

St. Joseph Church

December 18, 2022

Fourth 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, 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: Joseph David

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

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Monday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Charles Hesser

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Lillian Grimler

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Frances Rokita

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Vernon Anderson

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24 Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:30PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

NO 6:00 PM Mass

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 23rd through Monday, December 26th.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

We will be listing items in each of the bulletins weekly for December of what Helping Hands Food Pantry is in need of Granola Bars, Canned Meat, Pasta, Fruit Juices, and Hamburger Helper.

Please check expiration dates on items donated. We are not able to give out expired items to our recipients.

Thank you for your help.

Our Departed Loved Ones

Please keep the following parishioners who have passed away this past year as well as their family in your prayers.

Lillian L. Grimler

Joyce Ann Nagy

Frances Rokita

John Kuhar

Michael G. Fagen

Marlene L. Angus

George E. Laski

Patrick "PJ" Rohe

Charles Edward Hesser

Edward P. Angus

Joseph A. Bona, Sr.

Dennis W. Rohe

William E. Govert

Eugene J. Murphy

Oscar Petrassi

Lydia Sanchez

Raymond C. Kramer

Therese C. Pawlak

Leonard H. Olejnik

Kevin Nelson

Sunday Readings Reflections

12/25/2022

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).



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Liturgy of Hours in Advent

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

Morning Prayer—Monday-Friday at 6am

Evening Prayer—Monday-Friday at 6pm

Morning Prayer—Saturday & Sunday—9am

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

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 10th & 11th

**This Week's Stewardship of
Treasure Report will be in
next week's bulletin due to
holiday printing schedule.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1,
4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,
16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17,
22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11
12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
[1-5, 9-14]

Jesus, I Trust In You.

**Our Lady of Lourdes,
Pray for Us.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 19

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church

6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Tuesday, December 20

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church

9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing

9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately after
mass

6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Wednesday, December 21

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pick up

6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry pick up

Thursday, December 22

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church

6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
in church

6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, December 23

6:00am—Morning Prayer in church

6:00pm—Evening Prayer in church

Saturday, December 24

9:00am—Morning Prayer in church

4:30pm—Mass

10:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 25

8:00am—Mass

10:00am—Mass

NO 6:00pm—Mass

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 6th was #569

The Winner Would Have Won \$260.00

(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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.

—Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th

Lectors

4:30pm— John Fry
10:30pm— Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am— Mary Marszalek
10:00am— George Kucka

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Judy Nowacki
10:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—



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The virgin
shall
conceive,
and bear
a
Son

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GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

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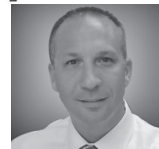
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