

# St. Joseph Church

**November 26, 2023**  
**Our Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**King of the Universe**

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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:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Maria Goretti)..... 219-322-6124

## Staff Directory

**Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha**

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**Director of Music & Liturgy: William Coble**

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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:** Ed Hebda

**Bulletin Deadline**

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*



**Monday, November 27, Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, November 28, Weekday**

9:00 AM John & Louise Parot

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, November 29, Weekday**

9:00 AM Cordell S. Surreh

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, November 30, St. Andrew**

9:00 AM Prayers for Pro Life

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, December 1, Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 2, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Pauline Coniglio

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, December 3, 1st Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Patty Kenis

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM Dennis Bailey

Celebrant: Fr. Gaza

**Liturgy Hours in Advent**

Starting Monday, December 4th, we will have Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours celebrated in the church Monday thru Friday.

**Morning Prayer—Monday thru Friday—7am**

The Liturgy of the Hours is the praying of the Psalms and Scriptures as prayed daily by all priests and men & women religious throughout the world.

This is an opportunity for those with busy schedules throughout the week to spend some time in prayer at church before work.



**Asking for Help**

Helping Hands Food Pantry is having the Advent Tree for children again this year. We will purchase gift cards for the children and ask if you could help donate money for these cards. Please put your donations in an envelope marked "Advent Giving Tree" and place in the collection basket.



**First Fridays at St. Joseph Parish**

You are invited Friday, December 1st to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month.

**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

7:00PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)

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

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of November 26, 2023**

**Sunday      The Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**Monday**      Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday**      Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday**      Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday  
Apostle**      **Feast of Saint Andrew,**  
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

**Friday**      Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday**      Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday**      **First Sunday of Advent**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**  
November 18th & 19th

**Due to printing schedule of  
Diocesan Publications, the above  
Treasure Report will be in  
next week's bulletin.**

**Bake Sale**

Join us for a little homemade goodness and Christmas cheer! Our Women's "Halo" Ministry will be hosting a bake sale and hot cocoa bar on Saturday, December 16th after the 4:30 mass and Sunday, December 17th after the 8:00am & 10:00am masses in the gathering room. All are invited! Cash only.

Baked goods from our talented parishioners are also welcome. Please label your goodies and note items containing nuts. Drop off time starts at 9:00am on Saturday, December 16th.



**Ministry of Care**

We are looking to train extra parishioners to help with the Ministry of Care. These people visit the Homebound Parishioners who are in our Nursing Homes and homes. There will be sign-up sheets in the main vestibule. A training meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5th at 6pm in the Gathering Room. Questions, call the office, 219-865-2271.

**Knights of Columbus  
Council 8082  
BLOOD DRIVE**

Where: St. Joseph Gym  
Date: Saturday, December 9th  
Time: 9:00am—2:00pm

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, November 28**

9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

**Thursday, November 30**

6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

**Friday, December 1**

First Friday adoration and benediction as per schedule on page 2  
 7:00pm—Latin Mass

**Sunday, December 3**

Hospitality Sunday after the 8am & 10am Masses in the Gathering Room

**Catholic Road Trip  
 Next Summer**

Joe & Gina Cascone and son Frankie (16 year old), parishioners of St. Joseph, are going to attend the **Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis next July.** The US Catholic Bishops have been preparing for over two years to receive tens of thousands of Catholics from around the entire nation to a revival unlike one we have seen in our lifetime. Catholics will fill Lucas Oil Stadium for four days to celebrate our beliefs in what the Church has been teaching for 2000 years about Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist.

This national Eucharistic Revival will happen between July 17-21, 2024. Please consider attending the Revival. You can find all information and costs to register for any or all days of the Revival at **National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God’s Invitation**.

Please call Patty at the parish office to express your desire for more information. We as the Cascone family would love to know who from St. Joe’s will be attending. We can be reached at **casconejoe@outlook.com** for any help with registering, transportation and accommodations. After all, we are a Catholic/parish family.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**

**November 14th was #237**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$1755.00**

(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

### **Ministry Schedule December 2nd & 3rd**

#### **Lectors**

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for  
8:00am— schedule for all masses  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for  
8:00am— schedule for all masses  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—**



## **Blessing Bags for**

## **the Holidays**



**Calling all Knights of Columbus, Men's Ministry,  
Halo Ladies, St. Joe Parishioners....  
We are filling Zip-Lock Bags with Winter Supplies  
for the Needy  
Warm Hearts, Heads, Hands, Feet and Bellies  
We need to buy supplies, fill the bags, and keep  
them in our cars for people in need**

**Email [JoeCascone@usa.com](mailto:JoeCascone@usa.com) to donate time,  
talent and treasure**

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time) Leap of Faith**

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. First, he tells us that the resurrection of Christ is not the end of God's reign, but the beginning. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. Now that he is risen, he will complete his reign over all creation, meaning that everything in creation that turned away from God will now be subject to God. Since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, everything will show God's glory. God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to the Father, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

The rest of the Gospel is symbolic description of that judgment. I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. This means that we cannot use not seeing Christ in others as an excuse to put off helping them. ("Sure, I'll help those drug addicts—as soon as I see Jesus in them.") Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we need to take that leap of faith to help, not knowing if we will ever see Christ in them. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

Tom Schmidt

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