

St. Joseph Church

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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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

Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Michael the Archangel) 322-3077

Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Ted J. Mauch, K.H.S.

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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.

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Monday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Mildred Craven Turner

Tuesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM David A. Nowakowski

Wednesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday
No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 24, late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Vern Anderson

Thursday, December 24, Vigil:: The Nativity of the Lord
4:30 PM People of the Parish
10:30 PM People of the Parish

Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish
No 6:00 PM Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:30 PM Ernest Staroscsak

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
6:00 PM Sharon Chadwick
Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

Sunday Readings Reflections 12/27/20

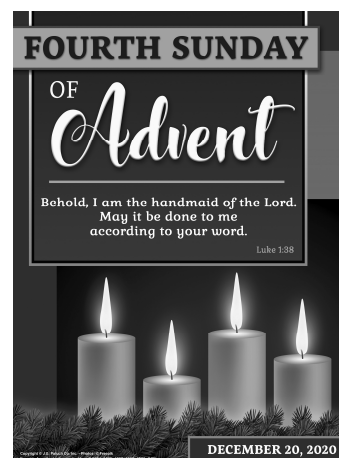
First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Masses

Thursday, December 24
4:30pm & 10:30pm

Friday, December 25
8:00am & 10:00am
No 6:00pm Mass

Solemnity, Mary Mother of God

Masses

Thursday, December 31
4:30pm

Friday, January 1
8:00am & 10:00am
No 6:00pm Mass

Catholic Services Appeal

As of December 8, 2020, we have \$96,365.00 in pledges. Many thanks to all those who have donated and/or pledged to this year's appeal. There still is time till the end of 2020 to donate to be able to use for your 2020 donation to CSA.

Thank you to: William Coble, Cecil Uy, James Dwyer, and Gail Rangel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office, 219-865-2271.

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 12th & 13th

Due to the holiday printing schedule of our bulletin company, the Stewardship of Treasure Report for December 12th & 13th will be in next week's bulletin.

Our Departed Loved Ones

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

Patricia J. Grimmer
Irene J. Keilman
Mary Margaret Flanagan
Yolanda P. Opyt
Edward J. Mraz
David F. Parks
Robert J. Borowski
Josephine Magdziak
Denise E. Crowley
Anna Marie Dafcik
Valerie A. Molitsky
Dorothy V. Greene
Lorraine M. Golon
Irene Narcisi

A Savior
has been born
for you



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PLEASE NOTE!

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24th & Friday, December 25th.

The office will also be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Tuesday, December 22**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing

Thursday, December 24

Parish office closed

4:30pm—Vigil Nativity of the Lord Mass

10:30pm—Vigil Nativity of the Lord Mass

Friday, December 25

Parish office closed

8:00am—Nativity of the Lord Mass

10:00am—Nativity of the Lord Mass

No 6:00pm Mass**FEAST OF FAITH****Gathering**

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name,” he told his disciples, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus’ invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
December 8th was #142

The Winner Would Have Won \$1127.50

(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

Jesus, I Trust In You

**Our Lady of Lourdes,
Pray for Us.**

Ministry Schedule December 26th & 27th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Lectors

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Ministry Schedule December 26th & 27th

Cantors

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the
fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of
charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

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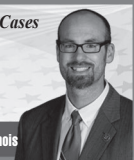
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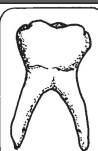
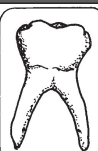


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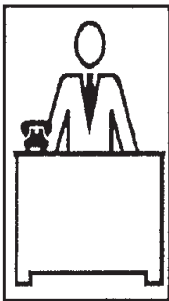


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