

St. Joseph Church

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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www.stjosephdyer.org



Vision

Enthusiasm and Love of God and Neighbor to inspire and encourage interpersonal relationships in the St. Joseph Faith Community in order that an atmosphere of sharing our faith, time, talent, treasure and hospitality will expand the Kingdom of God.

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Prayer

God of all peoples, how blessed we are to gather in faith at Eucharist, for it is in Your Word and Sacrament that we discover that we are the Community called the Body of Christ.

Our St. Joseph Parish Vision is filled with enthusiasm for loving God and neighbor because Your Kingdom expands, Creator Father, in an atmosphere of interpersonal relationships.

May we the members of St. Joseph Parish continue to grow in faith during our Pastoral Planning Process, so that our Parish Vision will be fulfilled as we discover that as parish we are Community in Christ.
Amen.

Welcome, New Parishioners

Please register by calling or stopping in the parish office.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Michael the Archangel) 322-3077

Staff Directory

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

12:00 Noon.

Arrangements must be made previously.

Instruction class for parents required.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Steve Costa 219-365-4204

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM Paul Craven
Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
 7:00 PM Cynthia Swanson

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger
Sunday, December 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Jane Cerullo
 6:00 PM Frank Lesniewski
 Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

Liturgy of the Hours in Advent

Starting Saturday evening, November 30th, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours celebrated in the church daily.

Morning Prayer—Monday—Friday at 6am
Evening Prayer—Monday—Friday at 6pm

Morning Prayer—Saturday & Sunday—9:15am
Evening Prayer—Saturday & Sunday—5:30pm

The Liturgy of the Hours is the praying of the Psalms and Scriptures as prayed daily by all priests and men & women religious throughout the world.

This is an opportunity for those with busy schedules throughout the week to spend some time in prayer at church before or after work.



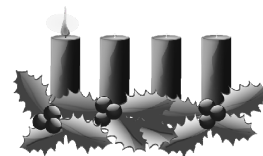
First Fridays at St. Joseph Parish

You are invited Friday, December 6th, to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month. In all (3) vestibules there is a sign-up sheet asking for your name and phone number to be an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Schedule

9AM—Holy Mass (Ordinary Form)
9:45AM-6:45PM—Eucharistic Adoration (10 Hours of Adoration)
Noon Angelus + Midday Prayer
5PM—Evening Prayer
6:30PM—Benediction
7PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Note: Ordinary Form = English
 Extraordinary Form = Traditional Latin Mass



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Shrine of Christ's Passion

Advent

Advent is the Season when we prepare our hearts and our homes for the birth of Jesus Christ. It's so easy to forget this, and let ourselves slip into the constant busyness of Christmas. There are cookies to bake, gifts to wrap, trees to decorate, and parties to attend and on and on and on.

Yet it was in the un-busy quiet, under the cover of darkness and poverty that the Sons of God was born of the Virgin Mary. Advent is a perfect time to contemplate our God, who loves us so much, that He sent His only begotten Son to save us.

**The Gift Shoppe has beautiful
Advent Calendars**

**Anniversary Celebration Sale on NOW through
12/8/19! SAVE 20% STOREWIDE and Get a
FREE \$10 Gift Card with EVERY \$50 you
spend!**

Extended Christmas Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm
Christmas Eve 9am-12pm

The Gift Shoppe will be closed

Christmas Day
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day

St. Stephen

The St. Stephen Women's Club is sponsoring a cookie sale after all Masses December 14 & 15. Please call the office at 219-980-9348 for details.

STMCareer Networking Group

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00-8:30pm

Texting may be a new way to land next job

Presented by: Donna M. Weidenfeller

Where: STM Weis Center

8635 Calumet Ave. Conference Room 101

When: The 2nd Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:00 to 8:30pm

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Free Meetings—OPEN TO ALL. For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, change careers or who can offer employment opportunities. Have your Cover Letter, Resume or Thank You note critiqued by a professional.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 23rd & 24th

Due to the printing schedule of our bulletin company, the Stewardship of Treasure Report will be printed in next week's bulletin.

Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art committee will have a special challenge with Christmas decorating this year. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Sunday December 22nd and Christmas is only 3 days away. We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating:

*Sunday, December 22nd after the 6:00pm
mass*

*Monday, December 23rd starting at 5:00pm (if
more time is needed)*

There are many opportunities to participate and times to fit the busy holiday season. Bring your ladders, tools and please ask your families and friends to also come to share in the fellowship. There are jobs for everyone - we need "decoration fluffers" and "light untanglers" if you have a hard time getting around and need to sit. Your stewardship makes this a very happy and enjoyable experience. The presence of Jesus in our midst really fills your heart with joy! Please mark your calendars now so you will be able to come.

St. Andrew the Apostle

Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

Saturday, December 7th

Ameling Hall—9am—3pm

801 W. 73rd Avenue, Merrillville

Delicious Assortment of Cookies, \$7 per pound

Debit/Credit cards accepted!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 2**

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church
 7:00pm—Capital Projects Group meeting—Gathering Room

Tuesday, December 3

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Thursday, December 5

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, December 6

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 9:00am—Mass
 First Friday as per schedule on page 2

Saturday, December 7

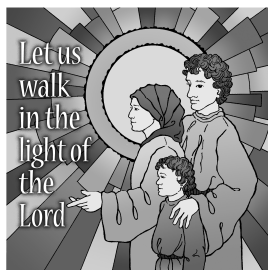
9:15am—Morning Prayer in church
 4:30pm—Mass
 5:30pm—Evening Prayer in church

Sunday, December 8

8:00am—Mass
 9:15am—Morning Prayer in church
 5:30pm—Evening Prayer in church
 6:00pm—Mass

Carmelite Monastery

All Night Vigil to Save a Thousand Souls, world peace, and end to abortion. First Friday/First Saturday, December 6th & 7th, beginning with confessions at 6:30pm, 7:00pm Mass, ending with 6:00am Mass Saturday, Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, candlelight procession. Refreshments. Info 836-8779.



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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
 November 19th
 Was # 43

The Winner Would Have Won
\$1075.00

(This amount will be added to next week)

Drawings will be held every
 Tuesday at 9:45am
 in the Gathering Room

All registered members of St. Joseph Parish are eligible for the 50/50 raffle. **YOU MUST USE 2 SEPARATE ENVELOPES FOR THE CURRENT WEEK EVEN IF YOU ARE A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC, HOMEBOUND OR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY MUST MAKE THEIR SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND INDICATING ON EACH SUBSEQUENT WEEKLY ENVELOPE THAT IS PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THAT YOU ARE EITHER A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC OR HOMEBOUND CONTRIBUTOR.**

You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the preprinted 50/50 envelope found in the pews with EXACTLY \$5.00. If you are paying by check, you must use **2 checks**, one for the weekly treasure made out to St. Joseph Church and the other check for \$5.00 for the 50/50 raffle made out to St. Joseph Church—50/50 Raffle.

The 50/50 raffle envelope is to be put in the collection along with your sacrificial weekly treasure envelope

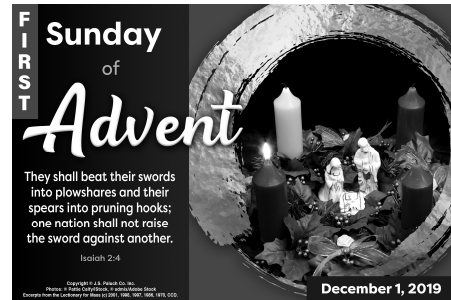
Ministry Schedule December 7th & 8th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tamara Fredrickson, Volunteer Needed
6:00pm—Mark Gabrione, Ernie Leicht, Volunteer Needed

Lectors

4:30pm—George Kucka
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Dolores Chavez
6:00pm—Sharon Ruane



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“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

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