

St. Joseph Church

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

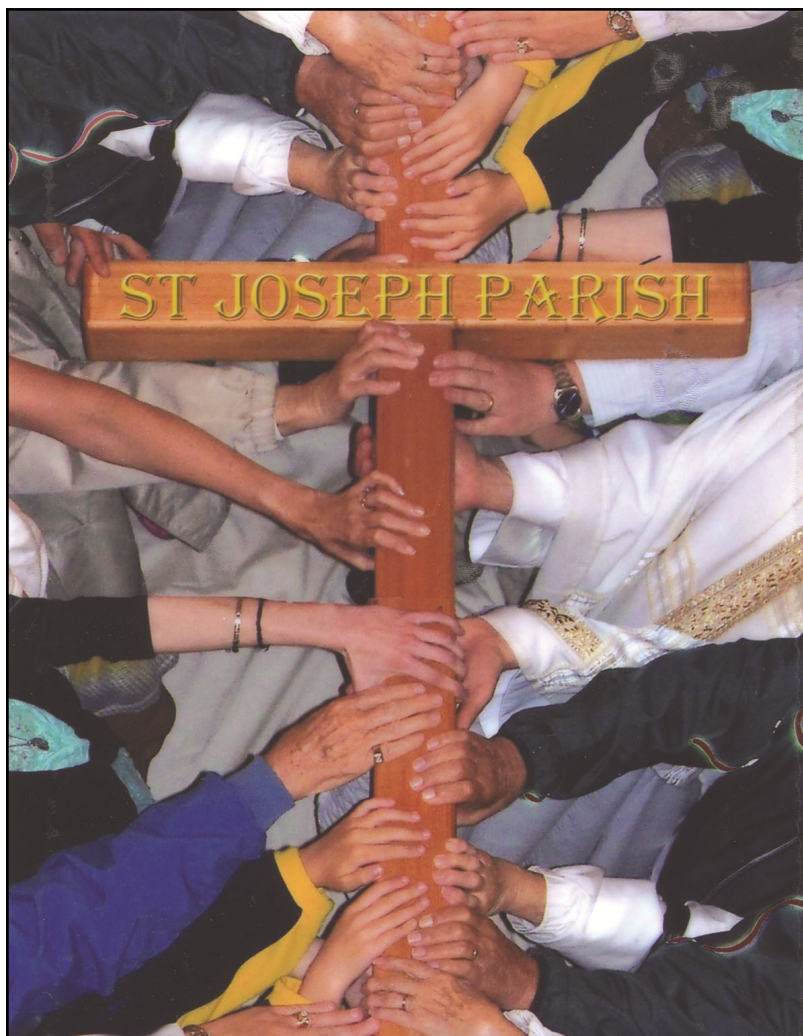
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Rev. Ted J. Mauch, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Gary Blue, Deacon



**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

Parish Telephones

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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 25, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26, St. Stephen

9:00 AM Vernon Anderson

Wednesday, December 27, St. John

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

9:00 AM Father Ted J. Mauch

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 29, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Mike Klausman

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 PM Lester Komarowski

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The Mike Klausman Family

Sunday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM Anthony & Mark Paplowski

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Ronald Kwasny Family

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

Sunday Readings Reflections

12/31/2017

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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**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHOIR
THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to our Music Director & Liturgist and our dedicated choir who gave our parish such a meaningful advent and Christmas celebration.

Music Director & Liturgist

William Coble

Parish Choir

Frank Batinick

Marg DeRoo

Celeste Dusek

Phyllis Howard

Rose Ilgin

Hope Johansen

Lee Klausman

George Kucka

Tom Lewandowski

Irene Narcisi

Henry Polochak

Rita Pritchett

Emily Reichelt

Ron Reichelt

Arlene Stuchlak

Dan Sullivan

Lad Tajer

Marianne Trembacki

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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Our Departed Loved Ones

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

Vernon Anderson
George John Lembas
Eleanor M. Juby
Lawrence M. Margraf
Charles A. Urdiales
John A. Yamich, Jr.
Lucille S. Witkowski
Czeslaw Galarowski
Susan Petrassi Negrelli
Edna F. Stankovich
Henry Buczek
William Michael Klausman
Donald James Kaszewski
Barbara A. Polk
Natalia Lara Villarriel
Eleanor Lesich
Tony Maicher

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 9th & 10th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$9595.86
Christmas Flowers: \$557.00
Religious Education: \$137.00
Immaculate Conception: 1660.09
Food Pantry: \$7445.60
50/50 Raffle: \$225.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 16th & 17th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$5130.00
Charity:
Religious Education:
Christmas Flowers: \$69.00
Christmas: \$530.00
Immaculate Conception: \$30.00
Food Pantry: \$100.00
50/50 Raffle: \$220.00

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!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Secret no more.

What may have seemed a big secret, is made known over time by spending time with God (prayer and quiet) and faithful activity (mercy works). As with Blessed Mary long ago, the Holy Spirit is doing something in me, calling me to something important. Can I name it? Will I say "yes" to it after prayer as Mary did?

- ♦ What does God want me to say or do?
- ♦ How will the Holy Spirit help?
- ♦ Will I do it?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 25**

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

NO RE classes

Thursday, December 28

6:30pm—Family Rosary

Office Closed

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 12th
Was # 382

The Winner Would Have Won \$400.00
(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.

Attention:

Married and Engaged couples! Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of contraception? For most of us, the answer is NO. Discover the answer, deepen your faith, and learn a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. A course starts January 7th in St. John, IN. For more information, call 219-769-9292 ex 259 or go to www.ccli.org to register for the class.

Ministry Schedule
December 30th & 31st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy or Joe
Nowacki, Sandy O'Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Margaret Quinn,
Volunteer Needed

Lectors

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

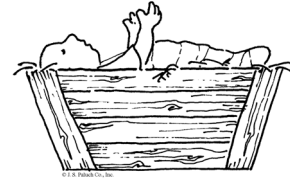
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The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
—*Luke 1:35*

Ministry Schedule
December 30th & 31st

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Lillian Smith
8:00am—Christopher Kline, Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Mary Howe, Mary Shutoski
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor, Volunteer Needed



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