

St. Joseph Church

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

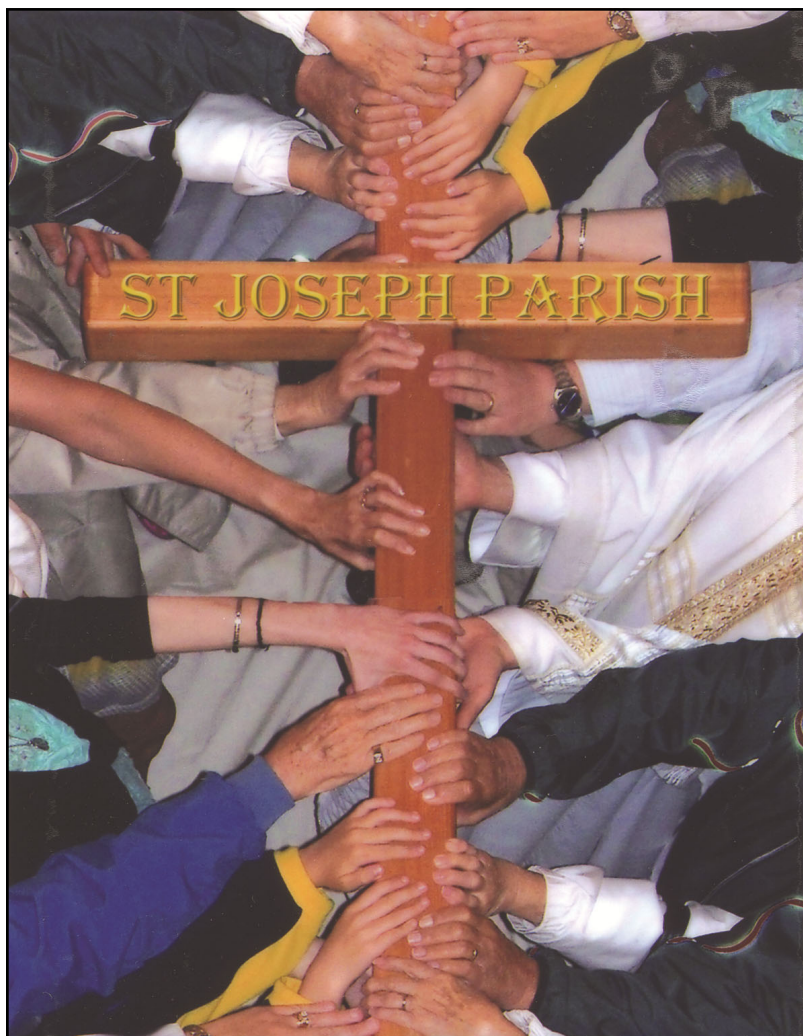
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**GATHERING IN FAITH,
DISCOVERING COMMUNITY**

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.

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

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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 18, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Pauline Rybicki

Tuesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Reitz

Wednesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Mike Klausman

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM For All the Departed Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Fevzi Ilgin

NO 6:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 24, Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

Sunday Readings Reflections

12/24/2017

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997,

Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art committee will have a special challenge with Christmas decorating this year. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 24th. We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating:

Thursday, December 21st at 6pm until ???

Friday, December 22nd at 6pm until???

Sunday, December 24th after the 10am Mass—must finish by 4pm!!!

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. 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.

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:30pm & 10:30pm

NO 6:00PM MASS

Monday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31

6:00PM

Monday, January 1

8:00am & 10:00am

Catholic Pilgrimage

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock and Footsteps of St. Patrick in Ireland over St. Patrick's Day, March 14-22, 2018.

\$2699.00 per person including air from Chicago.

Breakfast & Dinner Daily. Mass Everyday.

For a flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 9th & 10th

The above Treasure Report will be published in next week's bulletin.

Third Sunday of Advent

How will I answer?

Questions are put to John the Baptist today. Who are you? What do you have to say for yourself? Worthy questions for each of us.

- ♦ What truth, what goodness will I voice this week?
- ♦ What will I do to back up these words?
- ♦ How can I lead this person, _____, to Jesus, the Light of the World?



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Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is looking for individuals to volunteer to join us on our new Crisis Team! We define a crisis as: sudden/unexpected death and a traumatic event that affects multiple people at the school/in the community. If you have a background in crisis, mental health, counseling, etc., please consider volunteering 1 to 2 days (depending on the crisis) for 2 months out of the 9-month school year. There will be on 1.5-hour training in Hammond on **Tuesday, January 23 from 6pm-7:30pm.** If interested, please call **(219) 844-4883** to sign up by January 16, 2018.

Festive Facts About Christmas

The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.

The "true love" mentioned in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" does not refer to a romantic couple, but the Catholic Church's code for God. The person who receives the gifts represents someone who has accepted that code. For example, the "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ. The "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New Testaments

Gulevich, Tanya. *Encyclopedia of Christmas*. Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, Inc, 2000.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 19

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education
Classes

Wednesday, December 20

10:00am—Noon—Food Pantry pickup

6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, December 21

6:00pm—Exposition, Rosary, Benediction

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Saturday, December 23

2:00-4:00pm Confessions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presipio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 5th
Was # 387

The Winner Would Have Won \$390.00
(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.

CSA News: THE 2017 CAMPAIGN IS WINDING DOWN!

All payments must be received in the CSA Office by end of this month in order to be claimed on your 2017 tax return! Please complete your outstanding pledge by December 31.

**Thank you for your generous stewardship to
the CSA 2017 Campaign!**

Ministry Schedule
December 23rd & 24th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Joe Nowacki
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Sue Blue, Barb Graegin,
Volunteer Needed

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Sandy Riley

Ministry Schedule
December 24th & 25th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Mary Howe, Joe Nowacki,
10:30pm—Ian Gruver
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am— Need Servers

Ministry Schedule
December 23rd & 24th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Ian Gruver, Dominic Rizzo
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Jack Fingar, Russell Wells

Ministry Schedule
December 24th & 25th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy Nowacki,
Sandy O'Drobinak
10:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Yvonne Weaver
8:00am—Judy Nowacki
10:00am—Barb Graegin

Lectors

4:30pm— Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
10:30pm— Joe David
8:00am—
10:00am—

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