

St. Joseph Church

December 15, 2019

Third 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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Religious Education Office:

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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 16, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM Ron Dumbsky

Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Week-
 day**
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 21, Vigil: 4th Sunday of
 Advent**
 4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Mike Klausman
 6:00 PM Paul Craven
 Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

**Sunday Readings Reflections
12/22/19**

First Reading — You will be given this sign:
 The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah
 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory
 (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong
 to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called
 Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins
 (Matthew 1:18-24).

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Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art committee will have a special challenge with Christmas decorating this year. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Sunday December 22nd and Christmas is only 3 days away. We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating:

Sunday, December 22nd after the 6:00pm mass

Monday, December 23rd starting at 5:00pm (if more time is needed)

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. 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 LITURGIES

Confessions

Saturday, December 21—2:00-4:00pm

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24
4:30pm & 10:30pm

10:00pm—Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am
No 6:00pm Mass

FREE CONCERT

Jay Morrissey will perform this Sunday, the 15th, at 3pm here in the church. Jay sang last year at this time, a wonderful feast of seasonal favorites. See you there!

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names--Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, and so on--the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 7th & 8th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:

\$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$6085.00

Charity: \$10.00

Religious Education: \$90.00

Christmas: \$50.00

Christmas Flowers: \$736.00

Immaculate Conception: \$90.00

First Friday: \$945.00

Food Pantry: \$2971.00

50/50 Raffle: \$245.00

Blest Art

On behalf of the Palestinian Christian families in the Bethlehem area, my family, and my staff, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your trust. Thanks to the support of your parishioners, our total sales were \$3250.00. We are grateful for your understanding and hospitality.

Liturgy of the Hours in Advent

We will have Morning and Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours celebrated in the church daily during Advent.

Morning Prayer—Monday—Friday at 6am

Evening Prayer—Monday—Friday at 6pm

Morning Prayer—Saturday & Sunday—9:15am

Evening Prayer—Saturday & Sunday—5:30pm

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 or after work.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 16

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Tuesday, December 17

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Wednesday, December 18

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
10am-12noon & 6-7pm
Food Pantry pickup in
Gathering Room
6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Thursday, December 19

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church
6:30pm—Family Rosary
7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, December 20

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church
6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Saturday, December 21

9:15am—Morning Prayer in church
4:30pm—Mass
5:30pm—Evening Prayer in church

Sunday, December 22

8:00am—Mass
9:15am—Morning Prayer in church
10:00am—Mass
5:30pm—Evening Prayer in church
6:00pm—Mass

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Who Is the Messiah? When even the land sings God’s praise, how can we not do the same? When God comes for the blind, deaf, lame, and mute, how can we not care for the same? When we know Christ has both come and is coming yet again, how can we complain about anyone?

- How will the words I speak be filled with what God is up to in this world?
- How will the deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God?
- I will stop complaining this week about _____?

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
December 3rd
Was # 111

The Winner Would Have Won \$1345.00
(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 21st & 22nd**

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Sue Blue, Volunteer Needed,
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6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Mark Gabrione,
Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Manny Hermano
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

PERSPECTIVE

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are
humbled by the stars.
—Old adage

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine



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Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
— Isaiah 35:10a

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