

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE REIGNING CHRIST

This image of Christ, the King, and the symbolism are taken from St. John's Book of Revelation. He wears His emblems of Prophet, Priest and King. He holds seven stars in His hand and His feet rest on the Book of the Seven Seals. The Alpha and Omega flank his head. Seven burning candles appear before His throne with the palms of His victory at the sides. Below is the tomb of the holy martyrs, who are the first to be raised on the last Day.

*"Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth." Rev. 1:5*

*"The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks in the midst of the seven gold lampstands." Rev. 2:1*

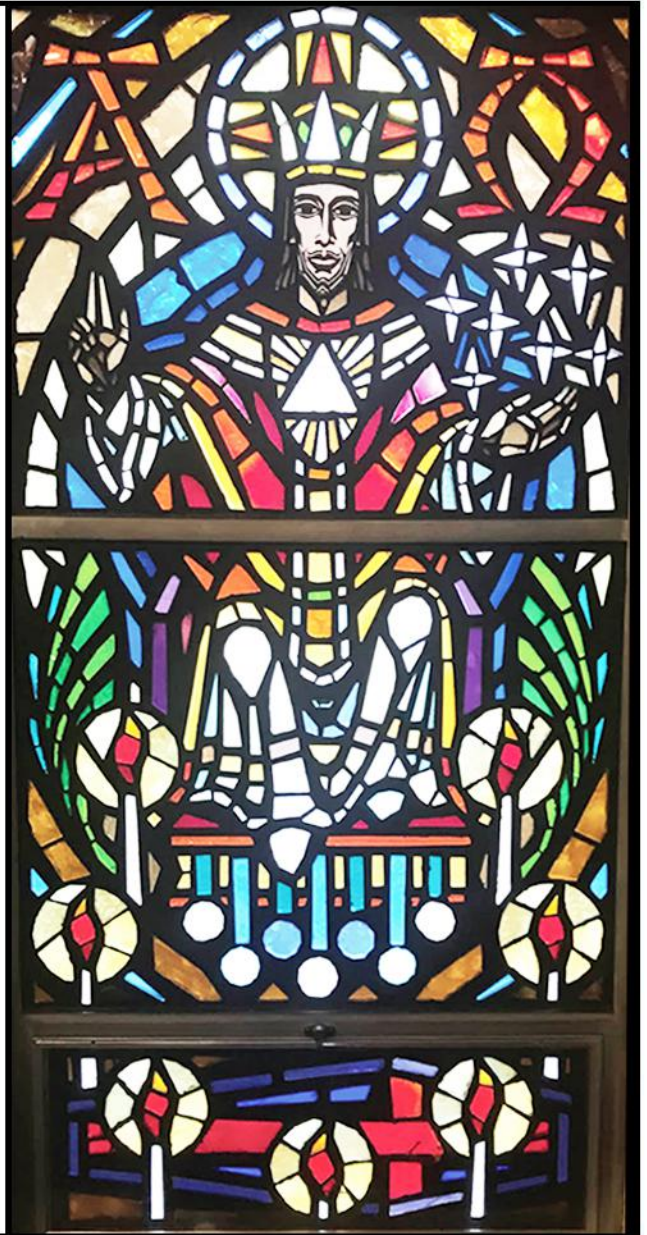
*"A throne was there in heaven, and on the throne sat one whose appearance sparkled like jasper and carnelian. Around the throne was a halo as brilliant as an emerald." Rev. 4:2-3*

*"I saw a book in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals." Rev. 5:1*

*"I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God." Rev. 6:9*

*"I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands." Rev. 7:9*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Rev. 22:13*



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**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 23

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. Ty Long +

### Sunday, November 24

#### - Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

### Monday, November 25

8:00 a.m. DonnaJeanne Wahman +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates

### Tuesday, November 26

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Deceased Family & Friends of Ron & Kathy Marshall  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Wednesday, November 27

Adoration- 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Confession- 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +

### Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Raber +

### Friday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Becky Jackson  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### 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 +

Prayer is the best weapon we have;  
It is the key to God's heart.

St. Padre Pio

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 25 - Thirty-Fourth Week; last week in Ordinary Time - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr - Dn 1:1-6,8-20/ Lk 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 26 - Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 27 - Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/ Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day - Dn 6:12-28/ Lk 21:20-28

Fri., Nov. 29 - Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle - Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Sun., Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent - Is 2:1-5/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 24, 2019

Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, Nov. 28th, at 9 AM. Come and begin your day with the Eucharist (Greek for Thanksgiving) as we give thanks to God from whom comes all our blessings.

Today, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Established by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quas Primas* following the First World War, this yearly feast day is meant to ensure "that the kingship of our Savior should be as widely as possible recognized... [and] hasten the return of society to our loving Savior." We need Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives. "Once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony." Jesus is meant not only to rule over our society, our country, and our Church, but also **our hearts**. May we strive everyday of our lives "to be worthy, faithful, and obedient subjects of the Divine King" who reigns eternally and invites us into relationship with Himself.

This solemnity also marks **the end of our liturgical year**. As we walk along the life of our Blessed Lord anew each year, we are reminded that **all things begin and end in Christ**. Throughout this past year, we have walked together through the Gospel of St. Luke. Directed towards a Gentile audience, St. Luke focused his gospel on Jesus as the Son of Man. Entering into our new liturgical year, **we will now hear from the Gospel of St. Matthew**. St. Matthew writes his gospels directed towards a Jewish audience and, as such, will focus on Jesus as the King of Israel. We will begin to walk with our Blessed Lord in St. Matthew's Gospel starting next weekend as we begin the Church year anew on the First Sunday of Advent.

**Advent** is the beginning of our new liturgical year and serves as our time to prepare for Christ's coming (or, better yet, to allow Christ to prepare our hearts for His coming). We prepare both to celebrate His Incarnation, that historical day when the Word was made flesh, and His future coming in glory at the end of time. These two celebrations will be reflected throughout our Advent readings. The first two weekends of Advent, our readings focus on the second coming of Christ. Then, from December 17th to 24th, our readings prepare us to commemorate His first coming on Christmas Day.

**As a time of preparation, Advent, though brief, is a penitential season.** This is reflected in our very liturgy itself as our Church decorations and music take on a simpler tone. As in Lent, the Priest wears violet vestments as violet is a penitential and mournful liturgical color. One additional change we will introduce this Advent in our liturgical decoration is the use of wooden candlesticks and matching altar crucifix on our altar to help us better enter into the noble simplicity of this season. Our beautiful metal candlesticks and matching altar crucifix (from the original church on Cherry Street) will return to us on Christmas Day as all things join together to rejoice in the Good News of Jesus Christ entering the world. (*A special "Thank You!" to our master craftsman, Joe Bauer, for his dedicated work in crafting these new candlesticks.*) As always **in liturgy (and in life!), all things should serve to point us to Christ.**

I invite you as we prepare to begin this Advent season to use the coming weeks to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord. As hectic as time of year can be, **we must not lose sight of the true reason for the season.** Instead, let us deepen our relationship with the Lord. What are some practical ways to do this? Commit to attending one daily Mass each week. Stop in the Church throughout the week for time in prayer. Meditate upon the Scriptures for fifteen minutes everyday. Take home and follow in the **Little Blue Book** the parish provides every year. Join in our **Advent Bible Study**, that will begin **next Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 8:45 AM (following the 8 AM daily Mass) in the Parish Conference Room.** Incorporate Advent into our home lives, joining in daily prayer at home through the use of an Advent Wreath, a Jesse Tree, or an Advent Calendar.

As mentioned last week, we will be starting a **monthly Young Adult (ages 18-40) gathering** here at the parish. The evening will offer a light dinner (BYOB), a short discussion on the Faith, and a chance to socialize (similar to the *Theology on Tap* model). **Our first gathering will be on Sunday, Dec. 15th, from 5-6 PM in the Parish Social Hall. Free childcare will be offered.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex starting next weekend.

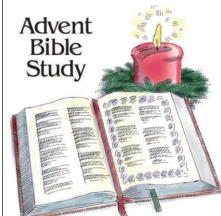
Faithfully in Christ,  
Fr. David



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, Steve Gilliam, Jean Steele, Cindy Monticue, and Carol Campbell.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish for their very generous donations after Masses and at the pancake and sausage breakfast for our coats for kids project.

With this years donations we were able to purchase an all time high 6 cases (72 coats) to be donated to Wells county children. Congratulations to community director Mike Morrissey and all the crew for a great event. Thank you all again. Grand Knight, Dan Geimer



### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our **Advent Bible Study** as we walk through each weekend's readings. We will begin **next Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45-9:45 AM (following the 8 AM daily Mass) in the Parish Conference Room** and will meet each Saturday throughout Advent (Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th, and Dec. 21st). All are welcome to join us as often as they can.

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicholas (Nick) Wyss, brother of Diana Cole, who died Monday, November 18, 2019. May God welcome Nick 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.



**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6 - Eucharistic Adoration**  
(following 8:00 a.m. Mass)  
**8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Low Mass at 6:00 p.m.)**  
**He waits for YOU!**  
**Sign up for a time slot in the narthex.**

### PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Nov. 25 - Mass at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!
- Wed., Nov. 27 - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m./ Confession 6-6:45 p.m./Benediction 6:50 p.m./ Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 27 - Discussion Forum, News from Rome- after the evening Mass (7:30-8:30 PM).
- Thurs., Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Fri., Nov. 29 - Parish Office Closed
- Sat., Nov. 30 - Advent Bible Study - 8:45-9:45 a.m. All are welcome!
- Sun., Dec. 1 - No Religious Education classes/Thanksgiving break
- Mon./Tues., Dec. 2 & 3 - Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- 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.

### WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1, 2019

#### CANTORS:

**5:00** Nancy Leitz (**Choir Mass**)  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Nichole Decker

#### LECTORS:

**5:00** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30** Carol Butler  
**10:00** John Vanderkolk

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**5:00** Sherry Makowski, Joe Baur, Linda Huseman, Christine Zadyak  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey  
**10:00** Jeff Miller, Sandy Smythe, Diana Cole, Kathy Marshall, Michelle Paxton

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

**5:00** Volunteer  
**7:30** Dale/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

#### SERVERS:

**5:00** Corey/Brooklyn Huss, Alex Mechling  
**7:30** Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner  
**10:00** Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Kody Coyne

#### Collection for Weekend of November 16/17, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,202.00  
Child Envelopes- \$16.31  
Loose- \$321.50  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$546.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$15.00  
All Saints Day- \$10.00  
All Souls Day- \$10.00  
**Total-\$4,120.81**

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

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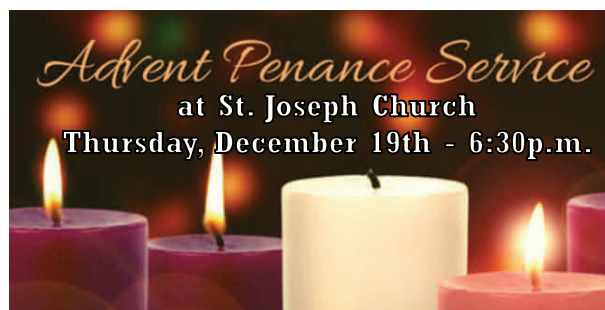
#### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$673.29 ahead of our monthly budget.

#### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$1,094.00  
9th payment-32nd ABA- \$194.00  
Farmland Rent- \$4,500.00

**Diocesan Special Collections-**  
Archdiocese for the Military Service- \$40.00



*Advent Penance Service*  
at St. Joseph Church  
Thursday, December 19th - 6:30p.m.



### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Leah Baxter, mother of Penney (Bob) Burns, who died Wednesday, November 13, 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.

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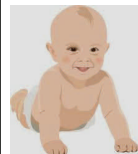
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because it happened.  
-Dr. Seuss

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in uniform...  
past, present and future,



Thank you and  
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

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