

St. Joseph Church

December 19, 2021

Fourth 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.

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: Joseph David

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Beiriger

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Mateo

Guanzon Family

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Wednesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Joan Leoni

Celebrant: Fr. Nowak

Friday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Vern Anderson

Celebrant: Fr. McDaniel

Friday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Schweitzer

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Saturday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

No 6:00 PM Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Jerry Magee Family

Celebrant: Fr. Nowak

10:00 AM Remo & Eva Verta

Celebrant: Fr. Nowak

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Celebrant: Fr. McDaniel

**Sunday Readings Reflections
12/26/2021**

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your
Son

was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

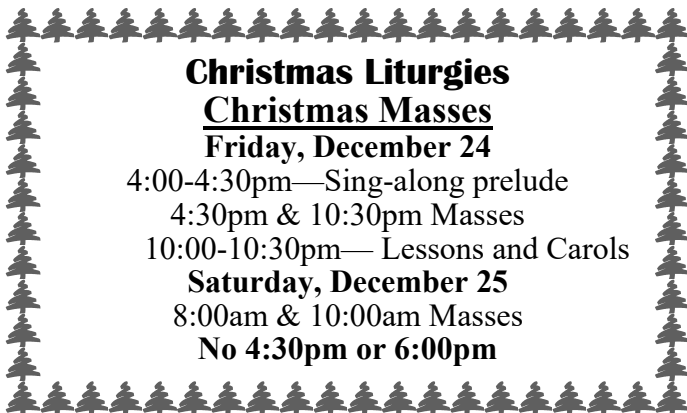
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Masses

Friday, December 24

4:00-4:30pm—Sing-along prelude

4:30pm & 10:30pm Masses

10:00-10:30pm—Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am Masses

No 4:30pm or 6:00pm

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God’s strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God’s peace and justice.

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Our Departed Loved Ones

Please keep the following members of St. Joseph Parish who died this past year in your prayers:

- Carole Prystalski (2020)
- Lottie Rogers
- Angel Bolanos
- William Bryk
- Jack Keilman
- John Harris
- Eugene Smith
- Charles Thiel
- Mary Kathleen Nero
- Sandra Phillips
- David Zendzian
- Richard Kaiser, Jr.

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 23rd through Monday, December 27th. We will also be closed Thursday, December 30th & Friday, December 31st.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 11th & 12th

The Stewardship of Treasure Report for December 11th & 12th

will be in next week’s bulletin due to printing schedule of printer.

Christmas Decorating

We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating **Monday, December 20th starting at 3:00pm until ???**

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.

LOVE NOW

Let those love now
 who never lov’d before;
 let those who always lov’d
 now love the more.

Anonymous



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 21

9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in
 Gathering Room immediately
 after mass

Thursday, December 23

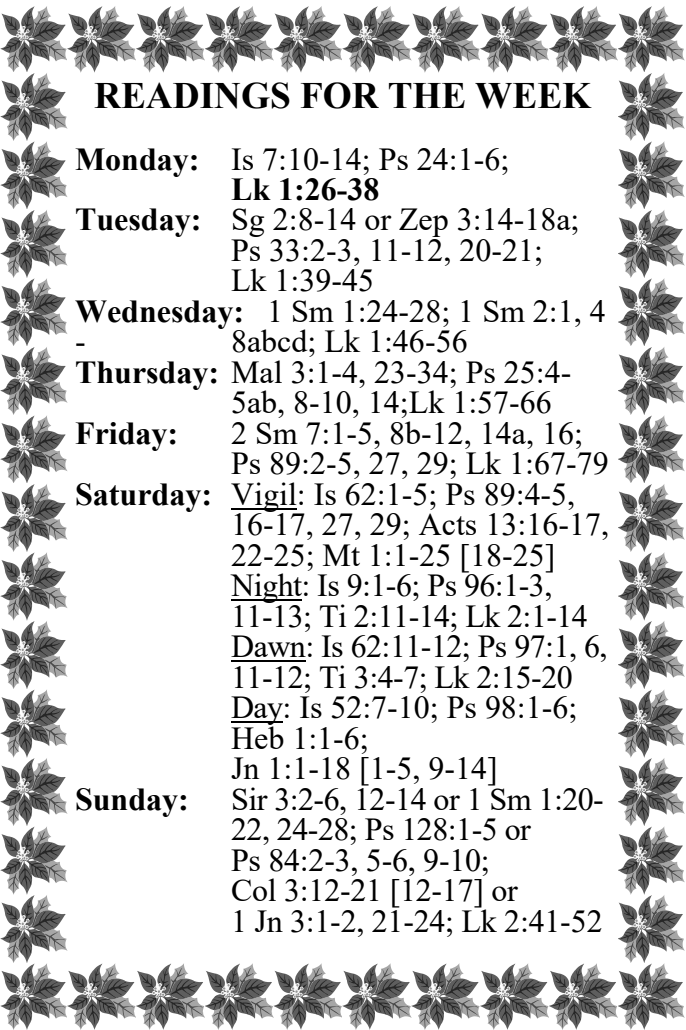
6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, December 24

4:00-4:30pm—Sing-along prelude
 4:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 10:00-10:30pm— Lessons and Carols
 10:30pm—Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am Christmas
 Masses
No 4:30pm or 6:00pm Masses



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
 Lk 1:39-45

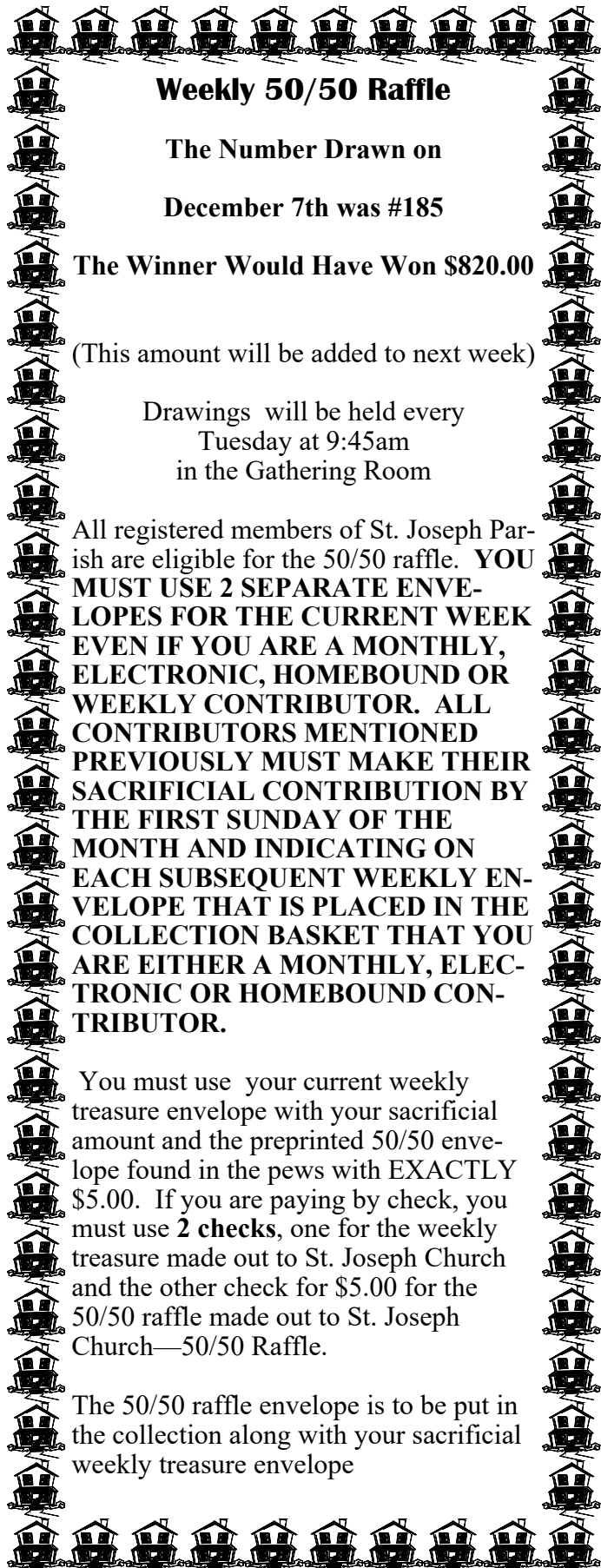
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4
 - 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-
 5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: 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]
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]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-
 22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or
 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
 Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 7th was #185

The Winner Would Have Won \$820.00

(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 26th

Lectors—

8:00am— Kathy Cusick
10:00am— Maureen Flaherty
6:00pm— Tom Roach

Extraordinary Ministers

8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

LOVE NOW
 Let those love now
 who never lov'd before;
 let those who always lov'd
 now love the more.

—Anonymous



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O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted.

— *Psalm 80:15-16*

LIGHT

All the darkness of the world cannot put out the
light of one small candle.

—Anonymous

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your
nature.

—St. Peter Chrysologus

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