

**Giving Tuesday** is this week, December 3. Both St. Joseph Parish and School are participating in the #iGiveCatholic campaign. iGiveCatholic is the National Catholic Day of giving which takes place on Giving Tuesday. Catholic parish's, schools and ministries through out the country use this day to raise funds while also celebrating their Catholic identity. Donations are being accepted now through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can make either an online donation at erie.igivecatholic.org where you can also check out our ministries. Or if you'd like to give by check or cash, envelopes are at the doors of the church and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you very much!

**Cookies, Crafts and Cocoa:** The Hospitality Committee will once again host this fun night from 6-7:30pm on Friday December 13. The evening will begin with a story read by Mrs. Anna Anderson in Meyer Hall. After the story, you'll move to the cafeteria where there will be plenty of crafting and goodies. All are welcome but the crafting is geared for kids pre-k to 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we have some fun during the beautiful season of Advent. RSVP to either the parish office or to [betsy.williams@westpa.net](mailto:betsy.williams@westpa.net).

**Christmas Gospel Pageant-** St. Joseph Parish will once again invite children ages Pre-K to third grade to participate in the Christmas Gospel Pageant at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. If your child would like to be part of this, please come to practices on December 8 & 22 from 11:50am-12:20pm at St. Joseph Church.

**St. Joseph Craft Show:** St. Joseph School will once again fill the gym with wonderful crafters and artisans on December 7 from 10am-3pm. Admission is \$3. Children under 8 free. Get your Christmas gifts early and help support local crafters! Proceeds to benefit the SJCS PTU. Homemade bagged lunches will be available to purchase. Hope to see you there!

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Angela Smoulder**, wife of **David Smoulder** and daughter -in- law of **Blair and Pam Smoulder**, who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to the Smoulder family and ask God's love to bring them peace and consolation.

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF  
**Pat Pazderski by Ron**

*St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering-November 24th*  
Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$6712.00  
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering —\$695.00  
*A Special Thank You for Your Generous Gifts*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday**            **Isaiah 2:1-5; Gospel: Matt 8:5-11**
- Tuesday**        **Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24**
- Wednesday**    **Isaiah 25:6-10a; Gospel: Matt 15:29-37**
- Thursday**       **Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel: Matt 7:21, 24-27**
- Friday**           **Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel: Matt 9:27-31**
- Saturday**       **Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8**
- Sunday**          **Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Gospel Luke 3:1-6**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

- | <u>Lector</u>  | <u>EMHC/Sacristan, Greeters/<br/>Usher, DOG Ministry</u>  |
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| <b>December 7th</b>  |   |
| 5:30pm Marlene Sandberg  | EMHC-Andrea Kiehl,<br>*Patty Lobdell, Judy Anderson<br>Altar Servers— Eddie, Ruth Abplanalp<br>Greeters-Patty Lobdell, Volunteer  |
| <b>December 8th</b>  |   |
| 8:00am Rick Hutley<br>(St Luke)  | EMHC—Annette Hutley<br>Usher—Vince Pillar   |
| 10:45am Carrie Pearson   | EMHC — *Barb Walczak<br>Kathy & Victor Amsdell<br>Altar Servers—Connor, Brice Schwabenbauer<br>Greeters—Sharon Persing, Dianna Stanley<br>DOG - Disciples of God Ministry—Lauren<br><br>*Homebound Holy Communion |
| <b>December 9th (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</b> |   |
| 5:30pm Volunteer Needed  | EMHC—2 Volunteers needed<br>Altar Servers—2 Volunteers Needed   |

**National Wreaths Across America Day**

The Blue Star Mothers of Kinzua PA will partner with local cemeteries to bring the National Wreaths Across America Day to Saint Joseph Cemetery on December 14th at noon. To purchase a wreath visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0784](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0784). Monetary donations are always welcome. Make checks payable to the Bluestar Mothers of Kinzua PA 203, PO Box 324, Warren, PA 16365. Please contact Patti Colosimo at 814-779-9383 with questions. **Last day for orders is December 2nd.**

**Helping Hands Ministry Food Items Needed**

- Saint Joseph Church —December
- Toothbrushes & Tooth Paste ( Christmas Food Baskets)**
- Saint Luke Church—December
- Beef Stew, Canned Soup, Hamburger Helper, Beef-a-Roni**
- Items will be taken to Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry

**LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**PARISH NEWS**

<b>Sunday, 12/1</b> (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> For the People of St Luke & St Joseph Pat Pazderski by Ron and Family
<b>Monday, 12/2</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Francis M. and Mary A. Russo by Family
<b>Tuesday, 12/3</b>	<b>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b> S. Knox Harper by Becky
<b>Wednesday, 12/4</b>	<b>St John Damascene, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Special Intention for Emily Sechrist 100th Birthday by the Pillar Family (Rouse) For those who suffer from substance abuse by Fran Bauer
<b>Thursday, 12/5</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Mark Cole by Steve Guadagnino
<b>Friday, 12/6</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b> Dick Whiting by Mary Beth
<b>Saturday, 12/7</b> (St Joseph)	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Pietro Bevacqua by Carmen
<b>Sunday, 12/8</b> (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> John & Martha Seleni by the Martin Family For the People of St Luke & St Joseph

**An Evening of Advent Worship:** On December 8 at 3:30pm, St. Joseph Church will host an afternoon of Christmas and worship music by Anna Lehnortt, Joseph Thompson and Nathaniel Licht . This trio from Titusville is sure to lift you up and prepare your heart for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. Hope to see you there. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken.

**SJCS 2024 Annual Library/Art Christmas Raffle**  
 Once again Jan Graziano and Cathy LaBarte have donated two exquisite handmade quilts and the United Refining Company has donated a \$100 Kwik Fill gift card to benefit Saint Joseph Catholic School Library and Art programs. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets are available in the church and school offices. Drawing for the winning tickets will be Saturday, December 7th at 3pm. Thank you for all your generous support of literacy and the arts.

**MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00am	Mass at St Luke	
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph	
	No DOG (Disciples of God)	
<b>Monday, December 2</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
9:00am	Daily Mass	
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>		
9:00am	Daily Mass	
4-5pm	St Joseph Soup Kitchen Take Out Dinners	
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>		
9:05am	School Mass	
1:30pm	Rosary & Communion Service at Warren Manor	
2:00pm	Mass at the Rouse Home	
4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>		
9:00am	Daily Mass	
3:30pm	Rosary	
6:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)	
<b>Friday, December 6</b>		
9:00am	Daily Mass	
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>		
10am-3pm	SJCS PTU Christmas Craft Fair	
4:30-5:15pm	Confessions at St Joseph Church	
5:30pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00am	Mass at St Luke	
9:15-10:30am	EDGE Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer 9th & 8th Gr Confirmation	
9:20am	2nd Grade Parents Meeting at Holy Redeemer	
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph DOG (Disciples of God)	
3:30pm	Evening of Advent Worship Music Concert	
<b>Monday, December 9</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>	
9:05am	School Mass	
5:30pm	Mass	

Holy Redeemer Church has Mass at 7am on December 9th.

**Christmas Food Baskets:** Beginning Thanksgiving Day through December 18th, St. Joseph will again partner with the Salvation Army to deliver boxes of food and other home supplies to over 100 of our county's neediest families for Christmas. We gladly accept monetary donations that help purchase turkeys and fresh food both locally and through Second Harvest. **St. Joseph Parish** is also collecting tooth brushes and toothpaste. **St. Joseph School** is collecting Cheerios (any kind) and **Faith Formation** Students and Holy Redeemer parishioners are collecting paper towels and toilet tissue. Many in our community are struggling with the increase of food prices and other necessities so we appreciate anything you can give. Thank you for your generous hearts.

**CCY CASH BASH Winners** Congratulations to the following winners of the raffle for NCYC 2024. Thank you to all who participated and sold tickets. We are so grateful.  
 \$1000 winner- Charlie B  
 \$750 winner- Pete M  
 \$500 winner- Chris A  
 \$500 winner- Faith H  
 \$250 winner- Dean W

**Pumpkin Rolls:** Thank you to everyone who purchased a pumpkin roll (or two!) Proceeds help the hospitality committee to put on activities such as coffee & donuts and grilled hotdogs after Mass, pizza night, cookies, crafts & cocoa and more. And a special thank you to our team of bakers: Kirsten, Alice, Andrea, Arlene, Lisa, Holly, Cindy, Susan, Amy, Rita, Anna, and Betsy.

**Breakfast Bunch-** Since Mama Janes has closed, the breakfast bunch will meet at the Pepper Mill, the second Thursday of the month at 9:45am. This group meets for fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come whenever you can.