

St. Joseph Church

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

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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

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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, Wed., Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:00 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: Joseph David

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*



Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM Debbie Kwiatkowski &
Diane/Bob Kozak

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy

9:00 AM Sophia Karpas

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

9:00 AM Joseph Bona

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Gerry McMahon

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Lucille Wright

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Irene Narcisi

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mary Kathleen Nero

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Lottie Rogers

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Gaza



CONFESSIONS

Our parish has confessions every Saturday from 3pm to 4pm. **There will be an extra confession on Saturday, December 17th from 9am to 10am.**

Dyer Knights of Columbus Council 8082 would like to thank St. Joseph parishioners for making the Respect Life Month collection for the Women's Care Center of Merrillville a success! We collected \$500+ in monetary donations and \$500+ in mommy/baby essentials—diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Once again **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for your wonderful generosity. May God Bless all of you abundantly!

Liturgy of Hours in Advent

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—9am

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

Bake Sale

Our Women's "HALO" Ministry is having a bake sale after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 17th and after the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses on Sunday, December 18th in the Gathering Room.

If you are able, we are asking for our parishioners to bake or bring baked goods for this bake sale.

The drop-off time for these goodies are on Saturday, December 17th starting at 9am.



THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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Sunday Readings Reflections 12/18/2022

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalms — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

Helping Hands Food Pantry

We will be listing items in each of the bulletins weekly for December of what Helping Hands Food Pantry is in need of Saltine Crackers, Buttery Crackers, Cookies, Peanut Butter, and Jelly.

Please check expiration dates on items donated. We are not able to give out expired items to our recipients. Thank you for your help

Stewardship of Treasure Report December 3rd & 4th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$6508.84**

Charity: \$67.00

Religious Education: \$51.00

Christmas: \$110.00

Immaculate Conception: \$152.00

Christmas Flowers: \$82.00

Food Pantry: \$175.00

50/50 Raffle: \$175.00

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepayac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 12**

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church
 7:00pm—Pastoral Council Meeting in
 Gathering Room

Tuesday, December 13

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in
 Gathering Room immediately after
 mass
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church
 6:30-8:00pm—Women's "HALO"
 Ministry Meeting in Gathering Room

Wednesday, December 14

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Thursday, December 15

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 9:00am—Mass—Immaculate
 Conception
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
 in church
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, December 16

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 5:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Saturday, December 17

9-10am—Confession
 9:00am—Morning Prayer in church
 3:00-4:00pm Confessions
 4:30pm—Mass
 5:30pm—Bake Sale in Gathering Room

Sunday, December 18

8:00am—Mass
 9:00am—Morning Prayer in Church
 10:00am—Mass
**Bake Sale after the 8am & 10am
 Masses in the Gathering Room**
 11:00am—Decorating of church for
 Christmas till 5:00p,
 6:00pm—Mass

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on

November 29th was #460

The Winner Would Have Won \$172.50

(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 17th & 18th

Lectors

4:30pm— Joe David
8:00am— Mary Marszalek
10:00am— Mary Ann Deutsche
6:00pm— Michael Gallenberger

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Patty & Paul Jarzembowski
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

Holy Hours in the Diocese of Gary

Eucharistic Revival 2022-2023

With **Fr. John Anthony Boughton, CFR**

USCCB Eucharistic Preacher

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

6:30-8:00pm

St. Matthias in Crown Point

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Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you,

Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing;

God only is changeless.

Patience gains all things.

Who has God wants nothing.

God alone suffices.

—Saint Teresa of Ávila

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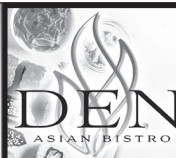
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