

St. Joseph Church

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

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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.

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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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.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, December 4, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Martin Trombetta

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Joe, Marie & Jim Rokosz

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 6, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Bobby Siminski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 7, Vigil of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Richard Kalemba

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Christopher Cascone

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

7:00 PM Henrietta & Mike Szala

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM John Kuhar

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Greg Anderson

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

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.

Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holyday of Obligation. Our mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 7th: Vigil Mass at 5pm.

Friday, December 8th: Masses at 9am and 7pm.

We will be in need of Extraordinary Ministers for all the Masses. Please volunteer by going on the app, MSP.



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.

**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
or call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)



**March for Life Indianapolis
Be a Voice for the Voiceless**

The Diocese of Gary Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the Indianapolis March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2024. We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation parish parking lot at 7AM CST on premium coach buses. The day starts with Mass celebrated by 4 bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a rally afterwards. The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited. Registration and prepayment are required. Take a stand for life!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?eidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab>

**Traveling Vocations
Cross Ministry**

We have openings in the calendar for parishioners to bring the Traveling Vocations Cross home for a week, praying daily for vocations. A daily prayer booklet is provided. If interested or if you have questions, please visit the sign-up table after mass at St. Joseph Parish.



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

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7841.37
Charity: \$45.00
Memorial for All Souls: \$20.00
All Saints: \$5.00
Human Development: \$564.00
Food Pantry: \$445.00
50/50 Raffle: \$330.00

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
November 25th & 26th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7511.23
Charity: \$368.00
Religious Education: \$0
Human Development: \$10.00
All Saints: \$40.00
Food Pantry: \$140.00
50/50 Raffle: \$330.00



**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 to donate time, talent and treasure

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 4
7:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 5
7:00am Morning Prayer
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.
6:00pm—Ministers of Care meeting in Gathering Room

Wednesday, December 6
7:00am Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 7
7:00am Morning Prayer
5:00pm—Vigil Mass
6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, December 8
7:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am—Mass for Immaculate Conception
7:00pm—Mass for Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9
Blood Drive in Gym 9am-12pm

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
November 21st was #664

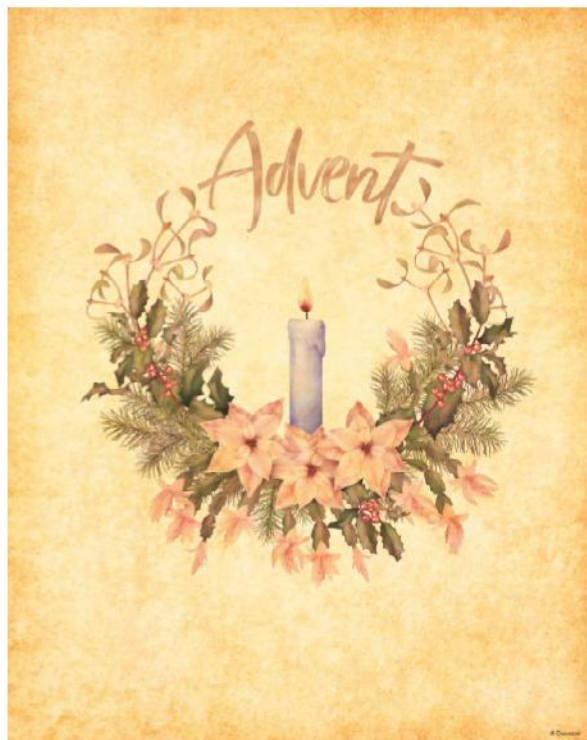
The Winner Won \$1920,00

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 9th & 10th

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Patty & Paul Jarzembowski, Kathy
Lebryk
8:00am— Sister Anna, Mike Jasinski
10:00am—Kathy Hamill, Art Tkacz, Marilyn
Trumpis
6:00pm— Judy Nowacki

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.

First Sunday of Advent Watch Out!

In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

Tom Schmidt

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