

St. Joseph Church

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Rev. Ted J. Mauch, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Gary Blue, Deacon



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

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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, 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 24

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Monday, December 24, Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, December 26, St. Stephen

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 27, St. John

9:00 AM Joseph Beiriger

Friday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

9:00 AM Mary Jane Werner

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 29, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Laura Arnold

10:00 AM Shannon Szelinski

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday Readings Reflections

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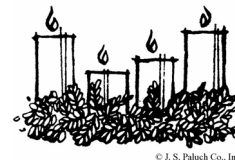
First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.*

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

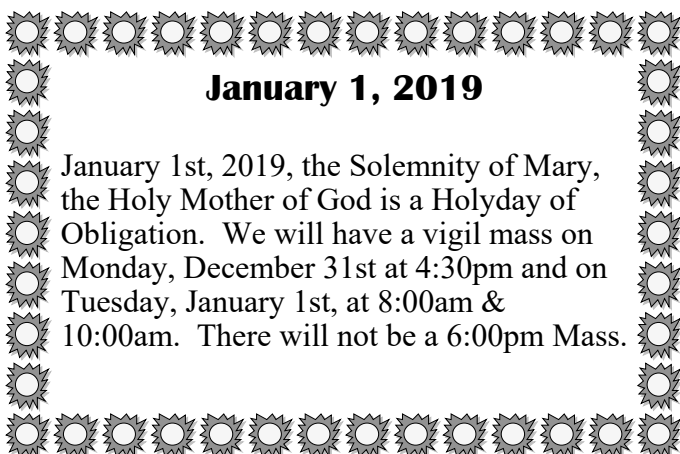
Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) *or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].*

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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



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January 1, 2019

January 1st, 2019, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holyday of Obligation. We will have a vigil mass on Monday, December 31st at 4:30pm and on Tuesday, January 1st, at 8:00am & 10:00am. There will not be a 6:00pm Mass.

Need Your Help

We need Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for all the masses for the Holyday of Obligation as stated above. Please call the parish office, 865-2271, with your willingness to volunteer.



First Friday's at St. Joseph Parish

You are invited Friday, January 4th, to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month. In all (3) vestibules there is a sign-up sheet asking for your name and phone number to be an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Schedule

9AM—Holy Mass (Ordinary Form)

9:45AM-6:45PM—Eucharistic Adoration (10 Hours of Adoration)

Noon Angelus + Midday Prayer

5PM—Evening Prayer

6:30PM—Benediction

7PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Note: Ordinary Form = English
Extraordinary Form = Traditional Latin Mass

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

During the months of January, February, & March, we are in need of at least (2) adorers for the 10am—11am slot for Eucharistic Adoration.

We also are looking for at least (2) people to take the 5pm slot all the time.

Please prayerfully consider this beautiful opportunity and call the parish office, 865-2271.

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Thursday, December 27th.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 15th & 16th

Due to the bulletin company's schedule of printing because of the holiday, the Treasure Report will be in next week's bulletin.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God came in human flesh. Mass today tells the story: no one is too small, too insignificant to bear the presence of God. The pre-born John [the one to be the Baptist] acts first in the story of visitation by jumping for joy in the womb. At what? The assurance that God comes and will be God-with-us.

- How will I let God come to me today?
- At what can I jump for joy?
- How ill I enjoy the freedom of God's good grace by doing this mercy work: _____?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 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]

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

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 24

Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 24

Vigil Masses for Christmas:

4:30 & 10:30pm Masses

10:00pm Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 25

8:00am & 10am Masses

No 6pm Mass

Wednesday, December 26

Parish Office closed

Thursday, December 27

Parish Office Closed

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on December 11th
Was # 386**

The Winner Would Have Won \$137.50
(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 29th & 30th

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Lectors

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



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)



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Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
— *Luke 1:42*

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