

Christmas Food Baskets

Many volunteers are needed to help deliver the food on Saturday morning, December 21. Please come to the TK room at Holy Redeemer by 9:00AM. We ask that for safety reasons, a "buddy system" be used when delivering the food.

Also, it's not too late to donate to our Christmas Food Baskets for Those in Need project!! We are accepting monetary donations or dental care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss through Wednesday, December 18th. Please make your check payable to St. Joseph Church and designate on the envelope or check that the money is for **Christmas Food Baskets**. Your contributions, time and prayers make a real difference to those in need. Thank you for your faithful support!



Baptism: Through the waters of Baptism we at Saint Joseph Parish welcome August Richard Rhys Knisley, son of Richard and Anna Knisley into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless his life with His love.

Congratulations!

Colds and Flu- As we move into the winter season, illnesses arise. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from taking the Precious Blood.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 22nd at 1pm we will decorate our church for Christmas. We are planning to set up the trees, the Nativity, the Christmas swag in back of the church, and the door wreaths. All are welcome to come to help and we need many volunteers to make quick work of it. We especially need strong men to help with the lifting! Any questions please call the parish office. Thank you for your time to make this special season beautiful! The poinsettias arrive Monday morning. Volunteers to help with the placing of the flowers will meet on Monday morning at 10am. Thanks to all our volunteers!

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF
Frank and Norma Dilick by Joe and Loni

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering-December 8th
Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$6645.00
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering —\$760.00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday Numbers24:2-7, 15-17a; Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27
- Tuesday Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Gospel: Matt 1: 1-17
- Wednesday Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Matt 1:18-25
- Thursday Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a ; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25
- Friday Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday Song of Songs 2:8-14 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
- Sunday Micah 5:1-4a(12C) Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel Luke 1:39-45

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Lector

EMHC/Sacristan, Greeters/
Usher, DOG Ministry

December 21st

5:30pm Gail Grosch EMHC-Kathleen Jones, *Andrea Kiehl,
Judy Anderson
Altar Servers— Emily & Izzy Grosch
Greeters— Vic & Gloria Suppa

December 22nd

8:00am Sue Kibbey EMHC—Mary Donahue/Rick Nuhfer
(St Luke) Usher—Dave Lang

10:45am Dave Wortman

EMHC — *John & Patty Rickert
Volunteer
Altar Servers—Noah & Reagan Caldwell,
Michael McElhaney
Greeters—Ann Kirkpatrick, Volunteer
DOG - Disciples of God Ministry—Jessica

*Homebound Holy Communion

Sign Up for Liturgical Ministries: Volunteers are needed for Christmas and New Year Masses. If you are available, please sign up on the lists in the vestibule of the church. Altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers are needed.
Thank you!

Saint Joseph School Library and Art Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our annual raffle to benefit Saint Joseph School's Library and Art programs. The lucky winners are:
Erica Bailey—Quilt made by Jan Graziano
Jessica McElhaney—Quilt made by Cathy Labarte

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

Sunday, 12/15 (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	Third Sunday of Advent Pat Cronmiller by Susan Cronmiller James & Josephine Puleo, Daughter, Jean Marie by Family
Monday, 12/16	Advent Weekday Brian Good by Aunt
Tuesday, 12/17	Late Advent Weekday Dr. Ramon Elvir by Julie Carr
Wednesday, 12/18	Late Advent Weekday William Novak by Fanelli Family
Thursday, 12/19	Late Advent Weekday Leon & Virginia Spink by Family
Friday, 12/20	Late Advent Weekday John Schultz by Siliano Family
Saturday, 12/21 (St Joseph)	Late Advent Weekday Sam & Jennie Castagnino by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great Great Grandchildren
Sunday, 12/22 (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	Fourth Sunday of Advent For the People of St. Luke and St. Joseph Linda Lawrence by Mike & Lisa Lewis

MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00am	Mass at St Luke
9:15-10:30am	EDGE Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer 9th & 8th Gr Confirmation
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph DOG (Disciples of God)
Monday, December 16	Santa Shop-Meyer Hall
9:00am	Daily Mass
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5:15pm	Pastoral Council
Tuesday, December 17	Santa Shop- Meyer Hall
9:00am	Daily Mass
4-5pm	St Joseph Soup Kitchen Take Out Dinners
5:00	Finance Committee
Wednesday, December 18	Santa Shop- Meyer Hall
9:00am	Daily Mass
4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm	SJCS Christmas Concert- Library Theater
Thursday, December 19	
9:00am	Daily Mass
3-4pm	Chess Club
3:30pm	Rosary
5:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
Friday, December 20	
9:00am	Daily Mass
11:30am	Christmas Feast
Saturday, December 21	
9:00am	Food Basket Delivery-Holy Redeemer
4:30-5:15pm	Confessions at St Joseph Church
5:30pm	Mass
Sunday, December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am	Mass at St Luke
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph DOG (Disciples of God)
11:50-12:20	Gospel Pageant Practice
1:00pm	Christmas Decorating

Saint Joseph School Employment Opportunities

St. Joseph Catholic School is looking for classroom (K-6) and substitute teachers. Both positions require a bachelor's degree, teachers should have a degree in education with a certification, preferred but not required. Full time teachers receive paid time off, health benefits, and 401K options. Daily substitute rate is \$125. Please contact Carrie Pearson, principal at 814-723-2030 .

CCY LIFE NIGHT CHRISTMAS

Join Mr. Mark Hovan and others for a fun evening of Spike Ball, Pizza and Prayer! All 9th grade through college aged young people are welcome. Enjoy Christian fellowship, breaking bread together and sharing God's Word, plus a super fun Spike Ball tourney of sorts. Join us on Sunday, December 22nd from 7:00- 8:30 pm. Don't miss this fun Christmas get-together and bring your friends!

SAVE THE DATE for an awesome EPIPHANY!

January 5th the faith formation team will present **KINGS** and **CAMELS**. Beginning at the 8:15 am Mass, three kings will present the gifts at Mass. Following Mass, the three kings and two camels will be present for faith formation activities and fun. All are welcome, please rsvp to jenniferwortman7400@gmail.com if you are not enrolled in faith formation. At 10:00, all are welcome to process through town with the kings and camels to Saint Joseph Church, where the kings and camels will be greeting folks for the 10:45 am Mass and where the kings will again present the gifts. This is a tremendous opportunity to remember that the Christmas season is not over on December 26th and to be reminded that we are all called, like the wisemen, to seek Him, to be overwhelmed and awe struck by Him and to share that with the world. Please make sharing this morning a priority for your family!

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

We are looking for three volunteers to dress up as the three wise-men and to be a part of our faith formation celebration of the Epiphany. The volunteers must be willing to wear a costume; must be able to walk across town and must be available from 8:15-11:45 am on Sunday, January 5th. Please text Jennifer Wortman at 814-688-3842 if you are willing and able! It is going to be a fantastic morning- come join us!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example , we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.