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First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018



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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.

Thank you for worshiping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1

8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Geraldine Huffman +

Sunday, December 2

- First Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Maria Edwards +

Monday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Parents of Ron & Kathy Marshall +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Lily Sunio & Purita Sumabat +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, December 5

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Dorothy Booth +

Thursday, December 6

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

Friday, December 7 - Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -

5:30 p.m. Jeannette Leitz +

Saturday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation -

7:30 a.m. Norma Bauman +
10:00 a.m. Madly Schortgen +

4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Viola Smith +

Sunday, December 9

- Second Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Jim & Dee Yonker Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 3 - First Week of Advent - St. Francis
Xavier, Priest - Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11

Tues., Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

Wed., Dec. 5 - Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop - Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri., Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31

Sat., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Sun., Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent - Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018 - Year C

As a reminder, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation**, is **Saturday, December 8**. As our Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country, this Holy Day is **NOT** transferred to the Sunday and is celebrated as its own day. This means that we will be blessed to gather for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass twice between this coming Friday through Sunday, for our Holy Day and our Sunday obligations.

The **Holy Day Masses will be Friday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 PM and Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 AM and 10 AM**. Our Weekend Mass Schedule for the 2nd Sunday of Advent will remain the same (Saturday Vigil at 5 PM, Sunday at 7:30 AM and 10 AM). (Note: If the need arises, you may attend the Saturday Vigil Mass to fulfill the Holy Day Obligation, but will also need to assist at Mass on Sunday for our Sunday Obligation.)

Advent Updates

As we enter the Advent season, we are strongly encouraged to enter into a routine use of the **Sacrament of Confession** to help prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. Our annual **Advent Penance Service will be on Thursday, Dec. 20, from 7:30-8:30 PM**, following our Parish Mission speaker (7 PM). **Confession is also offered every Tuesday at 8:30 AM (following the 8 AM morning Mass) and Saturday from 4-4:45 PM**. In addition to these times, **during the Advent season, Confession will be offered immediately following each weekend Mass**.

As we are called to conversion throughout the Advent season, we see this call echoed in everything we do, even within our liturgy (*Lex orandi, lex credendi* - As we pray, so we believe). Our Advent wreath and Nativity scene are in full display, building our anticipation. Our prayers throughout Mass are specifically pointed to call our hearts to attention. The priest now wears violet vestments, reminding us that Advent is a penitential season (a "little Lent"). Everything that we say, see, and do, both at Mass and throughout our day, is to help prepare ourselves and our hearts for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day.

One new addition that we will see in the sanctuary throughout Advent is a "new" altar cross on our main altar. Our traditional altar cross now marks the credence table (where the Sacred Vessels are kept during Mass) and will return to its place on the main altar in Ordinary Time. The "new" altar cross may seem very familiar to many as it is actually our original cross from the first church on Cherry Street. The use of this altar cross is, as with our wreath and Nativity, to help keep us ever alert throughout the Advent season to the coming of Jesus Christ. In addition, it also beautifully serves as a constant reminder of our history and the 143 years of the practice of the Faith passed down through St. Joseph's here in our town. (A special "Thank you!" to parishioner-owned Daniel's Jewelers for repairing and polishing the cross from Cherry Street.)

As we grow familiar with our surrounding, even in our church sanctuary, it is very easy for our hearts to "become drowsy." These slight differences seen throughout the Advent season are meant to help keep our hearts and minds alert and our focus always on Christ, who is our redemption. Everything we say, see, and do, most especially at Mass, should always keep us alert and bring us closer to Christ. What else can we do throughout this penitential season to help prepare ourselves to welcome the advent of Jesus Christ into the world and into our hearts?

Though Advent has only begun, many are planning ahead and have asked for our **Christmas Mass times**. We will joyfully welcome the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ on **Monday, Dec. 24, with the Vigil Mass at 5 PM, Mass at Night at 10 PM, and, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, with Mass During the Day at 9 AM**. (Note: For your planning purposes, incense will be used on Dec. 24 at 10 PM for the Mass at Night.) Prior to the Mass at Night (10 PM), our Choir will offer a short program. More information on that to come.

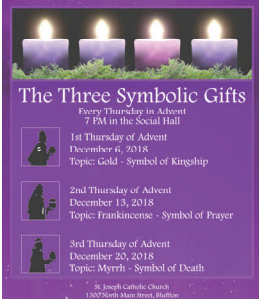
In Christ, Fr. David

Pray Daily and Love Always!



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson and John R. Smith.

Advent Parish Mission



SOUP'S ON!

Please gather together in the Social Hall for a soup dinner at 6:00p.m. and stay for the Advent Parish Mission- The Three Symbolic Gifts at 7:00p.m. December 6, 13 and 20th.

Advent Reconciliation-

On December 20, after the Mission, confessions will be offered from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For your convenience, there will be several Priests here.

KARING FOR KIDS/ANGEL TREE PROJECT

All gifts need to be returned, **UNWRAPPED**, by **Tuesday, December 4th**. You may drop off your gifts in the narthex on the weekends; at any other time, please drop them by the Parish office or leave by the office door if locked. Thank You!!!

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Phil Meyer, father of Susan (Brad) Poper who died Tuesday, November 27, 2018

May God welcome him 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.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2018


- Sat./Sun., Dec. 1/2 - Sr. Rose to speak on Religious/Sister's Retirement Fund - NO second collection for Building/Rainy Day Fund; Instead a second collection will be taken up for Religious/Sister's Retirement Fund.
- Thurs., Dec. 6 - All Day Adoration - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 6 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Gold, Symbol of Kingship - 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Fri., Dec. 7 - Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, A Holy Day of Obligation, Masses - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 8/9 - Regular Mass Schedule of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 11 - Women's Christmas Party/Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food/appetizer to share. All women of the Parish are welcome!
- Thurs., Dec. 13 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Frankincense, Symbol of Prayer- 7:00 p.m. Church.
- Thurs., Dec. 20 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Myrrh, Symbol of Death - 7:00 p.m. Church -
* Confessions immediately following- 7:30-8:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF December 8/9, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Stacey Coulandot
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 John Vanderkolk


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Linda Huseman, Joe Baur, Janette Minch
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Dave Gruss
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Dan Geimer, Tammi Helm, Ed Shestak

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

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

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Catherine Crawfis
7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Abby Wagner
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of November 24/25, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$4,627.00
Child Envelopes-\$9.50
Loose- \$234.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$35.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1.00
Votive Candles- \$79.27
Total- \$4,985.77

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

We are \$1,926.65 ahead of our monthly budget.

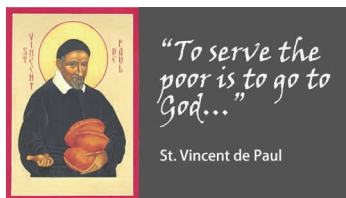
Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$50.00
Bolivian Mission- \$50.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Campaign for Human Development- \$70.00

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - NOVEMBER

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$797.09
Rent/Housing - \$300.00
Hurricane Relief (Diocese Collection) - \$600.00

Thank you for your support in helping our brothers and sisters who needed assistance in our community and beyond. God Bless You!

The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.
John Greenleaf Whittier



MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, December 4, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. and meeting will follow in social hall at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special Photo-Op in the narthex at 6:15 distributing coats to various schools. Please refer to Dan's email of November 27th.

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-Mother Teresa

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