

PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA
December 8, 2024 / 8 de Diciembre, 2024

“Food for Thought” from the Respect Life Committee:
 “Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

Pick of the Week on FORMED! This week on FORMED WATCH: Christmas Special-Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids
 Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus’ birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God’s promise fulfilled through our Savior’s arrival. **WATCH: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message** Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother’s miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people. Finally, **WATCH: What is the Immaculate Conception?** What is the Immaculate Conception? Use this video to help teach kids about this great mystery of our faith.

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.

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.

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:
 “Tal vez una de tus amigas haya quedado embarazada inesperadamente. Como alguien que ha pasado por eso, te animo a que apoyes a tu amiga en su nueva senda de ser madre”. Entérate cómo en es.respectlife.org/support-her.
 Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
 “10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado”

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
LAS LECTURAS DE ESTA SEMANA

Monday / Lunes	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 / Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38
Tuesday / Martes	Is 40: 1-11 / Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday / Miércoles	Is 40: 25-31 / Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday / Jueves	Zec 2: 14-17 / Lk 1: 26-38
Friday / Viernes	Is 48: 17-19 / Mt 11: 16-19
Saturday / Sábado	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
Sunday / Domingo	Zep 3: 14-18a / Phil 4: 4-7 / Lk 3: 10-18

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. **If you are willing to donate hams, help in the kitchen, or help with deliveries for this event, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the vestibule this weekend.**

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 Lunes-Miércoles-Viernes	12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday Martes-Jueves	8:30 a.m. 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 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)

Monday / Lunes - December 9
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa
7:00 PM - Misa en Español

Tuesday / Martes - December 10
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa

Wednesday / Miércoles - December 11
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Thursday / Jueves - December 12
8:30 AM - Mass / Misa
7:00 PM - Misa en Español

Friday / Viernes - December 13
12:10 PM - Mass / Misa

Saturday / Sábado- December 14
5:00 PM - Mass / Misa

Sunday / Domingo - December 15
9:00 AM - Mass / Misa
11:45 AM - Misa en Español

Second Week of Advent

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

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
5:00 PM - † Beth Ragona

Monday / Lunes- December 9
12:10 PM - Delfina Carpio Rivera
7:00 PM - People of the Parish

Tuesday / Martes - December 10
8:30 AM - † Pedro Trejo Ramirez
† Vanessa Michelle Trejo

Wednesday / Miércoles- December 11
12:10 PM - † Karen Miller

Thursday / Jueves- December 12
8:30 AM - † Jesus Uribe
7:00 PM - † Rosa Castillo
† Petronilo Sanchez
† Osvaldo Castillo Lopez

Friday / Viernes- December 13
12:10 PM - † Anna Dao Do

Saturday / Sábado- December 14
5:00 PM - †† John & Rose Condon

Sunday / Domingo - December 15
9:00 AM - People of the Parish
11:45 AM - † Juana Luna
† Felipe Rojo

FEAST DAYS / DIAS de FIESTA

Sunday, December 8 / Domingo, 8 de Diciembre
Second Sunday of Advent / Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Monday, December 9 / Lunes, 9 de Diciembre
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary / La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

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

Toni Harris, Kevin Hines, Marjorie Hines, Kathryn Phillips, 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
12/01/2024 \$5,618.38

2024 DSA Report as of 12/02/2024
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:

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we filled with joy!"

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 Wischerth Family The Wittensoldner Family The Woloshuk Family The Xonthe Family The Yanez Family

Christmas at Greccio: The Secular Franciscans cordially invite you to our Celebration of Christmas at Greccio. We will recount the story of how St. Francis brought the Nativity of Our Lord to life in the city of Greccio, Italy in 1223. Please join us for reflection, nativity displays, conversation, and refreshments. The event will take place on Saturday, December 14 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lenoir. Children who are accompanied by their parents are welcome. If you would like more information, you may contact Esther Kelly at emarielkelly@yahoo.com.

Coats for Kids: The annual "Coats for Kids" box will be in the vestibule from Wednesday, December 11th until Noon on Monday, December 16th for you to put your donations of new clothing for children. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection: Next weekend is our monthly collection for our Sister Church, Church of the Epiphany in Blowing Rock.

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!

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

PENSAMIENTO DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD:

Los buenos mayordomos creen que Dios, que ha comenzado esta buena obra en ellos, la llevará hasta el final. En palabras y hechos, pueden cantar con el salmista: "¡Grandes cosas ha hecho el Señor con nosotros; nos llenamos de alegría!"

Abrigos para niños: La caja anual "Abrigos para niños" estará en el vestíbulo desde el miércoles 11 de diciembre hasta el mediodía del lunes 16 de diciembre para que deposites tus donaciones de ropa nueva para niños. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

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!

Segunda colecta: El próximo fin de semana es nuestra colecta mensual para nuestra Iglesia Hermana, la Iglesia de la Epifanía en Blowing Rock.

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