

St. Joseph Church

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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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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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 16, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Jim Damiani

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Mary Kathleen Nero

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Raimondo Family

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Ron Tomczak

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Robert Vismek

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Margaret & Dan Keca, Sr.

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mary Beth Kucka

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Frank Climack

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

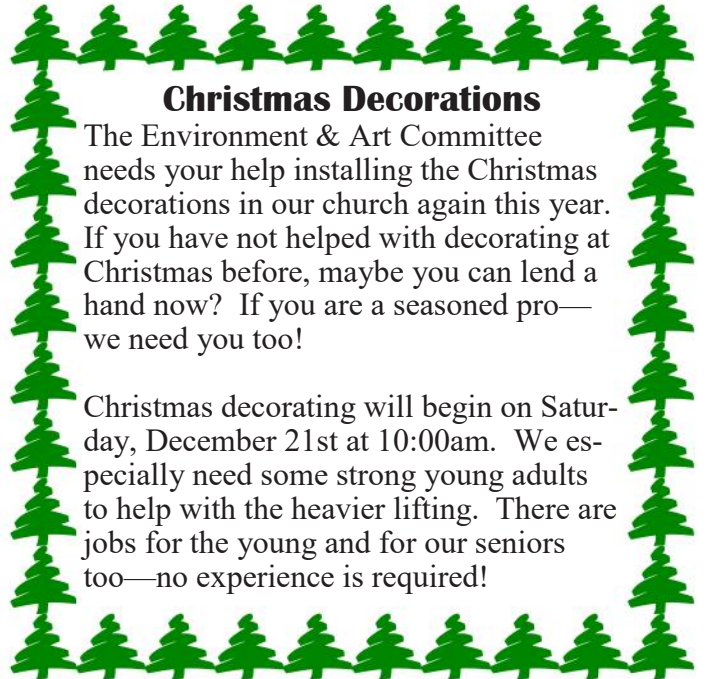
6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Gaza

You Are Invited!!!

St. Joseph Parish would like to invite you to give your “good-byes” and farewell wishes to Father Peter this 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.



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!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th—Vigil Masses

4:30pm and 10:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th

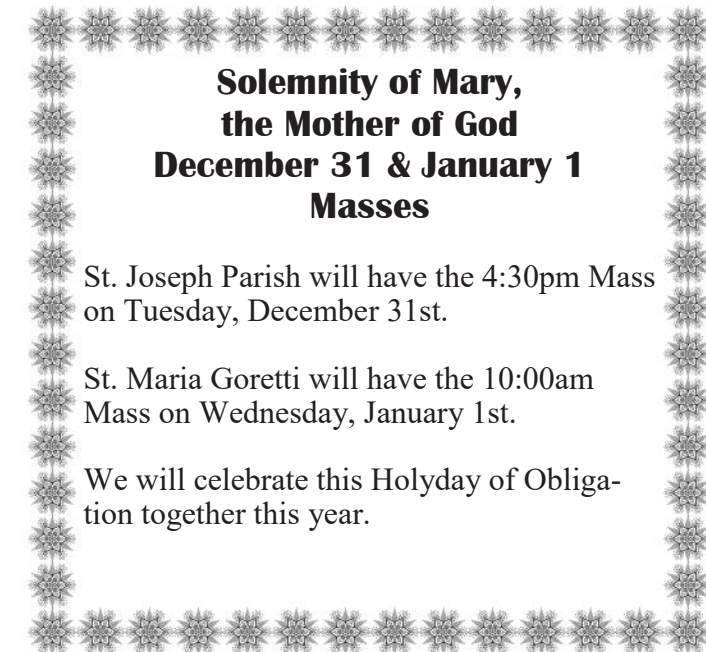
8:00am and 10:00am

**Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God
December 31 & January 1
Masses**

St. Joseph Parish will have the 4:30pm Mass on Tuesday, December 31st.

St. Maria Goretti will have the 10:00am Mass on Wednesday, January 1st.

We will celebrate this Holyday of Obligation together this year.



Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th.

Reminder!

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.

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**

December 7th & 8th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$9100.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$8136.34
Religious Education: \$223.00
Outreach Ministry: \$45.00
Memorial Flower: \$1375.00
Immaculate Conception: \$1320.00
Christmas: \$35.00
Food Pantry: \$2837.62
50/50 Raffle: \$345.00

Liturgy Hours in Advent

Starting Monday, December 2nd, we will have Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours celebrated in the church Monday thru Friday.

Morning Prayer—Monday thru Friday—7am

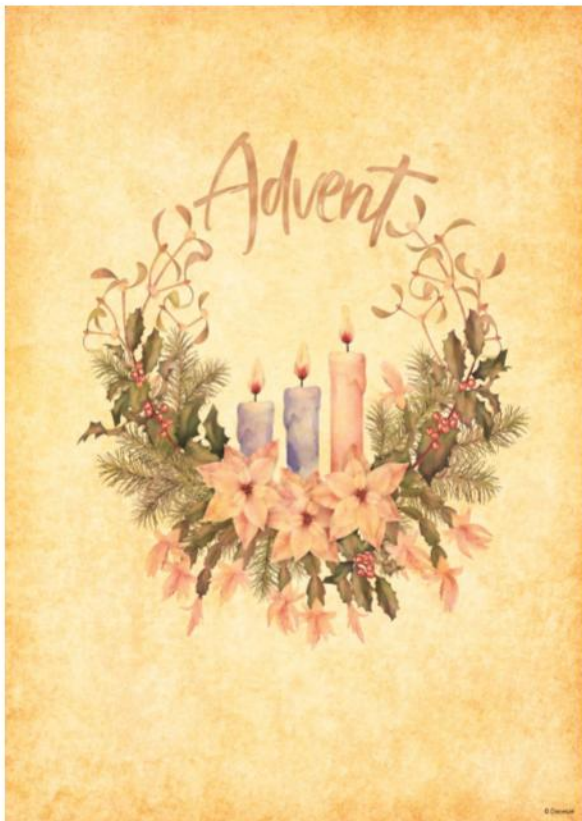
The Liturgy of the Hours is the praying of the Psalms and Scriptures as prayed daily by all priests and men & women religious throughout the world.

This is an opportunity for those with busy schedules throughout the week to spend some time in prayer at church before work.

**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 weekdays. 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.



50/50 Envelopes

We are asking you not to draw or doodle on the 50/50 envelopes. We just had to place another order and the envelopes went up almost 50%.

We truly appreciate your understanding in this situation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 16

7:00am— Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Pastoral Council
Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17

7:00am— Morning Prayer
9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately
after mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:00pm—Parish Life meeting

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

7:00am—Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 21

8:00am—Mass & Gathering for
Men’s Ministry

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 3rd was # 88

The Winner Would Have Won
\$1832.50

(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

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 219.769.9292 ext. 221

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**Ministry Schedule
December 21st & 22nd**

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski
8:00am—
10:00am—Art Tkacz
6:00pm—Kathy Hamill



**Third Sunday of Advent
Not Ready? No Problem!**

While Advent is a beautiful time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear: Fear that I won't get the shopping done by Christmas, fear that people won't like the gifts I bought, or fear that I forgot someone that should be on my list. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies" (Zeph 3:15), enemies like fear, doubts, and loneliness.

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. We can be confident of his love for us. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

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