

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church

Dec 29, 2024



The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph
Sunday

Ordinary Time
Year C

Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.



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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



*Liturgy
Schedule*

Mass

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.
or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Tuesday of the month
3-4 p.m.



Pastor
Fr. Jude Okeoma
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Staff

Bookkeeper:
 Carol Baker

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 Deidra Chandler

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Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact:
 Fr. Jude Okeoma

First Reconciliation and First Communion or OCIA:
 Call the Parish Office

Finance Committee

President:
 Kelley Piercefield

Members
 Alisha Bobo
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Liturgy

Mary Ann Bell

Outreach Ministry
 Rose Lowery

Parish Council

President & Maintenance:
 Charles Davis

VP/Secretary & Mt. Carmel Cemetery:
 David Gavin

Education/Faith Formation:
 Celeste Harned

Social Concerns:
 Felix Akojie

Worship & Spiritual Life:
 Melissa Reed

Family Life:
 Sheila Matchem

Hospitality & Outreach:
 Patricia Fouse

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 29
 Robert Naas †

Jan 1
 Tina Greenlee

Jan 5
 Angie Grief †

Jan 12
 Betty Cox

Jan 19
 Angie Grief †

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan 2025

Date	Lectors	Altar Server	Gift Bearer	Ushers	Eucharistic Minsters
Jan 5	Patricia Fouse English & Spanish	Tristan Moss-Menser, Faith Moss-Menser	Piercefield Family	Dianne Fossett, Mercedes Powers	Charles Davis, Rachel Gavin, Kathy Roberts
Jan 12	Melissa Reed	Kingsley Otu, Oliver Otu	Gavin Family	Dianne Fossett, Mercedes Powers	Howard Grief, Felix Akojie, Kelly Piercefield
Jan 19	Patricia Fouse English & Spanish	Alexander Gavin, Levi Harned	Pastor Family	Dianne Fossett, Mercedes Powers	Kathy Roberts, Charles Davis, Rachel Gavin
Jan 26	Rosalin Dumas	Felix Akojie,, Kingsley Otu,	Bunch Family	Dianne Fossett, Mercedes Powers	Kelley Piercefield, Howard Grief, Felix Akojie

Mary Queen of the Rosary, Pray for us.

Report from Sunday

Dec 22, 2024

Sunday Mass Attendance: 67

Sunday Collection: \$3089.00

Monthly ACH: \$450

Special Collections

Diocesan Good Works: \$100.00

**Blessed are those
who fear the Lord
and walk in his
ways !**



Please Remember in your Prayers

- Mike Mayes
- Rose Lowery
- Mary Piercefield
- Jaxon Jones
- Aaron Burns
- Clora Hixon
- Chen Matchem
- Rose Wurth
- Linda Stiles
- Russell Davis
- Matt Evans
- Michael Nicholas
- Ruby Gibson
- Thomas Rawlins
- Darlene Shelton
- Joseph Maxwell
- Gary Hudson
- Nancy Bass
- Andrea Emilia Bernabey
- Michael Burns
- Michael Menser
- Thomas (Homeless)
- Mark & Janice Higdon
- James Rister
- Erin Brumley
- Ashley Hayden
- Kenny Reising
- Lynne Clark
- Blake Champion
- Robert & Barbara Naas



Sanctuary Light for JT Piercefield

Each Sanctuary Light burns for 14 days. For a \$10 donation, a Sanctuary Light may be sponsored in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

Homebound, Nursing Care Center, Hospitalized

- Chen Matchem-HB*
- Clora Hixon-HB*
- Gary Hudson-Parkview Rm 410*
- Ruby Gibson-HB*
- Barbara Naas—HB*

Reminder

Hospital visits

Fr. Jude would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the office at 270-444-6383 to inform us, as we cannot obtain information from the hospital directly.

DIOCESAN SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

Sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable person is a crime in both State and Church law. Both the State and Church want to help anyone who has been or is being abused. Contact the State authorities and phone the bishop and/or the Review Board at 270-683-1545 to make a report. No one has to live with abuse, and the State and church are available to help individuals and families find help and healing. The Diocesan Policy on Sexual abuse is available on the rack outside the parish office, on the table in the church's narthex, or from the Catholic Pastoral Center.

St Vincent de Paul

The need for assistance at St Vincent de Paul has increased over the past few months. They are in need of Ramen noodles, crackers, cereal, and potatoes in package or cans. Grocery gift cards help us buy perishable items. Thank you. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Dec 31, No Confession or Mass.

New Year's Day: Mass will be on Wednesday January 1 at 10:30 AM

The office will be closed next week, Monday, December 30, Tuesday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1

Counting our Blessings! Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the Holy Family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. This is the time of year that we count our blessings as we approach a new year. We reflect on the blessings of having clothing, food, shelter, and the ability to keep our utilities on as well as being thankful for our family.

The past year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are in need by providing food for 3,453 people, clothing for 2,302 people and \$160,909 in utility or rental assistance. Won't you help us help them? Thank you!

Rosary Chapel has a Holiday Greeting Banner at Bob Noble Park for the holiday season.

Mt Carmel needs your assistance in our efforts to maintain facilities, equipment and grounds. At this time of year, we respectfully ask you to consider Mt. Carmel Cemetery at your end of year giving. Please help us keep Mt Carmel as a sacred place for burial with reverent care where family can remember loved ones in a peaceful and everlasting setting. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. To donate call 270-331-1006 or email mt.carmelcemetery@outlook.com

OUR FAMILIES ARE NOT PERFECT!

Many of us had exaggerated opinions about our parents while we were growing up. For me, I believed that my dad was a very tall man, same with my mum. By the time I reached youthful age, I had become taller than my dad. Now I am about 5 foot tall. I would not describe myself as tall, yet I am taller than my dad whom I once believed to be very tall.

Similarly, I grew up with the mentality that mum and dad had all the resources to provide me with everything I needed as a boy, especially money. So, whatever they did not give me, it wasn't because they did not have it, I thought, but because they did not want to do it for me. Whenever that occurred, I thought that they were just being unnecessarily strict (it occurred more frequently than I wanted it to), it was hard for me to look beyond the immediate to continue to see the loving parents in them. I thought they were complete in every ramification. I thought they had everything. Time has taught me that I was wrong.

On the flipside, sometimes, I wonder what parental expectations are of their children, and how it feels when sons and daughters fall short of those expectations. I have never been a parent; thanks to the vocation I have embraced. However, I have shared the joy of new parents at the birth of their babies, at naming ceremonies, at infant baptisms etc. I know what this means to parents. I could use these to connect with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph at the birth of Jesus but would also imagine the price they had to pay to enjoy this new blessing in their lives.

Every family is a bundle of blessings from God. Yet, every family has its share of human challenges from time to time. So, most family members have had to worry: How could I be a better wife? How could I do better as a husband? How could I be a better mom or dad? What do I need to do to get the best of my children? Now that they are going to college, who would monitor their behavior? Dad or mum wasn't happy with me yesterday, what should I do better? Name it.

In answer to these and similar questions, today, the Church presents us with the holy family as a model. One of the basic attributes of Joseph was his understanding. During the annunciation the Bible describes him as a righteous man who did not want to put his wife to shame. One of Mary's attributes was her submission to the will of God. The angel Gabriel gave her a message that was as confusing as it was humanly unbelievable, yet she accepted it because it is the will of God. One of Jesus' human attributes was obedience to his earthly parents.

We look up to this Holy Family as we journey through the ups and downs of daily living in our own earthly families. Our families are not perfect, but they are, nonetheless, holy gifts from God.

Wishing you a happy New Year 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope. We are Pilgrims of Hope. Blessings.

Fr Jude Okeoma

The Parish Epiphany Brunch

Sunday, January 5th, after Mass, our parish will celebrate the Epiphany!

Food will be furnished by the parish.

All are welcome!