

St. Joseph Church

December 17, 2023

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

Parish Office:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

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

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, 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 18, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Richard Kalemba

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Fevzi Ilgin Sr.

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM John Quinn

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Frances Rokita

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Dolores Adams

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

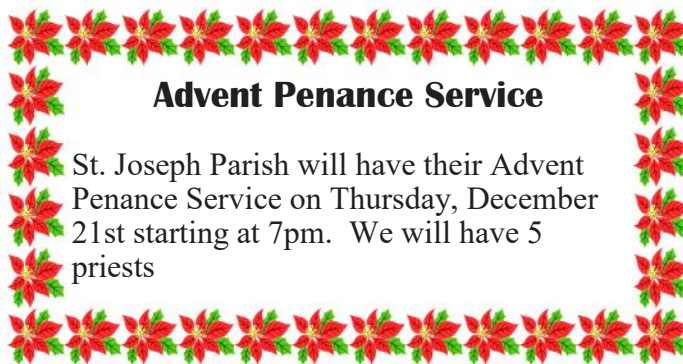
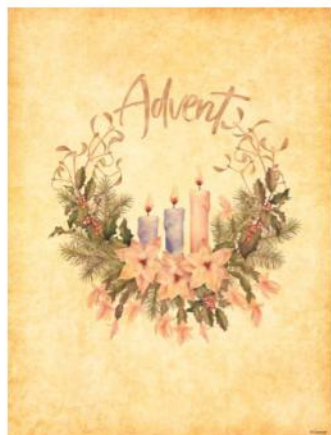
Sunday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter



Advent Penance Service

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

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 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.

REMINDERS!

You can donate your weekly and special contributions on-line by going to our website, www.stjosephdyer.org and on the main page, look for Online Give, then hit Give Now.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 17, 2023

- Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
 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
- Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 9th & 10th

- Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
- Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$8612.55
- Charity: \$10.00
- Religious Education: \$253.00
- Immaculate Conception: \$1608.00
- Memorial Christmas Flowers: \$1201.00
- Christmas: \$15.00
- Food Pantry: \$2517.93
- 50/50 Raffle: \$255.00

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.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 18
7:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 19
7:00am Morning Prayer
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

Wednesday, December 20
7:00am Morning Prayer
10am-12noon—Food Pantry Distribution
6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, December 21
7:00pm—Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 24
8am & 10am—Masses for Sunday

Sunday, December 24
4:30pm & 10:00pm Vigil Masses for Christmas

Monday, December 25
8:00am & 10:00am Christmas Day Masses

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on
December 5th was #361**

The Winner Would Have Won \$315.00

(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

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Merrillville**

Do you enjoy designing, proof-reading and using social media to share the faith? Holy Martyrs and Our Lady of Consolation in Merrillville are seeking to hire a part-time Communications Coordinator. The main tasks for this position are creating a weekly bulletin for the parish, managing the parish Facebook pages and social media, advertising events, and assisting with the parish website. For more info or to apply, visit www.46410.org and click “job opportunities” on the home page.

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

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

OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE THIS CHRISTMASTIDE.

Did you know that this year you can receive a plenary indulgence for spending time in prayer before a Nativity scene. 2023 is the 800th anniversary of St. Francis setting up a live Nativity scene in the town of Greccio, Italy back in 1223.

WHAT IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

It is the total reparation of all damage due to the sins that have been committed after being Confessed. You can offer it for yourself or any deceased person.

What are the requirements for obtaining a plenary indulgence?

1. Receive the Eucharist the day the indulgence is performed.
2. Sacramental confession twenty days before or after the day the indulgence is performed.
3. Detaching completely from any affection for sin, even venial sin.
4. Prayer for the intention of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).
5. Complete the act of indulgence as prescribed (in this case praying before a Manger/Nativity Scene in church).

For whom can the indulgence be applied?

How often can you receive or obtain a plenary indulgence?

While Sacramental Confession removes the eternal punishment that our sins merit - the damage and wounds and effects of our sins remain - and block the full action of God the Holy Spirit within us. The Church teaches that we must undergo "temporal" punishment either in this life, or after death, (in Purgatory), to remove these effects of sin.

"Temporal punishment" may be removed while we are still on earth by voluntarily uniting our sufferings in this life with those of Christ and by our prayer and acts of charity. Temporal punishment also may be diminished or removed by a Papal Plenary Indulgence.

An indulgence is a favor granted to an individual by the spiritual treasury of the Church— through the merits of Jesus Christ.

Keep in mind...Indulgences do not remove sin. That can only happen in the Sacrament of Confession - an Indulgence does not replace Confession!

Catholics in full communion with the Church may obtain an Indulgence.

Three Conditions for Receiving an Indulgence:

1. Sacramental Confession within 20 days prior or following the day the indulgence is sought
2. Worthy reception of Holy Communion
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

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