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December 17, 2023

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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-12:00 pm



REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections



Rejoice always! Again, I say "Rejoice!" On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose-colored candle on our wreath and remember that our waiting is not in vain. This Sunday reminds us that Christ is near and there is reason for rejoicing, hope and joy. In this moment when our world sees so much suffering, how can we be messengers of hope and joy? Again, we can't change the whole world, but we can change our world. Amid the busyness of our shopping days, may we be kind to other shoppers who are as stressed as we are. May we smile as we pass each other in the aisle or allow someone with less groceries than us to go before us on the checkout line. May we take time to play with our children. Maybe, we read stories together or play their favorite games. May we do something fun with our spouse that reminds us of the joy they bring to our lives. May we help a neighbor or bring our best baked goods to someone who has no family. If we have no joy to bring the world, then the wonder of this Christmas season is lost. If we bring no joy and hope to our world, then the meaning of Christ's coming is forgotten.

Joy to the World, The Lord is come!!

May we hold that joy deep in our hearts and bring rejoicing and hope to our world!



Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Mass Times

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23: 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 24: 9:00 AM

Please Note: The normal 8 & 10 AM Sunday morning Masses (12/24) are combined in the 9 AM Mass.

Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24: 4:00 PM (Children's Liturgy) & Livestreamed, 6:30 PM, & 10:00 PM

Monday, December 25: 9:00 AM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from
Friday, December 22nd at Noon to January 1st. We will resume our regular business hours on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve—4 pm Mass

Attention Students! We are in need of one older student (preferably 5th grade or older) to be an angel in our annual Nativity Play! This is a larger speaking role, so we need a student who is comfortable speaking clearly into a microphone. We are also in need of younger students (ages 4 and up) for non-speaking roles as shepherds, angels, or animals. Costumes will be provided, and attendance at rehearsal on Sunday, December 17 right after the 10:00 am Mass is required. The Nativity Play will take place on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Mass. Please arrive at church no later than 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve. We will have reserved seating in church for all participating families. Thank you!

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

December 3—Mary Gestout—\$25

December 4—Amanda Schmidt—\$25

December 5—Kathy Henderson—\$25

December 6—Kathleen Casey—\$25

December 7—Elizabeth Gosling—\$25

December 8—Bill & Mary Welch—\$25

December 9—John Sauter—\$25

Winter Safety Reminder

As the Winter season is upon us, a friendly reminder that snow removal equipment has the right of way. Please be aware of them when they are cleaning and salting our parking lots and sidewalks. Thank you for your support.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Carolee Bornreger, Dave Hendricks, Mercedes Hartkopf, Mary Rettler, Sharon Verhoeven

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:
William Flanagan, Marjory Van Dinter

Thank You St. Joe's Parish!!

Thanks to all of you, St. Joe's Christmas Bazaar was a resounding success! We are blessed to have such wonderful, generous & talented people as members of our parish family. A HUGE thank you to each and every Baker, Crafter, Donor, Volunteer and Shopper who helped make this entire Bazaar effort possible! A special thank you goes out to Victoria's for the gift cards and the Xavier Fine Arts Theater for the four Theater tickets to Christmas Stars!



Financial News

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$13,601.50
Auto Withdrawal	\$470.00
Children's Collection.....	\$18.00
IRA's/Donations	\$3,974.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of December 17

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)

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 ©LPi

The Twinning Committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity during our Share the Warmth Clothing Drive. We sent over 60 bags and a few boxes down with Jim & Maria Biesterveld to Clintwood, Virginia. Thank you also to all the workers who came and helped us sort and bag! We couldn't have done this without everyone's participation! We will see you at the Jewelry & Bake Sale in February!

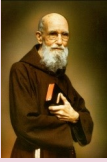


St. Joe's Family Christmas Tree

We would like to invite new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year to help us decorate our Christmas trees with an ornament with your name on it. Using a Sharpie, write your family name in large letters, and drop the ornament in the collection box in the Great Hall by December 17. We'll make sure it gets on the tree.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us

Tuesday, December 19

12:05 pm Dec. Karla Poca Brown

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, December 20

12:05 pm Dec. Orvil & Myra Mueller

Friday, December 22

12:05 pm Dec. Bob & Jeffrey Hietpas

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm Dec. Rick Bosley &
Members of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Dec. August, Veronica & Barbara
Skolaski

4:00 pm Dec. Steve Gehrman

6:30 pm Dec. Arnie Vanden Boomen

10:00 pm Dec. Phat Filz

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting, Holly Hall

Wednesday, December 20

No Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting, Room 210

Thursday, December 21

1:00 pm Decorating Church for Christmas

Saturday, December 23

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Church Chuckles

- What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?
Silent Night!
- What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?
Santa walking backward!
- What's the best present to receive?
A broken drum, you just can't beat it.
- What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas quacker.
- What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
Orna-mints!

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Thank You!

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Decorators Needed



Volunteers needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will be decorating the church on Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office by December 20 at: 920-734-7195.

Raffle Calendars

Thank you to everyone who has sold or purchased calendars. We have until the end of the year to buy/sell our raffle calendars. The Parish Office will be closed from December 22 at Noon until January 1. If you will be dropping off your calendars during that time, use the drop box by Door #1 outside the Parish Office, which will be checked daily. The state requires that all entries be received **by midnight on December 31**. Contact the Parish Office with questions. Thanks again for your participation.

End of Year Contributions

All donations you want counted for 2023 must be in the Parish Office by Noon on Friday, December 29 or placed in our drop box by Door #1 outside the Parish Office by December 31. If mailed, they must be dated and postmarked by 12/31/23. The IRS requires all 2023 donations be received before year's end to qualify for 2023 deductions.

Thanks Brettschneider Trettin-Nickel Funeral Home

The Parish has been offered the gift of a liturgical calendar from our supporters at **Brettschneider Trettin-Nickel Funeral Home**. They have picked up the cost of these calendars again this year. The calendar will remind us of Saints' Feast Days, as well as the Holy Days of our Church Year.

