathleen Wanamaker, Rodger Chaffee, Johnny Schmitt, Ronald Merkall, Rick Schwartz, Diana Dominguez, Karla P. Dominguez, Enriqueta Dosamantes Perez, Ashley Bowman, Mary Plunkett, Luis A. Dosamantes F., Teresa Fannin, Richard Harzcuk, Nancy Paulos, Jim Ashton, Sharon Gayer, Rita Wergowske, Madeleine Futrelle, Rick Wilkenson, Vivian Horn-Mannix, Artie Sue

Please remember in your prayers those serving our country in the military: Captain Chris Chrislip, Shawn Mulligan, Matt DiRisio, Patrick Hayes. and Joseph Hayes.

Names on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month. At the end of each month, names will be removed from the prayer list unless the office is contacted and a request made for the name to remain. We appreciate your cooperation.

Los nombres en las lista de oración se mantendrán en la lista por un mes. Al comienzo de cada mes la lista será nueva, a menos que la oficina sea notificada de su deseo de mantener un nombre en la lista por otro mes. Apreciamos su cooperación.

OUR STEWARDSHIP / NUESTRA ADMINISTRACION

Last Week's Regular Offertory / Ofertorio Regular de la Semana Pasada
11/24/2024 \$5,170.00

2024 DSA Report as of 11/26/2024

Families/Households Contributing
102 of 264 = 38%

Goal	Pledged	Over/Under
\$30,996	\$32,197	\$1,201.00
On Goal	Total Paid	On Pledges
92%	\$28,731	89%

Thank you for your generosity!

Note: Only Registered Parishioners will receive a tax statement at the end of the year.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba County 322-4272
Website: www.pchickory.com

SERVICIOS DE ASISTENCIA DE EMBARAZO:

Centro de Cuidado de Embarazo del Condado Catawba
322-4272 Sitio Web: www.pchickory.com

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you know of anyone who would like someone to bring them communion or to visit them, please contact Donna Sharman at 459-2605.

LOST AND FOUND: If you believe you have left something in the Church, please visit out Lost and Found Box located in the office. If you find an item please also turn it into the office, so others may find.

PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO: Si usted cree que le queda algo en la iglesia, por favor visite cabo perdidos ubicado en la oficina. Si usted encuentra un articulo por favor también convertirlo en la oficina, por lo que otros pueden encontrar.

Help protect all of God's children

Everyone has a role to play in protecting children.

North Carolina law requires all adults to immediately report suspected child abuse by anyone to law enforcement agencies. If you know or suspect that a minor (person under 18) has been abused, please call 9-1-1 or contact local law enforcement.

Also, if you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone or online: 1-888-630-5929 or www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

Safe Environment training

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training?

Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte's Safe Environment program, sign up for Protecting God's Children training and more: <https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment>.

Ayuda a proteger a todos los niños de Dios

Todo el mundo tiene un papel que desempeñar en la protección de los niños. La ley de Carolina del Norte requiere que todos los adultos informen inmediatamente a las autoridades correspondientes si sospechan abuso infantil por parte de cualquier persona. Si sabe o sospecha que un menor (persona menor de 18 años) ha sido abusado, por favor comuníquese con el 9-1-1 o con la policía local.

Además, si tiene información sobre un posible abuso sexual o mala conducta por parte de cualquier miembro del clero, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Charlotte, por favor reportar sus inquietudes de forma segura y anónima las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana por teléfono o en línea: 1-888-630-5929 o www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

Entrenamiento de medioambiente seguro

¿Sabe usted que todos los trabajadores de la Iglesia deben de tomar el entrenamiento de prevención de abuso y ser capacitados en este tema? Encuentre más información sobre el programa de medioambiente seguro de la Diócesis de Charlotte, regístrese en el programa Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios y más en <https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment>.

Secular Franciscans: Don't Say "No" Before You Say "Yes" Come and see us, the Secular Franciscans. Get to Know Us and Ask Yourself "Is God calling me? We meet the second Saturday of each month normally at 1 pm in Holy Family Hall at St Joseph Catholic Church, Newton, NC. If you'd like to visit please contact us by phone or email to confirm our gathering location.

Lynn Oeser at (919) 815-5301, matcat01@hotmail.com, or Esther Kelly at (919)302-4798, emarielkelly@yahoo.com, or Xiomara Palma at (828) 461-3755.



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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Pray for Our Parish Families of the Week—We are asking all members of our church to pray for five church families. Each week we identify a different group of five families. The families for this week are: The Weisgerber Family The Wergowske Family The Wilcox Family The Wilson Family The Winn Family

No Mass: There will be no weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday this week.

First Friday: This Friday, December 6th is First Friday and there will be Eucharistic Adoration following the 12:10pm Mass until 7am Saturday Morning. There will be a Mass on Saturday Morning at 7am.

Second Collection: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Religious Retirement. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service.

Angel Tree: Angel Tree gifts are due back by this weekend, December 8th. Please be sure to return your angel tag with your gift. Thank you for your generosity!

Community Christmas Dinner/Donate Hams: We will be having our semi-annual Community Christmas Dinner this year on Christmas Day. We will be serving ham, potatoes, green beans, and a roll with a dessert. Be on the lookout for further announcements and sign up sheets. If you are willing to donate hams, help in the kitchen, or help with deliveries for this event, please let us know.

Two holy days, two Masses

Catholics should plan to attend two Masses over two days Dec. 8-9:



Sunday, Dec. 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 7- 5:00pm Vigil
Dec 8- 9:00am, 11:45am (SPA)

Monday, Dec. 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 8- 5:00pm Vigil
Dec 9- 12:10pm, 7:00pm (SPA)

Please plan to attend Mass for each day. One Mass does not fulfill both obligations.

PENSAMIENTO DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD:

"Estad en guardia", advierte Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, "no sea que vuestro espíritu se hinche de indulgencia". Prestemos atención a su advertencia y sigamos el consejo de San Pablo, conduciéndonos de una manera agradable a Dios, rebosando de amor unos por otros.

No habrá Misa: No habrá misa los días lunes y martes de esta semana.

Primer Viernes: Este viernes 6 de diciembre es el Primer Viernes y habrá Adoración Eucarística después de la Misa de las 12:10 p. m. hasta las 7 a. m. del sábado por la mañana. Habrá una Misa el sábado por la mañana a las 7 a. m.

Segunda Colecta: El próximo fin de semana se realizará la segunda colecta para el Retiro Religioso.

Angel Tree: Los obsequios de Angel Tree deben entregarse este fin de semana, el 8 de diciembre. No olvides devolver la etiqueta de ángel con tu obsequio. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

Cena navideña comunitaria/Donación de jamones: este año celebraremos nuestra cena navideña comunitaria semestral el día de Navidad. Serviremos jamón, patatas, judías verdes y un panecillo con postre. Esté atento a los próximos anuncios y a las hojas de inscripción. Si está dispuesto a donar jamones, ayudar en la cocina o ayudar con las entregas para este evento, infórmenos.

Dos Días Santos, Dos Misas.

Los católicos deben planear asistir a dos Misas en dos días, ya que hay Días Santos de Obligación consecutivos.

Domingo, 8 de diciembre

Segundo domingo de Adviento

Dec 7- 5:00pm Vigil
Dec 8- 9:00am, 11:45am (SPA)

Lunes, 9 de diciembre

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Dec 8- 5:00pm Vigil
Dec 9- 12:10pm, 7:00pm (SPA)

Por favor, prevea asistir a la Misa de cada día. Una Misa no cumple con ambas obligaciones.