

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

- 1 **Examine your conscience** by reflecting on your sins.
- 2 Begin your Confession by saying:
"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last Confession. These are my sins..."
- 3 The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray after Confession (called **penance**), as a response to God's mercy.
- 4 The priest will then ask you to pray the **Act of Contrition** out loud, which demonstrates sorrow for sins.
- 5 The priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the **Prayer of Absolution**. You respond, "Amen."
- 6 The priest will likely say, "Yours sins are forgiven. Go in peace." You can respond, "Thanks be to God."

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 21st
6:00 - 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec. 24th)
4:00 PM (Children's Choir)
6:00 PM (Choir)*

**Singing of Christmas Carols at 5:30 PM*

CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25th)
Midnight by Candlelight
9:00 AM*

**Christmas Brunch served after Mass*

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Edna Knapke + & Edna Pearson +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, December 19

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Nancy Kreutzer +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, December 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Thursday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Alfred Gordon +

Friday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Robert & Mary Haecker + &
Trent Patterson +

5:30 p.m. Christmas Carols with the
St. Joseph Church Choir

6:00 p.m. Parish Family

Midnight Ed Bushee +

Sunday, December 25

Christmas

9:00 a.m. Leo Volk + & Vernon Geisel +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19 - Fourth Week of

Advent - Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20 - Late Advent Week-

day - Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisi-

us, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Sg 2:8-

14 or Zec 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22 - Late Advent

Weekday - 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

Friday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty,

Priest - Late Advent Weekday - Mal 3:1-4,23-

24/ Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24- Late Advent Week-

day - Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Lk

1:67-79

Sunday, December 25 - The Nativity of the

Lord (Christmas) - Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16

-17,22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-

6, Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti

3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 18, 2022

"Welcome home!" to our many university students who have or are returning home for the Christmas break. May you have a restful time home.

This weekend (December 17th/18th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. With **Christmas** falling on Sunday this year, this is the longest Advent season possible with all four full weeks. May we take advantage of this extra Advent-time by spiritual preparing for the Lord's birth.

One of the best ways to prepare is to take advantage of the many remaining opportunities we have for the beautiful Sacrament of Confession here at our parish. In addition to this week's **Advent Penance Service on Wednesday (Dec. 21st) at 6 PM**, we also have our normal schedule of Confessions heard throughout the week. There is no better preparation for the coming of the Lord.

At our Christmas Masses, we often welcome a number visitors and other guests who are visiting with us for the holiday. May we make extra efforts to welcome those whom we encounter as guests this Christmas. While the Holy Family may not have found a warm welcome in Bethlehem, we want to make sure that all of our guests whom we encounter are warmly welcomed as we celebrate together the mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

As Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, our Christmas celebration will take the place of our weekly Sunday obligation. To help ensure that the chance to fulfill this obligation of assisting at Mass is as available as possible over our Christmas celebration, there are four opportunities for Mass next weekend.

On **Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th)**, Mass will be offered at **4 PM and 6 PM**. The 4 PM Mass will include the blessing of our Nativity in the Church and our Children's Choir. The 6 PM Mass will include our Adult Choir, who will be **leading Christmas Carols at 5:30 PM (prior to Mass)** for those who would like to sing along with our wonderful Choir.

On **Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th)**, Mass will be offered at **Midnight and 9 AM**. The Midnight Mass (*which is at Midnight*) will be offered solely by candlelight. The 9 AM Mass will have a Christmas Brunch offered afterwards in the Parish Social Hall. If you are planning to attend the Christmas Brunch (*even if attending a different Mass time*), please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex this weekend.

A "NEW / OLD" NATIVITY SCENE FOR THE PARISH

As some may have seen in the newspaper a few weeks ago, our city has continued the yearly tradition of placing a Nativity scene on the plaza outside of the courthouse. This year, however, a new Nativity scene was purchased to replace the older one. For those who might remember, the older Nativity scene was originally lent to the city by our parish.

Having been purchased by our Knights of Columbus and placed on our parish campus sometime in the 1970s-1980s (*if not earlier*), there was a request to have it placed outside of the courthouse. The parish agreed and it has been placed there every year for the Christmas season since. Over the years, the storage of the Nativity scene was handed off from the parish to the city and, eventually, to volunteers in town.

With the purchase of a new scene, those storing the old one have offered to return it to St. Joseph's so that it will continue to be used. We are excited to welcome back this Nativity scene, which has gained such a storied history both for our parish and our city. The Nativity scene will once again be placed on the campus throughout the coming **Christmas season**.

A close inspection of the Nativity scene will reveal that it is showing the wear of its years. After the Christmas season, it will be stored on the campus in our pole-barn behind the Church. When in storage after Christmas, we will be seeking volunteers to help repair and restore the Nativity scene so that it can continue to be used by our parish for years to come. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Join us Thursday, December 22nd for a Family Christmas Movie Night in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will be showing Jim Hensen's *The Muppet Christmas Carol*.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Friday, December 30th.

There will be no Religious Education Classes Sunday, December 25th or January 1st for our Christmas Break.

Classes will resume Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Dec. 17 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 17 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 18 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 18 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 20 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 20 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Wed., Dec. 21 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Advent Penance Service 6:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 21 - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 22 - Family Christmas Movie Night 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall featuring *The Muppet Christmas Carol*.
- Fri., Dec. 23 - Parish Office will be closed.
- Sat., Dec. 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. with the Children's Choir.
- Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - 5:30 p.m. Christmas Carols with the St. Joseph Choir / Mass at 6:00 p.m. with the Adult Choir.
- Sat., Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass by Candlelight
- Sun., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 25 - Christmas Brunch following 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Sun., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - No Religious Education Classes (Christmas Break)
- Mon., Dec. 26 - Parish Office Closed

Christmas Weekend December 24/25



December 24-

4:00 Sam Smith with the Children's Choir

6:00 Marita Crawfis with the Adult Choir

Midnight Josie Andrews and Mike Morrissey

December 25 - 9:00 Donna Geisel



4:00 Ginny Fenstermaker

6:00 Monica Harris

Midnight Stacey Coulardot

9:00 Bruce Holland



4:00 Volunteers

6:00 Volunteers

Midnight Volunteers

9:00 Volunteers



4:00 Alex Mechling, Kari/Melanie Bedwell, Charlie Andrews

6:00 Volunteers Needed

Midnight Charlie Andrews, Volunteers Needed

9:00 Volunteers Needed

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of December 10/11

Adult Envelopes- \$4,277.00

Loose- \$112.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,659.53

Immaculate Conception Collection- \$823.00

Christmas Flower Fund- \$771.00

Christmas Offering- \$20.00

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - \$5.00

Votive Candles- \$49.00

Total- \$7,716.53

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,743.03 ahead of our budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$105.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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St. Joseph Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Mass December 24

4:00 PM — Children's Choir

Christmas Eve Mass December 24

6:00 PM — Adult Choir

Midnight — Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day Mass December 25 — 9:00 AM

WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Giovanni Sanchez became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on December 3, 2022, by Fr. David Violi.



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Before you speak...
THINK!
T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
I - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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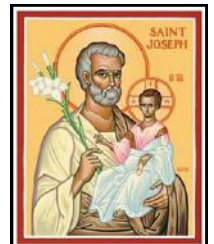
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