

St. Joseph Church

December 23, 2012

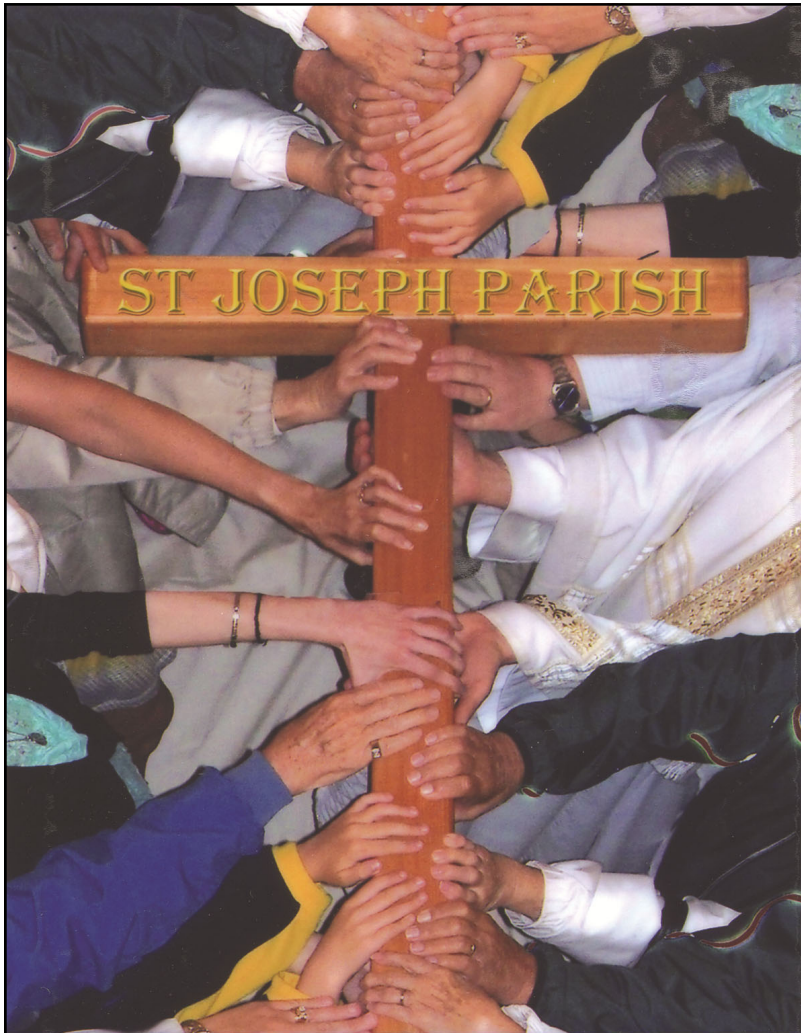
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Rev. Terry J. Steffens, Pastor



**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 with Father Terry in person. Please call the parish office, 865-2271 for an appointment.

Parish Telephones

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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 Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Monday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish
 10:00 PM Parish Choir Christmas Concert
 10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish

NO 6:00 PM MASS

Wednesday, December 26, St. Stephen

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 27, St. John

9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

Weekend Mass Intentions

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

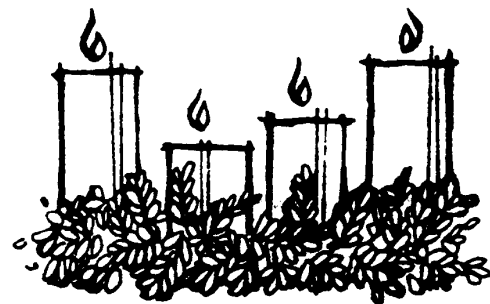
4:30 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

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

8:00 AM Poor Souls
 10:00 AM Myrtle Bober
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help with the Christmas decorations again this year—our schedule is very tight! We are thankful of the stewardship response in the past and hope to see more participants this year. Please say you will invest God’s gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on December 23rd after the 10:00am mass and again after the 6:00pm mass. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too! Bring your tools and your ladders if you have them. Come and prepare our church and your hearts for our Savior’s birth!



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Christmas Liturgies

Confessions

Monday, December 24—1pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24

4:30pm Mass
 10:00 Parish Choir Concert
 10:30pm Mass

Tuesday, December 25

8:00am Mass
 10:00am Mass

No 6:00pm Mass

Ministry Help for Christmas

Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers are needed for the Christmas Masses as follows:

Monday, December 24—4:30pm & 10:30pm

Tuesday, December 25—8:00am & 10:00am

We also will need Extraordinary Ministers & Altar Servers for the Holyday of Nativity of the Lord (Jan. 1) as follows:

Monday, December 31—4:30pm

Tuesday, January 1—8:00am & 10:00am

Please call 865-2271 with your willingness to serve.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

With Christmas in our midst, the party season is abundant with goodies to chew upon to the point of caloric overfill. Articles are written in newspapers telling us not to over-indulge because the extra pounds will pile up. Then there is the New Year's resolution to lose the extra pounds.

We can break this "inevitable" weight gain this time of year. We can if we indulge more in Jesus and less in what's on the food table. Jesus is the food (bread of life) that fills us with a more balance perspective on party food. Savoring Christmas cookies and nut-roll along with rum balls and fudge are fine to eat as long as we let Jesus put the limit on how many calories we digest. Jesus is our inner calorie counter and in the Holy Spirit we are nudged to admit that we do not have to stuff ourselves at Christmas/New Year's gatherings. After all, Jesus fills us with eternal love and this is the best "food" of the Christmas season.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 8th & 9th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5088.68

Children's Collection: \$20.00

Religious Education: \$201.00

Christmas Flowers: \$462.00

Immaculate Conception: \$683.01

50/50 Raffle: \$3110.07

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 11th

Was # 445

The Winner Would Have Won \$1843.00

(This amount will be added to next week)

Drawings will be held every
Tuesday at 9:45am
in the Gathering Room

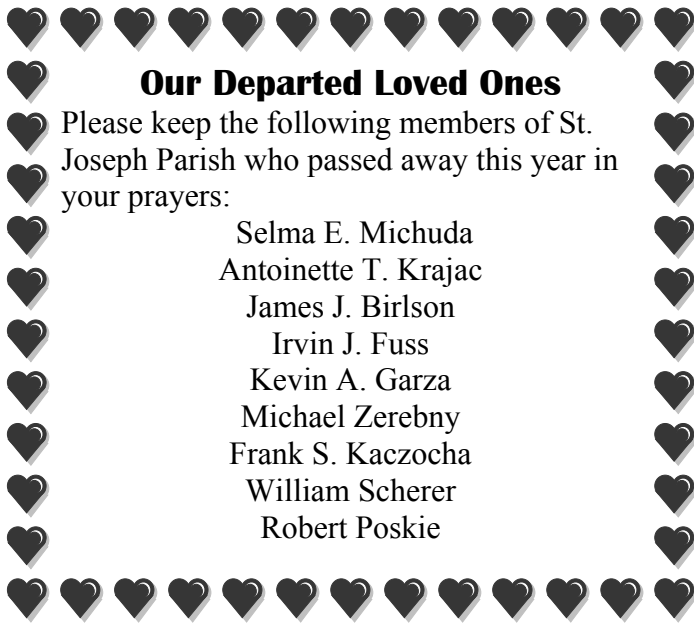
All registered members of St. Joseph Parish are eligible for the 50/50 raffle. **You must use 2 separate envelopes for the current week.**

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.



There will be a weekend to heal troubled marriages sponsored by **Retrouvaille**. Retrouvaille helps couples with hurting marriages, separated or divorced couples that want their marriages to work and couples of all faiths. The next weekend is January 25-27, 2013 located in Chesterton. For more info, go to helpourmarriage.org.



Our Departed Loved Ones

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

- Selma E. Michuda
- Antoinette T. Krajac
- James J. Birlson
- Irvin J. Fuss
- Kevin A. Garza
- Michael Zerebny
- Frank S. Kaczocha
- William Scherer
- Robert Poskie

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

Offertory Envelope

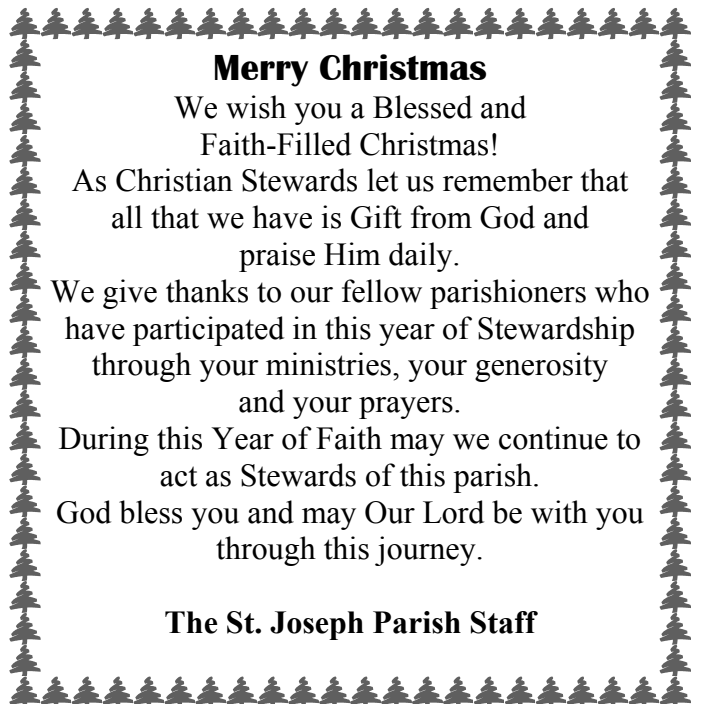
Your parish envelopes are ready for pickup in the main vestibule. Your names are on the boxes and in alphabetical order. Please pick yours up. Thank you for your cooperation

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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Merry Christmas

We wish you a Blessed and Faith-Filled Christmas! As Christian Stewards let us remember that all that we have is Gift from God and praise Him daily. We give thanks to our fellow parishioners who have participated in this year of Stewardship through your ministries, your generosity and your prayers. During this Year of Faith may we continue to act as Stewards of this parish. God bless you and may Our Lord be with you through this journey.

The St. Joseph Parish Staff

**Ministry Schedule
December 29th & 30th**

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—George Fogarty, Emma Gallenberger,
Kay Hoffman
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Mike Klausman,
Margaret Quinn, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Tamara Fredrickson, Renan Garcia,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Brooke Rangel
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John P. Hearne & Bridget Cavanaugh
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

**Gathering In Faith,
Discovering Community**

**Ministry Schedule
December 29th & 30th**

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—M. Ziolkowski
10:00am—M. Schmidt
6:00pm—Need Servers



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2012**

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

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