SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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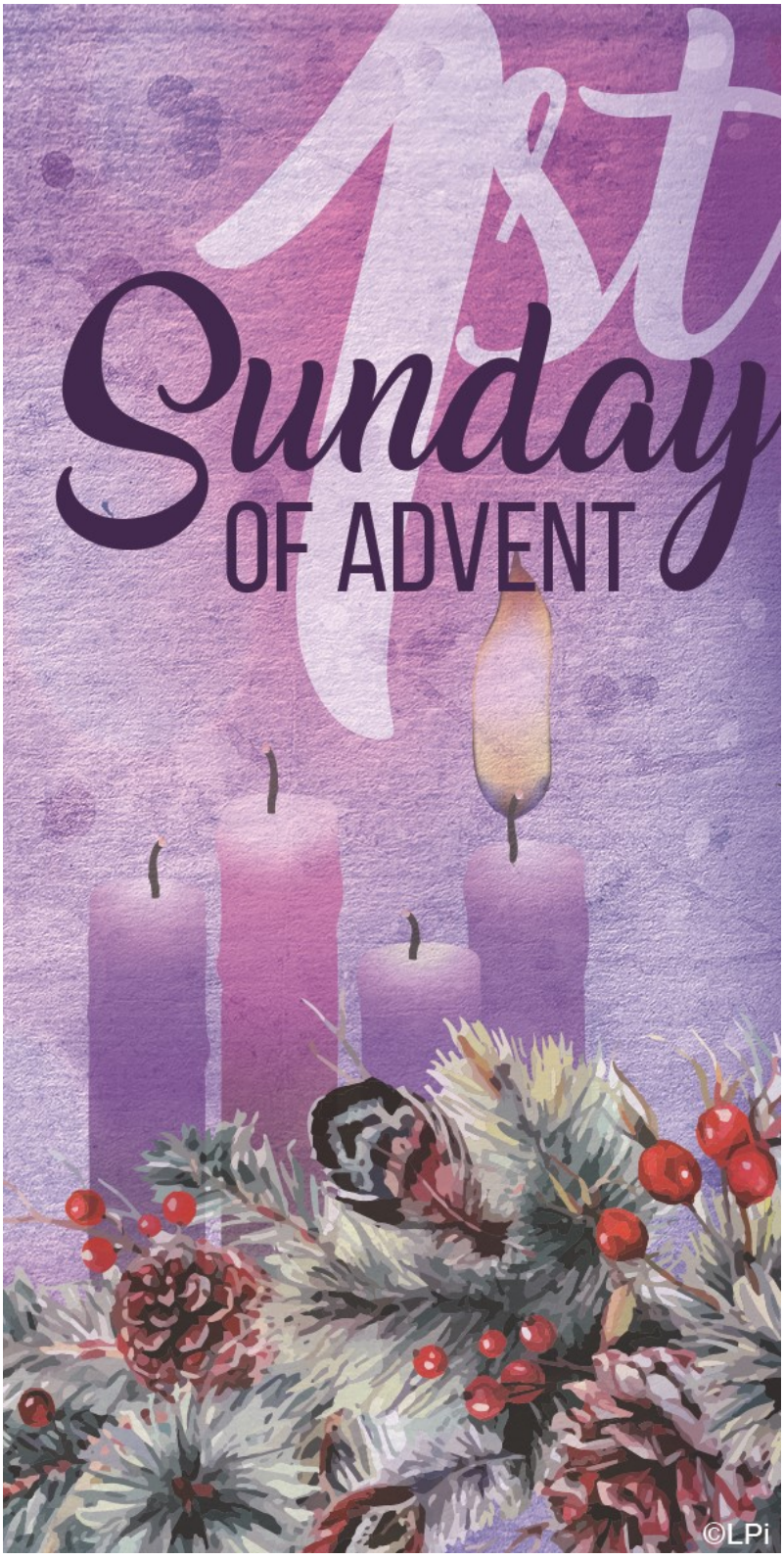
November 27, 2022 / 1st Sunday of Advent



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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.
Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm
Weekend Mass may be viewed online:
www.saintjosephparish.org
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm,
Friday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Shepherd's Voice:

Dear members of our St. Joe's Family,

Greetings of Peace!

Welcome to Advent! Here is the three-sentence story about Advent.

> "We have purple candles on our wreath.
> Purple is the new Red.
> Like a traffic light, it signals to STOP, WAIT, and PAY ATTENTION!"

This weekend we move on to the new liturgical calendar (year A or Cycle A). It starts with Advent. Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only son as a baby to save us. The word "Advent" means, "coming." In Advent, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Lord! We also commemorate His coming on various occasions, for example, his coming at Bethlehem two thousand years ago, his Second Coming at the end of the world, and his coming to us in time in our baptism and in the reception of his sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist.

In this season of Advent, the Church urges us to open our hearts to receive Jesus with faith, hope, and love. Just as we prepare for guests who come for dinner, so also the Church invites us to prepare in a special way for the coming of Christ at Christmas time. By doing this, we prepare ourselves for his final coming, first at our death and then at his Second Coming at the end of the world.

The readings today speak about "**THE UNKNOWN HOUR**." This theme is explained in each reading and personified in different ways. For example, in the first reading as "the Light of the Lord," in the responsorial as "the house of the Lord," in the second reading as "the hour of the Lord," and in the Gospel "the coming of the Lord." All these readings urge us to "stay awake," to "be prepared" because we do not know the day or hour the Lord is coming. In a very true sense, we can say, "the Lord has come, the Lord is coming, and the Lord will come again." It means that we need to thank him, need to welcome him, and need to wait for him.

Finally, Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. How do we prepare ourselves? By fervent and daily prayer, by being faithful to our commitments and state in life, by practicing acts of self-denial, by carrying our cross daily, by kindness towards others - especially members of our family, by avoiding all evil doings and unjust criticism of others. Like the early Christians, let us pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; Come!"

Blessings!
Fr. Raja Selvam

Giving Tree

Our St. Joe's Giving Tree is up in the Great Hall. Please consider taking one of the tags from the tree to help the unfortunate in our parish community. Please return the tags to the Parish Office by December 12th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pancake Appreciation Breakfast

In appreciation of our St. Joe's parishioners for everything you do to make St. Joe's such a special Community, we are having a ***Free*** Pancake & Porkie breakfast on **Sunday, December 4th** from 8:00 AM to Noon in Holly Hall. See you there!

Senior Christmas Luncheon

Attention Seniors - Let's ring in the Christmas Season together! All St. Joseph Seniors are invited on **Wednesday, December 7th** to our Christmas Luncheon. We will start with Mass at 12:05 pm with the luncheon following in Holly Hall. A donation of $5.00 is requested. Call the Parish Office at 920-734-7195 to sign-up before Monday, December 5th.

Raffle Calendars

Thanks to many of you who stopped and picked up your envelope in the back of church. We are asking every parishioner to try to buy/sell three raffle calendars that are in each envelope. We have till the end of 2022 to do this. This has been our most successful fundraiser each year. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

November 13 —Robert & Donna Ziesemer—$25
November 14—Joyce Braunreiter—$25
November 15—Jan Mignon—$25
November 16—Carol Opgenorth—$25
November 17—Rex Kessler—$25
November 18—Steve Vandenberg— $25
November 19—St Joe's Faith Formation—$25

Please Pray For…

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill.

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 / FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REACHING OUT…….

Each year St. Joe's awards grants to qualifying organizations who provide support to less fortunate individuals within our community. The following are comments received from the Volunteer Fox Cities, one of the recipients who received an award from this mission, and the impact it has made on their clients.

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June 20, 2022

St. Joseph Parish Community
404 W Lawrence St
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St. Joseph Grant Committee:

Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of $4,950 toward out Tech-ED for Adults program. Your contribution, in support of the contracting fee for a technology instructor for 26 weeks, helps community members receive technology education and support to increase social connections and decrease isolation.

Again, thank you for supporting our mission. In return, your support improves our community, which makes it a better place to live, play, and work.

Sincerely,

Susan Vanden Heuvel
Executive Director

Sincerely,

Chelsea Vosters
Older Adult Program Coordinator

Eucharistic Ministry Training

Eucharistic Ministers training was held on Wednesday, November 16, by the direction of Fr. Raja and Director of Liturgy, Marisa Landsverk. Thank you to all of our Eucharistic Ministers that participated in this training.

Financial News

Tithing Needed $17,670.00
Last Week's Tithing.....$9,516.53
Auto Withdrawal $25,664.50
Children's Collection.....$22.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for Week of November 27

Sunday: Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12 ©LPi

Book Club

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place on ***Tuesday, December 13, at 6 pm*** in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for December is: *Lost December by* Richard Paul Evans. "It has been said that sometimes the greatest hope in our lives is just a second chance to do what we should have done right in the first place. This is a story of my second chance." Prologue of *Lost December.*

The book selected for January 10 is *Where the Past Begins: A Writer's Memoir* by Amy Tan. For more info, contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to join anytime.

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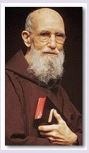
SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, November 29
12:05 pm Charlie Heinritz
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions
Wednesday, November 30
12:05 pm Dec. Thomas, Mary & Brian Schmidt
Friday, December 2
12:05 pm Dec. Charles De Groot
Saturday, December 3
4:00 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish
Sunday, December 4
8:00 am Dec. Pete & Ginny Kolosso
10:00 am Dec. Michael & Patricia Milton
6:30 pm Dec. Jim & Pat Zeegers

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 28
10:00 am GriefShare, Rms. 209-211—All are welcome to attend at anytime
6:30 pm Chimes Practice
Wednesday, November 30
5:30 pm Faith Formation Family Night
Thursday, December 1
6:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday, December 2
12:30 pm First Friday Adoration
Saturday, December 3
9:00 am Private Reconciliation
Food Collection Weekend
Sunday, December 4
8:00 am - Noon St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast in Holly Hall
Food Collection Weekend

Xavier Catholic Schools Corner

ST JOSEPH PARISH

3rd Annual St. Paul Parish Live Nativity

December 2nd and 3rd
6:00 to 8:00 PM

St. Paul Parish
410 Wallace Street
Combined Locks

Drive through and experience the sights, sounds, and excitement of the very first Christmas!

Please Support This Week's Sponsor

They help support the printing of this bulletin. Thank You!