

St. Joseph Church

December 6, 2020
Second 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

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Staff Directory

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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*.

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK

**Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose**

9:00 AM Joan Leoni

Monday, December 7, Vigil: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Joseph David Family

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

9:00 AM Barbara Cyrek

7:00 PM Poor Souls

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Claire Korabel

Friday, December 11, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Weekend Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 12, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Melvin & Gladys Gallenberger

Sunday, December 13, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

6:00 PM Mildred Craven Turner

Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

Christmas Liturgies**Confessions**

Saturday, December 19—2:00-4:00pm

Christmas Masses**Thursday, December 24**

4:30pm & 10:30pm

Friday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am

No 6:00pm Mass

**Please Note: The above Christmas Masses-
are under Save-A-Seat on our website:
www.stjosephdyer.org.**

**Please save your seat ASAP (by Monday,
December 21st to guarantee your seat).**

Sunday Readings Reflections**12/13/20**

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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**Project for St. Joseph Parish
Project: Old Plastic Bags for the
Homeless Shelters**

(Garbage bags, plastic grocery bags or shopping bags)

Sister M. Ann Kathleen Magiera, OSF is the Project Leader and is requesting plastic bags that you do not need. They are turned into mats. It takes about 375 bags to weave one of these mats for the homeless and 12 have already been made and some distributed. There will be a trash bin in the main vestibule marked "Trash Bags Only". Please put them in the container and we will get them to Sister

Second Sunday of Advent

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 21st & 22nd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$3561.00

Charity: \$369.00

Religious Education: \$80.00

All Saints Day: \$200.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$115.00

Food Pantry: \$1120.00

50/50 Raffle: \$80.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 28th & 29th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$5263.00

Charity: \$10.00

Christmas : \$160.00

Christmas Flowers: \$35.00

Food Pantry: \$306.00

50/50 Raffle: \$85.00

GOD’S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?”

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 8
9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
Thursday, December 10
6:30pm—Family Rosary

FEAST OF FAITH**Watching for Christ's Coming**

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 24th was #440

The Winner Would Have Won \$1022.50

(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 12th & 13th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Lectors

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Ministry Schedule

December 12th & 13th

Cantors

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—



HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

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every mountain and hill
shall be made low.

—Isaiah 40:4

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