

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - THURSDAY, DEC. 19TH - 6:30-7:30 PM

### CONFESSION

Tuesday - 8:30-9 AM  
Wednesday - 6-6:45 PM  
Saturday - 4-4:45 PM

### DAILY MASS

Monday-Tuesday - 8 AM  
Wednesday - 7 PM  
Thursday-Saturday - 8 AM

### ADORATION

Tuesday - 7-8 AM  
Wednesday - 6-7 PM  
First Friday - 8:30 AM - 6 PM

*Pastor:* Fr. David Violi

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*Director of Liturgical Music:* Sr. Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA / *Administrative Assistant/DRE:* Michelle Paxton

**Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 30

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, December 1

#### - First Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Lena Felger +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Andy Anderson +

### Monday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Jim Cole +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, December 3

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Anna Bickley +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, December 4

Adoration- 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Confession- 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Leo Gillig  
Family

### Thursday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Margie Huss  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Welling +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, December 7

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Maria Edwards +

### Sunday, December 8

#### - Second Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Bruce & Twilla Herr (29th Wedding  
Anniversary)  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 1, 2019

To all those who are **visiting** this weekend from the Thanksgiving holiday, **welcome to St. Joseph's!** Know that you are always welcome here. As you head home, may our Blessed Lord keep you safe in your travels. To all of **our college students** back for the weekend, welcome home! Know of our prayers for you over this next month as you prepare to finish another semester.

Throughout our Thanksgiving holiday, we often have the chance to reflect upon and thank God for the many blessings and graces in our lives. This year, as every year, I thank our Blessed Lord for each of you! It is my joy to be here at St. Joseph's as your pastor and I am looking forward to another wonderful year with our parish family.

Today, the Church begins a new liturgical year and enters the holy season of **Advent**. Throughout the next four weeks, we are called to open our hearts and allow our Blessed Lord to transform them. Included in this bulletin is an insert from the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops to the faithful in the United States. Our Eastern Catholics brothers and sisters began the season of *Pylypivka, or Advent, earlier this past month. I would encourage you to read and meditate upon the words of these shepherds to the Church as we enter into this holy season. They remind us of the need to seek out silence amidst the secular world and "to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts."*

Remember, a great Christmas begins first with an incredible Advent. Making Advent more about preparation for Christ's coming often doesn't mean doing something else. More often, it actually means doing less and going about our day with a different spirit and focus. Over the next four weeks, I encourage you to find Christ anew each day in our lives. Make extra time for prayer each day. If you are able, commit to attending an additional daily Mass each week. Stop in the Church during our times of Adoration and Confession or at any time to find rest for our hearts before the Lord. Remember to attend our Advent Penance Service on Thursday, Dec. 19th, from 6:30-7:30 PM. *(The best gift we can give to Jesus for Christmas is the gift of our conversion; and the best way for us to receive this gift from Jesus is in the sacramental form in which He wishes to give it.) Let us not let these four weeks pass us by.*

Next Sunday, Dec. 8th, the Church would normally celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. However, as this is also the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the United States Bishop Conference has transferred the solemnity to Monday, Dec. 9th. As the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Still, as Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of our country, **we will offer two Masses on Monday (8 AM and 5:30 PM) to celebrate this great day.** All are welcome to join us.

Also, though we will not celebrate the Solemnity on the day itself (Sunday, Dec. 8th), that shouldn't stop us from celebrating! *(Every Sunday is a day worth celebrating as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!)* To help us in our celebration, there will be juice and donuts following the Sunday morning Masses (7:30 and 10 AM) next weekend.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Dec. 2 - First week of Advent** - Is 4:2-6/  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tues., Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest** - Is  
11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

**Wed., Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church** - Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-  
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**Thurs., Dec. 5** - Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21,24-27

**Fri., Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop** - Is 29:17-24/  
Mt 9:27-31

**Sat., Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church** - Is 30:19-21,23-26/ Mt 9:35-  
10:1,5a,6-8

**Sun., Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent** - Is  
11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12



Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Ann Flowers, Sandy Arnold, Lynn Rickord, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Cindy Monticue, and Carol Campbell.





### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, December 3 - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m in the social hall.

Monica Harris will be training Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Monday and Tuesday, December 2nd and 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in Church. If you are being called to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please call the parish office at 260-824-1380.



Bishop Luers High School Drama Department presents the musical *"Godspell"* on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. and 7:30p.m. in the BLHS Cafeteria (enter door #3) Seating is limited and \$10 tickets can be reserved by calling Cindy Griffith at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3133.

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Cynthia Sailors, mother of Seth (Lynn) Sailors, who died Thursday, November 21, 2019.

May God welcome Leah home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon./Tues., Dec. 2 & 3 - Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- Tues., Dec. 3 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church/ meeting at 7:00 p.m in the social hall.
- Wed., Dec. 4 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 5 - RCIA - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 6 - Eucharistic Adoration— 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m./ Low Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 8 - Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.
- Mon., Dec. 9 - Mass at 5:30 p.m. - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America (*not a holy day of obligation*))
- Tues., Dec. 10 - St. Joseph Women's Group Christmas Party -
- Wed., Dec. 11 - Adoration - 5-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 12 - RCIA— 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7/8, 2019

#### CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp  
7:30 Donna Geisel  
10:00 Sophia Emrah

#### LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus  
7:30 Barb Ault  
10:00 Marita Crawford

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus - 3  
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Volunteer  
10:00 Tammi Helm, Rick Singer, Larisa Sudhoff, Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus  
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

#### SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus  
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Jacqueline Mayer  
10:00 Kody Coyne, Catherine Crawford, Volunteer

### Collection for Weekend of November 23/24, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,253.00  
Child Envelopes- \$13.82  
Loose- \$170.00  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$15.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5.00  
Hall Rent Donation- \$50.00  
Christmas Flowers- \$10.00  
St. Joseph Women's Grp./Book Reimb.- \$21.00  
Total-\$3,537.82

### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$905.29 behind our monthly budget.

### Other Collections within our Parish—

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$30.00

**Diocesan Special Collections-**  
Campaign for Human Development - \$543.00

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*Sunday, December 8 -Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses in the narthex,*

**Motor-coach trip** to Biltmore Estates & Asheville, NC, benefiting the ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY of Fort Wayne April 20-23, 2020. Bus Trip includes 3 nights lodging, 6 meals; \$440.00 per person, double occupancy. Add \$90 for single occupancy. \$75.00 due upon signing, final payment due February 13, 2020. For pictures, video and information visit: [www.GroupTrips.com/stvincentdepaul](http://www.GroupTrips.com/stvincentdepaul) . Contact Neil or Kathy Coonrod (260) 623-6708 for more information and to register.



### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of James 'Jim' Dedrick, husband of Irene and father of Steve (Deb) Dedrick, who died Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

May God welcome Jim home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### Early Church Fathers

We preach not one coming only of Jesus Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the first.  
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (+386 AD)

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it's over  
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come to you  
without leaving  
*happier.*

-Mother Teresa

To our men and women  
in uniform...  
past, present and future,



Thank you and  
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

**THINK!**

T - is it true?  
h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

## ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN THE UNITED STATES

We, the faithful, experience the life of the Church by means of the unending cycle of the liturgical year. The liturgical year is not simply how we mark the passage of time in the church calendar year. **The liturgical year tells the story of God's life in the world**, a story in which we are participants, not just spectators or listeners. It is a re-living of the life of Christ, His Most Holy Mother and the Saints. And **liturgy is the means by which we tell, live, and experience the story**. Through liturgy it becomes real to us and becomes part of our own lives.

It has been said that liturgy is humanity's yearning for God, and that grace is God's yearning for humanity. Liturgically, this story of holy yearning - God's yearning for us and our yearning for God - begins at the point in the liturgical year that we find ourselves at the present moment: Advent, the four week period of waiting and watching for the fulfillment of God's promises, and the coming together of humanity and divinity in the Christ child, who, with his nativity, will bring new life and new hope into our world and our lives.

Too often we see this time of Advent, through the secular lens of our modern post-Christian society, as the final countdown to Christmas, the time when we get things ready for the holidays. By now the malls and stores have long been decorated for Christmas. Christmas gift lists are growing and the number of shopping days is shrinking. Party menus are being planned. Travel plans are being made. Families are gathering. Expectations and hopes are growing. Christmas trees need decorating and presents need wrapping. The pressure is mounting. There is so much to do and so little time to do it in. We feel stressed and distracted.

This is not the liturgical or spiritual understanding of Advent proposed by the Church. This is not the ideal way of spending this holy time. **Advent is not the time when we prepare for Christmas. It is the time in which we are prepared for Christmas.** It is the time not so much for action as for reflection, a time not for doing but for being open and receptive. Advent is the time when the Church offers to us an alternative to the secular model of "getting ready for the holidays" and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are called to keep awake, to be looking and listening for the God who is coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. It is a time to watch and reflect on who we are. It is a time to look for Christ in all the unexpected places – in the ordinary events of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. And we wait and watch for the angelic messenger who will tell us of the birth of the Christ child.

Being still and keeping attentive is hard work at any time but especially now, during one of the busiest times of the year, so full of distractions and stress, which makes keeping still and attentive even more necessary for us. The time of Advent reminds us that waiting and watching is holy work. So how do we do this?

The tradition of the Church teaches us that **silence is the key**. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us. Through stillness and silence, through attentiveness and watchfulness we come to self-knowledge and the true spiritual meaning of the coming of Christ.

Of course, it is unrealistic for us to completely detach ourselves from the world in which we live. Our daily obligations and responsibilities prevent us from doing so. However, during this time of Advent, we encourage you to take just a few minutes each day to sit in silence and stillness, with perhaps the aid of Holy Scripture or a spiritual book, and meditate on the coming of the Lord in the flesh in the feast of His Nativity. **If you do this, be prepared to be surprised at what the Lord might whisper to you in your heart!**

**May the blessings of the Lord Jesus, whose birth we joyfully await, descend upon all of you.**



ADVENT CALENDAR COLORING PAGE (2019)

