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December 17 marks the beginning of the "**O**" *Antiphons* an ancient part of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies. The Church recalls the variety of the ills of man before the coming of the Redeemer. Pray them with your family.



O Sapientia or O Wisdom (December 17)

O wisdom (Sirach 24:3), you came forth from the mouth of the Most High (Sirach 24:3), and reaching from beginning to end You ordered all things mightily and sweetly (Wisdom 8:1). * Come, and teach us the way of prudence (Isaiah 40:14).



O Adonai or O Lord and Ruler (December 18)

O Adonai (Exod. 3:14) and Ruler of the house of Israel (Matt 2:6; Micah 5:1; 2 Sam 5:2), You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush (Exod. 3:2) and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law (Exod. 20). * Come, and with an outstretched arm redeem us (Jeremiah 32:21).

O Radix Jesse or O Root of Jesse (December 19)

O root of Jesse, you stand for the ensign of mankind (Isaiah 11:10); before You kings shall keep silence and to You all nations shall have recourse (Isaiah 52:15). * Come, save us, and do not delay (Habakkuk 2:3).



O Clavis David or O Key of David (December 20)

O key of David (Isaiah 22:22, Rev 3:7) and Scepter of the house of Israel (Numbers 24:17): You open and no man closes; you close and no man opens (Isaiah 22:22). * Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10).

O Oriens or O Rising Dawn or Morning Star (December 21)

O Rising Dawn, (Jer. 23:5; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12), Radiance of the Light eternal (Habakkuk 3:4; Wisdom 7:26; Hebrews 1:3) and Sun of Justice (Malachi 3:20): * come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10; Lk 1:78).



O Rex Gentium or O King of the Nations (December 22)

O King of the Gentiles (Jeremiah 10:7; Haggai 2:7), and the Desired of all, You are the Cornerstone that binds two into one (Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20). * Come, and save man whom You fashioned out of clay (Genesis 2:7).

O Emmanuel (December 23)

O Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Luke 1:31-33), our King and Lawgiver (Genesis 49:10; cf. Ezekiel 21:32), the Expected of the nations and their Savior (Isa 33:22): Come, and save us, O Lord our God.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros +

Sunday, December 13

- Third Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
Diane Humphrey Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, December 14

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, December 16

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Lloyd Smith Family

Thursday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the George &
Dianne Witwer Family

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Joseph Whitacre +

Saturday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Leo Gillig Family

Sunday, December 20

- Fourth Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:10 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest
and Doctor of the Church** - Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/
Mt 21:23-27

Tues., Dec. 15 - Zep 3:1-2,9-13/ Mt 21:28-32

Wed., Dec. 16 - Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25/ Lk 7:18b-
23

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Gn 49:2,8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

Fri., Dec. 18 - Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

Sat., Dec. 19 - Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

Sun., Dec. 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 2
Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2020

A special “*Thank You!*” to Fr. Stephen Felicichia for his reflections during our Advent Parish Mission. Focusing on the supernatural, Fr. Felicichia reminded us of how the supernatural breaks forth into the world. This is clearly seen on Christmas Day when the chorus of angels appeared to the shepherds, the north star guided the wise men, and, most importantly, the Word of God Himself became flesh.

This truth, however, did not end on Christmas Day. The supernatural continues to break forth into the world even today. We see this most truly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, in which God offers to flood His graces into our lives. At the Mass, we are made present to Calvary; In the Sacraments, the salvation wrought by the Paschal Mystery is made available to us. God is the author of the sacraments and liturgy and, through them, we allow Him to enter into the world and into our lives.

This weekend (Dec. 12th/13th), we look ahead to the joy that is to come as we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**, or **Gaudete Sunday**. The word “*gaudete*” comes from the Latin verb “*gaudere*”, which means “to rejoice”. Looking at the syntax, “*gaudete*” is in the imperative form, or, in English, is given as a command. We are called to rejoice! This is reflected in our Introit, or the Entrance Antiphon, which is taken from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians. We rejoice as we acknowledge that our penitential Advent journey will soon give way to the great joy of Christmas Day.

This joy is reflected in our liturgy this weekend in the color **rose**. Rose mixes the violet of Advent, a penitential color, with the gold of Christmas, a color of joy, and points us toward the rose-colored dawn, which accompanies the rising of the sun over the horizon and overcomes the darkness of night. For this reason, the priest wears rose-colored vestments and the third candle of our Advent wreath to be lit is the rose-colored candle. Now is the time when the Church begins to rejoice in earnest for the coming of the Savior.

This weekend, we have been given another wonderful reason to rejoice. This past Tuesday, on the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, Pope Francis has declared it to be the **Year of St. Joseph**. Writing in his newly released Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), the Pope has declared this year in honor of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

In *Patris corde*, Pope Francis highlights the ordinary and the everyday people and experiences of life that offer us hope. Like St. Joseph, these often go “unnoticed, (serving as) a daily, discreet and hidden presence.” But, like St. Joseph, these can play “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” Over the next year, we are called to meditate upon and learn from the life of St. Joseph. As the foster-father of our Lord, St. Joseph has become a father, an example, and a model to each of us as well. And we, as a parish placed under his spiritual patronage, have so much that we can learn from him.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

For your planning purposes, our **Mass times for Christmas** will be:

Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and Midnight

Christmas Day - 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Overflow seating available in the Parish Social Hall for all Masses. All five of our liturgies will be live-streamed for those unable to join us in-person. (**Notes:** The Midnight Mass will be at midnight, offered by candlelight, and incense will be used. The main church lights will be off throughout the Midnight Mass.)



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coye, Marty Lohmuller and John Houlihan.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP will hold their meeting Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall, instead of December 8. Please bring individually wrapped or toothpick friendly snacks for a little Christmas party. We will be practicing social distancing!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS volunteered on Wed. Dec. 2 to pack the food bags for the "Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today" - weekend food bags for hungry kids in Wells County.



THANK YOU!

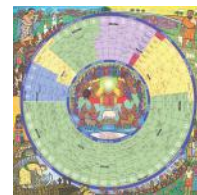
Left to right: Dave Huss, John Horn, Rick Singer, Joe Baur, Bruce Holland and Mike Lautzenheiser for volunteering your time to help the kids in Wells County.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Dec. 12 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 12 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 13 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 13 - Discussion Forum - *Liturgical Seasons* - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 13 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 15 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Dec. 16 - Discussion Forum - *Liturgical Seasons* - 7:30-8:30 p.m. (after 7:00 evening Mass)
- Sat., Dec. 19 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 19 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 20 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 20 - No Religious Education Classes - Christmas Break
- **Thurs., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses - 4:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. / Midnight Candlelight**
- **Fri., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses - 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.**
- Thurs., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25 - the Parish office will be closed for Christmas.
- Sat., Dec. 26 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 26 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 27 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 27 - No Religious Education Classes - Christmas Break
- Thurs., Dec. 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass - 5:00 p.m.
- Fri., Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses - 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 31 and Fri., Jan. 1 - the Parish office will be closed for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's).
- Sun., Jan. 3, 2021 - Religious Education Classes resume - 8:30-9:45 a.m. / Grade 5 will lead the Rosary.

DISCUSSION FORUM

Fr. David will hold a Discussion Forum - *Liturgical Seasons* on Wednesday, December 16 7:30-8:30 p.m. (after 7:00 evening Mass).



A NOTE FROM MARIA STEIN SHRINE

Congratulations to our coloring contest winners; (**especially to our own WINNER- Illiyana Sailors, grade 5, daughter of Seth and Lynn Sailors**). Thank you to all who took the time to share these coloring pages with us. Our visitors absolutely LOVE seeing all the creativity as they stroll through the Shrine!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report December 5/6

Adult Envelopes- \$4,435.00
Child Envelopes- \$3.00
Loose- \$187.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,359.59
Religious Ed. Fund- \$450.00
All Saints Day- \$460.00
Immaculate Conception- \$174.00
Christmas Offering- \$20.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$20.00
Christmas Flowers- \$25.00
Total- \$7,133.59

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$7,298.32 ahead of our budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$495.00

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

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ADVENT FOOD DRIVE FOR THE WELLS COUNTY FOOD BANK - Through the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

Items needed: Canned goods only and Paper products, Shampoo & Conditioner, toothpaste, Deodorants, etc.
Monetary donations (checks payable to Wells Co. Food Bank) mailed to: Wells County Food Bank, PO Box 186, Bluffton, IN 46714

THANK YOU for your generosity!

BOLIVIAN MISSION REMINDER!

If you have not yet sent in your Bolivian Mission Scholarship Contribution of \$90.00 or sent a Christmas donation, please do so by December 23rd so we may send them the final payment. Thank you.



St. Joseph Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 - 4:00 p.m.
December 24 - 6:00 p.m.
December 24 - Midnight (Candlelight Mass)
December 25 - 8:00 a.m.
December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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