

St. Joseph Church

December 8, 2024

Second 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

Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Parish Telephones

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

Religious Education Office:

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

Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha

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Pastoral Associate & Building & Grounds

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Assistant to Office: Mary Marszalek

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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: Randy Piscitelli 815-258-6923

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Greg Kolisz

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

7:00 PM Rose Parks

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Anthony Lungaro

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Margaret Muha

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM Mary Staroscak

Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Friday, December 13, St. Lucy

9:00 AM Lucille Wright

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Margaret & Dan Keca, Sr.

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, December 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Becky DeLaurentis

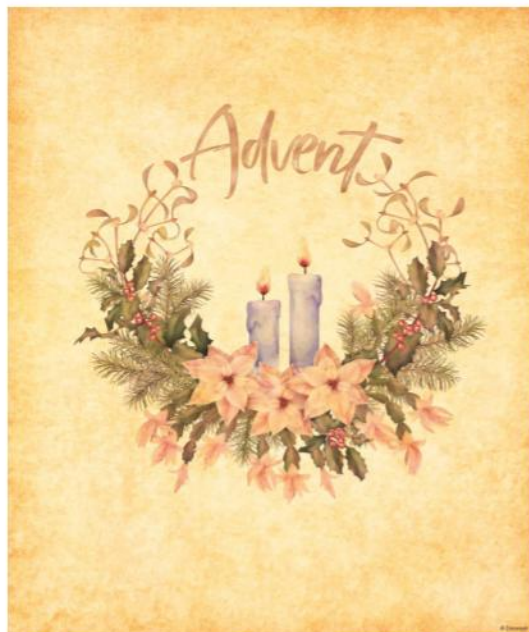
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Mary Beth Kucka

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter



You Are Invited!!!

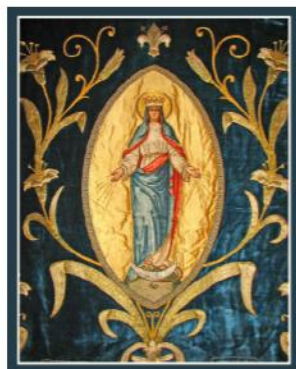
St. Joseph Parish would like to invite you to give your "good-byes" and farewell wishes to Father Peter next weekend, December 14th & 15th after all the masses in the Gathering Room. There will be light refreshments served.

Please stop by to wish Father Peter your appreciation of him serving as our Pastor.



Immaculate Conception

On Monday, December 9th we will be celebrating the Holyday of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception with 9am and 7pm masses.



Advent Penance Service

There will be Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 19th at 7pm at St. Maria Goretti. St. Joseph Parish will be join with St. Maria Goretti for this Advent Penance Service.



Bake Sale

Join us for a little homemade goodness and Christmas cheer! Our Women’s “Halo” Ministry will be hosting a bake sale and hot cocoa bar on Saturday, December 14th after the 4:30 mass and Sunday, December 15th after the 8:00am, 10:00am, & 6:00pm masses in the gathering room. All are invited! Cash only.

Baked goods from our talented parishioners are also welcome. Please label your goodies and note items containing nuts. Drop off time starts at 9:00am on Saturday, December 14th.



Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 23rd & 24th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$9100.00
 Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7958.69
 Charity: \$405.00
 Religious Education: \$30.00
 Outreach Ministry: \$55.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$555.00
 Food Pantry: \$205.00
 50/50 Raffle: \$330.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 30th & December 1st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$9100.00
 Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7130.65
 Charity: \$58.00
 Religious Education: \$10.00
 Outreach Ministry: \$1098.00
 Memorial Flower: \$45.00
 Food Pantry: \$115.00
 50/50 Raffle: \$310.00

Advent Series

Prepare your heart for the coming of Our Lord through inspirational talks & prayer.

Friday, December 13

“Make Room in Your Heart”

by Fr. Steven Caraher & Eucharistic Adoration, litany of humility and live praise & worship music.



Thursday, December 19

“Receive the Gift”

by Sr. Deanna Love & Eucharistic Adoration with live praise and worship music.



Gather at Our Lady of Consolation Church at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the narthex. Questions? Contact 219-769-1755, ext 308.

Mass Offerings Please Read:

Just a reminder, when asking to reserve dates for mass intentions, we are asking to keep it to a maximum of 10 per year. Two will be able to be reserved on weekend dates and the balance on week-days. We want to be able to schedule masses to as many parishioners as possible.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office, 219-865-2271.

Christmas Decorations

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help installing the Christmas decorations in our church again this year. If you have not helped with decorating at Christmas before, maybe you can lend a hand now? If you are a seasoned pro—we need you too!

Christmas decorating will begin on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00am. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too—no experience is required!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 9

7:00am— Morning Prayer
9:00am—Immaculate Conception
Holyday Mass
7:00pm—Immaculate
Conception Holyday Mass

Tuesday, December 10

7:00am— Morning Prayer
9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately
after mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:30pm—Women’s Ministry
meeting

Wednesday, December 11

7:00am—Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 12

7:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer &
Holy Hour

Friday, December 13

7:00am—Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 14

Blood Drive in Gym sponsored
by K of C, Council 8082
9am-2pm

Women’s Ministry Bake Sale
after mass

Father Peter’s Farewell in
Gathering Room after mass

Sunday, December 15

Women’s Ministry Bake Sale
after mass

Father Peter’s Farewell in
Gathering Room after mass

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

November 26th was # 298

The Winner Would Have Won

\$1677.50

(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

Knights of Columbus

Council 8082—Blood Drive

Where: St. Joseph’s Gym

When: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 9:00am—2:00pm

To make an appointment, please visit
www.redcrossblood.org

or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

Ministry Schedule
December 14th & 15th

Lectors

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for**
8:00am— **schedule for all masses**
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Mike Bartnicki
8:00am—
10:00am—Ray Voyles
6:00pm—Judy Nowacki



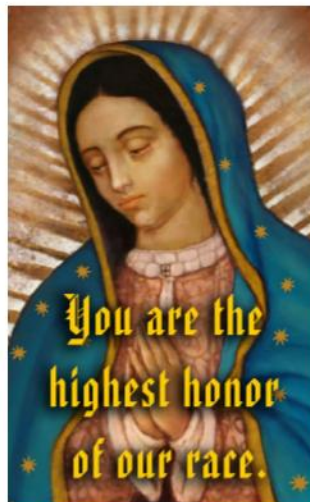
Humble Beginnings

As the birth of our Lord approaches, I reflect on the idea of why we celebrate Christmas. In the American culture, is it because of the gifts? Is it because of the flashy sales? No. It is about the humble beginnings of Christianity. Mary and Joseph were not rich, so when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she was to be the mother of God, it must have come as quite a shock. I would definitely freak out if I were in her position. Yet her answer to the angel was a very humble yes. Her faith and belief that God would provide, helped her to her fiat (her yes).

I was curious as to why Luke's account of the Annunciation was chosen for the Gospel on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I found that the Marian apparitions to a peasant in Mexico City, Juan Diego, could draw comparisons to the Annunciation. Juan Diego listened to Mary's request for a church to be built in her honor. Juan Diego went to the Archbishop who at first didn't believe him. Juan's faith persevered, and he met with Mary on different occasions until his uncle fell ill, so he went to take care of him, just like how Mary went to Elizabeth. Mary appeared to Juan Diego on his journey to tell him that his uncle was healed. She then performed a miracle to help convince the Archbishop to build a small chapel where the apparitions were. Just like the miracle of Jesus's birth initiated the building of Christianity.

With Christmas so close, Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to reflect on the humble beginnings of the Church and how we should reflect on our own faith to be able to answer the call from God and say yes.

By Ben Hooper



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