

# St. Joseph Church

December 10, 2023

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.

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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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## 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, December 11, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Margaret Muha  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00 AM Gwen Janiga  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, December 13, St. Lucy**

9:00 AM Lucille Wright  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, December 14, St. John of the Cross**

9:00 AM Frank Lesniewski  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Robert Vismek  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

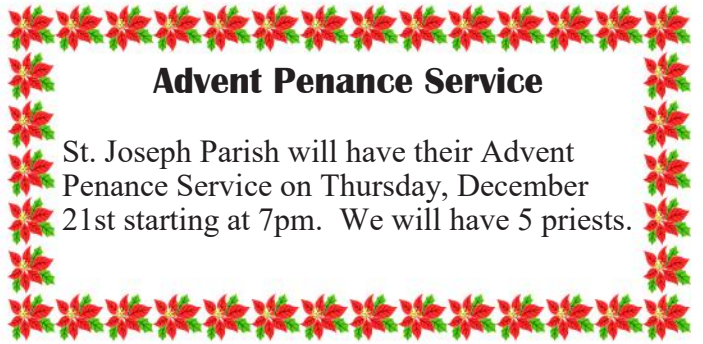
**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 16, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM For the Repose of the Soul of  
Thomas Pritchett  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, December 17, 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
10:00 AM Remo & Eva Verta  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
6:00 PM Mary Kathleen Nero  
Celebrant: Fr.



**Advent Penance Service**

St. Joseph Parish will have their Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 21st starting at 7pm. We will have 5 priests.



**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.

**Liturgy Hours in Advent**

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.

**Christmas Decorating**

We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating:

**Sunday, December 17th starting after the 10:00am Mass until 5:00pm.**

There are many opportunities to participate and times to fit the busy holiday season. Bring your ladders, tools and please ask your families and friends to also come to share in the fellowship. There are jobs for everyone—we need "decoration fluffers" and "light untanglers" if you have a hard time getting around and need to sit. We also need some younger people to help with the heavier lifting too! Your stewardship makes this a very happy and enjoyable experience. The presence of Jesus in our midst really fills your heart with joy! Please mark your calendars now so you will be able to come.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
MEMORIAL ENVELOPE**

All the money collected in the Christmas Flowers Memorial Envelope will go towards the purchase of items to enhance or replace what is needed in our liturgies.

The envelopes with the names on the back of the envelopes will be prayed for at all the Christmas masses

**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**

December 2nd & 3rd

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$10,153.50**  
**Charity: \$80.00**  
**Religious Education: \$35.00**  
**Christmas: \$225.00**  
**Memorial –Christmas Flowers: \$205.00**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$90.00**  
**All Saints: \$50.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$875.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$300.00**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of December 10, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, December 24th—Vigil Masses**  
4:30pm and 10:00pm

**Monday, December 25th**  
8:00am and 10:00am

The masses for Sunday are as follows:  
Saturday, December 23rd—4:30pm  
Sunday, December 24th—8:00am & 10:00am

Remember: Sunday December 24th masses at 4:30pm & 10:00pm does not fulfill the Sunday obligation.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Monday, December 11**  
7:00am Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, December 12**  
7:00am Morning Prayer  
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing  
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.  
6:30pm—Women’s Ministry “Halo Ladies” meeting in Gathering Room
- Wednesday, December 13**  
7:00am Morning Prayer
- Thursday, December 14**  
7:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
- Friday, December 15**  
7:00am Morning Prayer
- Saturday, December 16**  
Women’s Ministry Bake Sale after 4:30pm Mass in Gathering Room
- Sunday, December 17**  
Women’s Ministry Bake Sale after the 8am & 10am masses in Gathering Room  
11:00am-5:00pm Christmas Decorating in church



**St. Joseph Women’s Ministry—Dyer  
“Halo Ladies”**

**TOPIC: WHAT’S OUR STORY?**

Join us in fellowship, as we present informative topics to further our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

We gather in faith on the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us December 12th from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Place: Gathering Room (located in basement of Church)

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**

**November 28th was #679**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$165.00**

(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 16th & 17th**

#### **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— Mike Jasinski, Ray Voyles  
10:00am—Allan Burgos, Jim Paolino, Arlene  
Stephens  
6:00pm— Jill Hayhurst

### **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>

### **What a Mother We Have!**

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a familiar one: on the rough tilma of a peasant is an image of a mixed-race woman (a *mestiza*) who is pregnant, standing on the moon (the Aztec symbol for Mexico). But the depth and beauty of this apparition is sometimes lost behind the colorful (and miraculous) image. (And if you have not seen the recent scientific research on the Tilma, please do an online search and learn how incredible it is!)

When the Aztecs founded what is now Mexico City, they were able to achieve much, with their knowledge of math and science and philosophy and art. But their belief in many gods required human sacrifice, and the Aztec priests kept the people in fearful submission; tens of thousands of human victims were offered to their god. The Conquistadors and the Franciscan missionaries (who had cultural and language barriers) had tried to convert them from this kind of terror, but made little progress. The bishop there at the time said that if God did not intervene, the land would be lost to Christ forever.

Then came Mary, as Mother and comforter, promising to St. Juan Diego that she would show her love, compassion, and protection to the people. “I will hear their complaints and I will comfort their affliction and their sufferings.” To prove to the bishop that the command to build a church was really from Heaven, the Virgin imprinted an image of herself on the garment of the peasant Juan Diego.

Soon, conversions began to happen at an astounding rate, with Indians coming from “far away lands asking for sacraments”! Just eight years after this apparition, 9 million people in Mexico had converted to Catholicism.

As we look at this image, let us each receive Our Lady’s words, as our Mother’s words to us:

*“Listen and let it penetrate your heart...do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?”* (translation of Our Lady’s words to her servant Juan Diego.)

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