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OUR FAMILY

Services

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Services

Monday 7:00 am Communion Service Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 am Mass Friday & Saturday 8:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm First Friday after 8:30am Mass

Tuesday 6:30pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday & 3 p.m. on Saturday; First Friday or by appointment by calling the office.

Baptism

The first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm or during the Liturgy. Parents must reserve and attend a baptism class.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered parishioner.

Communion to Homebound

Call Deacon Leon Fritz 815-932-6909

Registration

Newcomers are welcome to register online or stop by the parish office.

Pastoral Staff

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Let us walk in the light of the Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch, you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to

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all: 'Watch!' " (Mk 13:35)



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Blood Drive This Sunday at St. Joseph's



We are grateful to those who have signed up for our Blood Drive happening from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 3, aboard the Mobile Unit parked at the parish. We still have openings. Stop by the North Lot and see what's available.



Get your copy at church

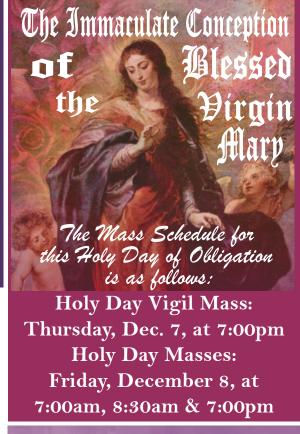
The Advent edition of the Word Among Us focuses on the Holy Family and how all of our families are a reflection of the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Grab a copy of this booklet at any of the church doors and enjoy the thoughtful content as you are guided through the Season of Advent.

Thank you!



Thank you to all the people who have taken a family to buy gifts for and those who have taken tags from the Giving Tree. Next Weekend, Dec 9/10, is the time to bring everything to church (unwrapped). Make sure the tag

is attached and place the gifts by the matching tags. It will be clear once you're at church next weekend. And, for those who adopted families, you can bring items in gift bags for each person. Put a label on each bag with the Family # and include boy or girl and their age. Place items for families behind the back pew. There will be labeled spots for each family. For any clarification, please contact Pat Knittel.



ADVENT Reconciliation

SERVICE

Fr. Marcin and priests of the area will be available to hear your Confession following a brief service at 7pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

What a great way to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Please save the date.

Special Collection for Retired Religious next weekend



You can help! "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let's show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. A donation envelope is in your offertory packet from the parish.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
December 4
St. John
Damascene,
Priest and
Doctor of
the Church
7 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
December 5
Advent
Weekday
7 a.m. Mass
† Emmeric
"Mickey" Zace
(Anniversary
Memorial)
by Vicki
Burgener

Wednesday
December 6
St. Nicholas,
Bishop
7 a.m.
Mass
† Ronald
Hart by
Rosemary
Babinski &
Family

Thursday
December 7
St. Ambrose
7 a.m. Mass
† Madge Power
by Norma Lovell
The Immaculate
Conception
7 p.m. Vigil Mass
*People of the
Parish

Friday
December 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
7 a.m. Mass
*People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Mass
*People of the Parish
7 p.m. Mass
*People of the Parish

Saturday
December 9
St. Juan
Diego
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Janice
Mae Sims
by Ralph
Sims,
Husband

Saturday, December 9 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Larry Null (Anniversary Memorial) by Wife, Debbie

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. † Ray A. Denoyer (Birthday Memorial) by Judy Denoyer † Bob LaFontaine (Anniversary Memorial) by Regina & Family 11:00 a.m. † Ronald Hart by Kevin & Cassie Hart & Family † George Fraser (Anniversary Memorial) by Adeline Chinski

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready. "You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of November 18/19, 2023 \$5,011.00

4:00 pm: \$1,703.00 8:30 am: \$1,747.00 11:00 am: \$1,291.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$270.00 Food Donations: 172 Pounds

Offerings for the weekend of November 25/26, 2023

\$7,637.25 4:00 pm: \$3,634.00 8:30 am: \$1,858.25 11:00 am: \$1,740.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$405.00 Food Donations: 52 Pounds

Debt Reduction for November 2023: \$731.00 PayPal Offerings for November 2023: \$1,615.00 Auto-Deduct Giving for November 2023: \$8,201.34 Mobile Pantry Giving for November 2023: \$1,165.00

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers the family of Charles Burke recently called to eternal life. May he enjoy forever the loving embrace of God.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 **Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 **Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2

Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These two options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with offerings. You can make automated <u>ACH Offerings</u> from your savings or checking accounts. Clip the authorization form on page 6 or download and print it at the parish website, complete and put it in collection basket or mail it to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the <u>PayPal</u> option at our website to set-up online contributions with your credit card. Thanks for your kindness and faithful stewardship.

Fun times getting ready for Advent











Our Religious Education and Youth Ministry sponsored their first all-family gathering this past Wednesday, Nov. 29. Everyone in the parish was invited to

come and enjoy making an Advent Wreath. The attendees prayed together, learned a little history of the Advent Wreath, and created

their own wreath to take home to be part of their celebration of Advent.





The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Dec. 2 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Giving Tree Tags Available Sunday, Dec. 3 Parish Blood Drive

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Ministry Center Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Giving Tree Tags Available **OCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Conference Room **Parish Baptisms** 12:15 p.m. Church

Monday, Dec. 4 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Dec. 5 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church **Parish Council** Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Wednesday, Dec. 6 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Adult Choir Practice** 5:30 p.m. Church Thursday, Dec. 7 Mass 7·00 a m Church Holy Day Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center Friday, Dec. 8 Holy Day Mass 7:00 a.m. Church

Friday, Dec. 8 (continued) Holy Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Holy Day Mass** 7:00 p.m. Church Sat, Dec. 9 Mass 8:30 a.m. Kawanna Wake/ **Funeral Mass** 10 a.m./11 a.m. **Funeral** Luncheon 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Brina Givina Tree gifts to church

Sunday, Dec. 3 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Holy Name** Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center **OCIA Class** 9·30 a m Parish Conference Room Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Bring Giving Tree gifts to church **Giving Tree** Sorting of Gifts 12:00 p.m. Church

See page 1 for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office. And, an Advent Reconciliation Service is scheduled at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13. All are invited.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	December 9 4:00 PM Mass	December 10 8:30 AM Mass	December 10 11:00 AM Mass	Ministers are needed for our Christmas/ New Years Masses.
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Mike Worby Janet Gregoire	Bruce & Mary Adams Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Paul, Emily & Katelyn Storer Lori Cornelius	Volunteer in the web terminal or call or
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Mary Kay Blankestyn (1) Ryan Adams (2)	Lupita Sorich (both readings)	email Paul in the Parish Office. Just a
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Burgener Patricia Burr Diane Ely Peggy Blanchette Volunteer Needed	Lindsay Adams Annie Kidd Justin Sommer Sharyn Gross Volunteer Needed	Stephanie Quigley Julie Gindy Sr. Max Nanyanzi Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza	friendly reminder: We will have our regular weekend schedule on Dec. 23 & 24 and
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Mia Burns Shane Martin	Dec. 30 & 31. If you are scheduled for
Advent Candles	Mobile Food Pantry (Peggy Blanchette & Gisel Waide)	CCW Group (Lindsay Adams & Ashley Sommer)	Jim & Becky Graf Family	any of these services and cannot make it,
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz	please request a sub
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	ASAP. Thanks!

Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Christmas Eve Masses: 3pm, 5pm & 10pm and Christmas Day Masses: 8:30am & 11am Solemnity of the Mother of God: Mass on New Year's Eve at 4pm & Mass on New Year's Day at 11am

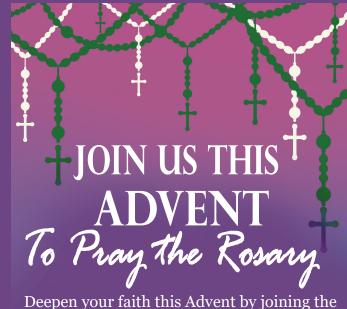
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 7 & 8	December 7 7:00 PM (Thursday) Vigil Mass	December 8 8:30 AM (Friday) Morning Mass	December 8 7:00 PM (Friday) Evening Mass	*Liturgical Ministers are invited to
Hospitality Ministers	3 or 4 Volunteers Needed	Jim Lustig Mike Worby Sherry Johnson Volunteer Needed	Paul Storer Emily Sue Storer 2 Volunteers Needed	volunteer for the available
Lectors	Candi Brenneisen (1) Greg Brenneisen (2)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	positions by using the
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Jonathon Storer Volunteer Needed	Dana Berg Patricia Burr Volunteer Needed	Peggy Blanchette Lindsay Adams Justin Sommer 2 Volunteers Needed	web terminal or calling the
Altar Servers	Marian Worby	SJ Ortman Ella Inman Lucy Quigley	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams Volunteer Needed	parish office. Thanks so
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz		Deacon Greg Clodi	much for
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	your help!

We will also have Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7 a.m. on Friday, December 8. Our regular daily ministers are asked to perform the various liturgical roles.

December Vocation Prayer Calendar



The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar was designed for people to pray each day for those who have committed their lives to the church. It lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. You can access December at St. Joseph's website. Please pray for those listed for the given day, asking our Lord to continue to sustain them, and that others will respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church.



St. Joseph Rosary Group on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. There are about a dozen of us who meet to pray the rosary and adore the Blessed Sacrament. The rosary is a Catholic tradition which was given to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus. While reciting the prayers we meditate on the events of our Savior's life. Praying the Rosary will bring peace to your daily life and family. It is a powerful spiritual weapon to fight against the evil in our present day. (The Perry Street door will be open to enter).

(Signature)

Getting ready for Advent & Christmas





Thanks so much to our Knights of Columbus for putting up the Christmas trees this past Wednesday and helping get the church ready for **Advent and** Christmas. It's not easy to assemble and arrange those big trees. But, the knights take it upon themselves yearly to do the job for Our Parish, Our Family.

Thanks as always to our Art & Environment Crew for all their work to switch the church décor from Ordinary Time to Advent and all of the other volunteers, including the families who came over after the Wreath Making Event that evening. The parents and grandparents did an awesome job and the kids were such great workers! Everyone worked so well together! What a great night!!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM (ACH DEBITS)

I hereby authorize Midland States Bank on behalf of St. Joseph Church, to initiate debit entries from my banking account as indicated below. (Financial Institution Name) (Branch) (Address) (City/State) (Zip) Type of Acct: Checking_ Savings (Routing/Transit Number) (Account Number) Date of Transaction: 5th and/or 20th Amount of Transaction \$ Joe Smith 1234 Anystreet Court Anycity, AA 12345 ATTACH A (Circle One or Both) THIS FORM & Pay to the order of This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Joseph Church has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford St. Joseph Church and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. **DLLECTION** (Print Individual Name) (Street Address) (City, State and Zip) **Routing Number Account Number**

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In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some additional envelopes for December 2023

Many parishioners who utilize our electronic giving options have opted not to receive contribution envelopes from the parish. This desire is perfectly fine, but the decision has caused these registered members not to receive any of the holy day or special collection envelopes. Some of these parishioners have reached out to us for a solution as they want to participate and give to various ministries, causes and outreach efforts. So, moving forward, at the beginning of the month, we will try to publish these envelopes in the bulletin.











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