

St. Joseph Church

December 22, 2019

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: Steve Costa 219-365-4204

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Craven Families

Tuesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Tuesday, December 24, Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord.

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

No 6:00pm Mass

Thursday, December 26, St. Stephen

9:00 AM Thank You to St. Joseph

Friday, December 27, St. John

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 PM Ernest Staroscsak

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM John Ziolkowski

10:00 AM Joseph Beiriger

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm & 10:30pm

10:00pm—Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am

No 6:00pm Mass

Tuesday, December 31

4:30pm

Wednesday, January 1

8:00am & 10:00am

No 6:00pm Mass

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 fluff-ers" 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.

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To Dream and to Act. The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel.

- How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now?
- How will God's grace spill this week into these mercy works: _____?
- How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 14th & 15th

Due to the printing schedule of J.S. Paluch, the above Treasure Report will be in next week’s bulletin.

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 23rd at 12noon through Friday, December 27th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: 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

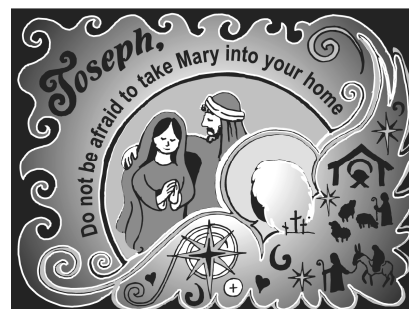
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

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

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

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Sunday Readings Reflections 12/29/19

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

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

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ’s peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 23**

Parish Office closed at 12Noon

Tuesday, December 24

Parish Office closed

4:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00pm Lessons & Carols

10:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

8:00am—Christmas Day Mass

10:00am—Christmas Day Mass

No 6:00pm Mass**Thursday, December 26**

Parish Office closed

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, December 27

Parish Office closed

CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

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**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on
December 10th**

Was # 210

The Winner Won \$1467.50

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, HOME-BOUND 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 28th & 29th

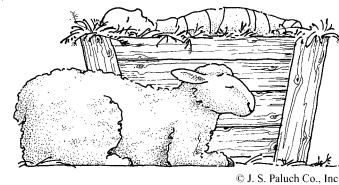
Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy Nowacki,
Volunteer Needed
8:00am—Rick Dernulac, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Margaret Quinn,
Volunteer Needed
6:00pm—Mark Gabrione, Volunteer Needed,
Volunteer Needed

Lectors

4:30pm—Sue Blue
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Sharon Ruane
6:00pm—Tom Roach

***MERRY
CHRISTMAS!***



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They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

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