

St. Joseph Church

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

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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.

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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. Peter Muha

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed., Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:00 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.*



Monday, December 26, St. Stephen
 9:00 AM Priests, Police & 1st Responders
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 27, St. John
 9:00 AM Joyce Nagy
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents
 9:00 AM David Zendzian
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 29, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 9:00 AM Kaytee Gianotti
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 9:00 AM William Lee Deutsche
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 4:30 PM Charles Thiel
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 8:00 AM Frances Rokita
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Riccio Family
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

NO 6:00 PM MASS

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Friday, December 30th.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

We will be listing items in each of the bulletins weekly for December of what Helping Hands Food Pantry is in need of Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Brushes, Deodorant, Razor/Shaving Cream, and Q-Tips.

. Thank you for your help

Christmas Un-Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful for the generous parishioners who helped install the beautiful decorations. If you could not attend before Christmas maybe you can lend a hand now? Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on **Saturday, January 14th at 9:00am**. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!

P.S. Please add this date to your January calendar, The calendars were printed before the date was announced.

Sunday Readings Reflections

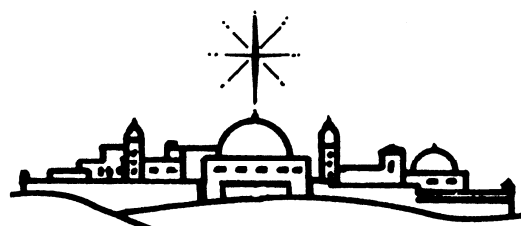
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First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

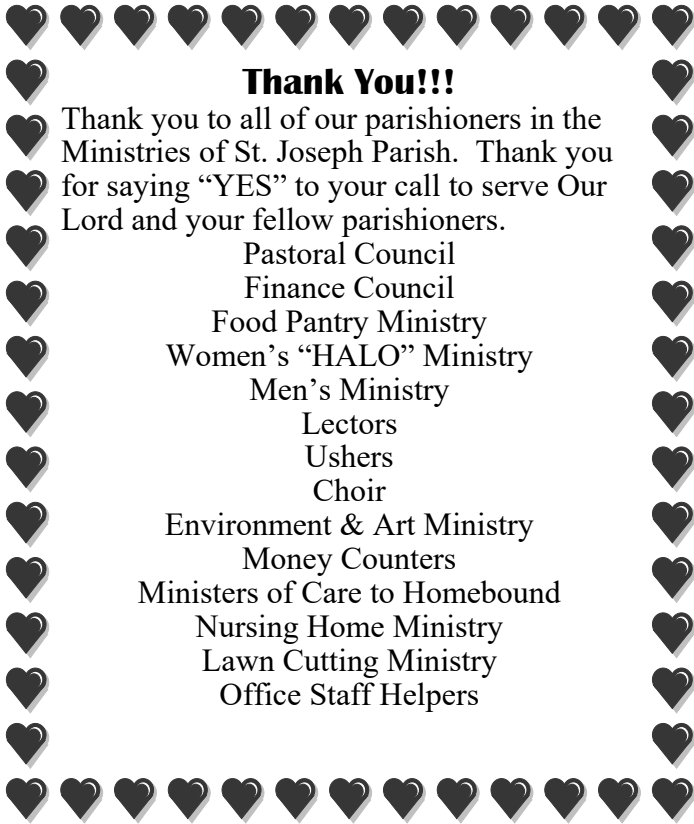
Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Thank You!!!

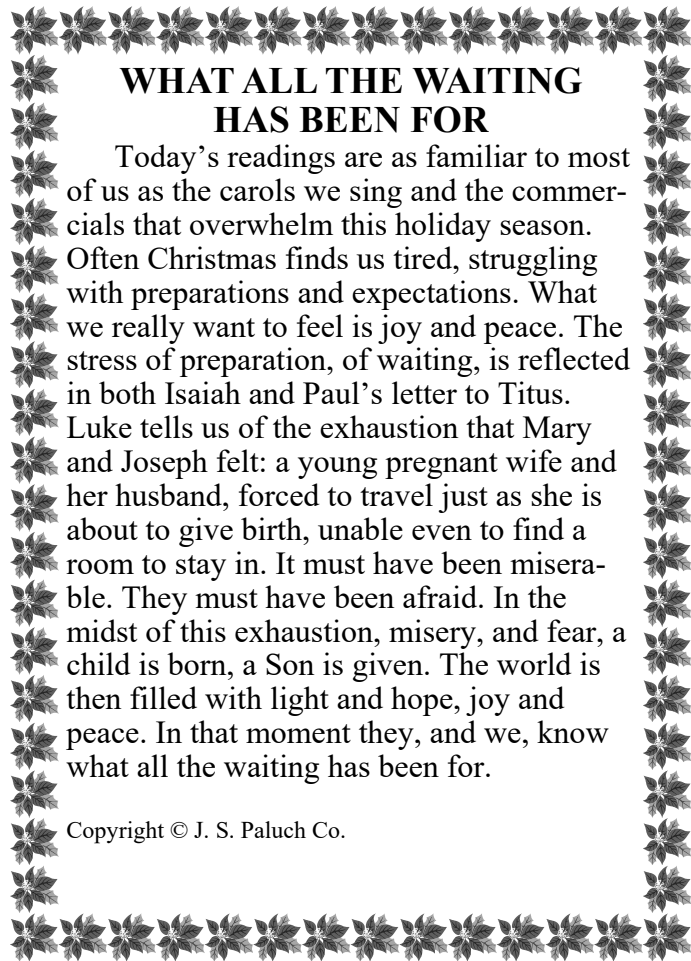
Thank you to all of our parishioners in the Ministries of St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for saying “YES” to your call to serve Our Lord and your fellow parishioners.

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Food Pantry Ministry
- Women’s “HALO” Ministry
- Men’s Ministry
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Choir
- Environment & Art Ministry
- Money Counters
- Ministers of Care to Homebound
- Nursing Home Ministry
- Lawn Cutting Ministry
- Office Staff Helpers



**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
December 10th & 11th

- Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
- Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$6759.37
- Charity: \$15.00
- Religious Education: \$219.00
- Immaculate Conception: \$1714.00
- Christmas Flowers: \$1034.00
- Christmas: \$340.00
- Campaign for Human Develop: \$40.00
- Food Pantry: \$2910.50
- 50/50 Raffle: \$175.00



**WHAT ALL THE WAITING
HAS BEEN FOR**

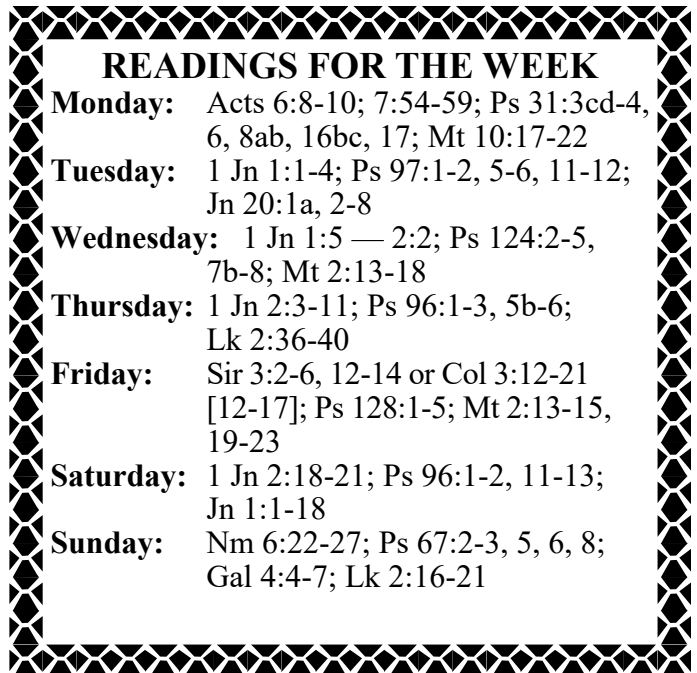
Today’s readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul’s letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
December 17th & 18th

**This Week’s Stewardship of
Treasure Report will be in
next week’s bulletin due to
holiday printing schedule**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 26

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, December 27

9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing

9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass

Thursday, December 29

6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, December 30

Parish Office closed

Saturday, December 31

3:00-4:00pm Confession

4:30pm—Mass

Sunday, January 1

8:00am—Mass

10:00am—Mass

NO 6:00pm—Mass

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 13th was #347

The Winner Would Have Won \$347.50

(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 31st & January 1st

Lectors

4:30pm— Joe Cascone
8:00am— Sharon Ruane
10:00am— Sue Blue

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Judy Nowacki & Patty Jarzembowski
8:00am—
10:00am—

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds

Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.
Look on us in our lowliness.
Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.

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LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:
Let those who always loved,
love the more.
—Anonymous

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the fami-
ly. Strength of character may be acquired at work,
but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond



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