

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 5th. 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.

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.

The Immaculate Conception of Mary will be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9th. Options for Masses are 7:00 am at Holy Redeemer; 9:05 school Mass at Saint Joseph and 5:30 pm at Saint Joseph. The offices will be open. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated: This is no longer the case. Recently, the USCCB requested clarification from the Holy See about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on a Sunday and is transferred to Monday. In a memo to U.S. Bishops dated October 10, 2024, Bishop Paprocki communicated the decision of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts: "The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are planning to set up the Christmas trees, the Nativity, the Christmas swag in back of the church, and the door wreaths Sunday, December 22nd at 1pm. We are hoping for lots of volunteers to help with all the decorating. Any questions please call the parish office. We thank you!

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF
Michael Kolos, Dominic and Patricia Fiem
By Karen

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering-December 1st
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gen 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday Isaiah 40:1-11; Gospel: Matt 18:12-14
Wednesday Isaiah 40:25-31; Gospel: Matt 11:28-30
Thursday Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Judith 13:18bcde,19; Gospel: Luke 1:39-47
Friday Isaiah 48:17-19; Gospel: Matt 11:16-19
Saturday Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Gospel: Matt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Gospel Luke 3:10-18

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Lector

**EMHC/Sacristan, Greeters/
Usher, DOG Ministry**

December 14th

5:30pm Lilly Suppa

EMHC-*Carmen Bevacqua,
Kirsten & Chris Darling

Altar Servers— Adam Strandburg, Jahzara Hunter
Greeters-Mary Creek, Arlene Molinaro

December 15th

8:00am Mary Donahue
(St Luke)

EMHC—Sandi Mineweaser
Usher—Doug & Diana Sandburg

10:45am Denise Pusateri

EMHC — *Barb & Bob Crowley
Claire Fanelli

Altar Servers—Liam Baldensberger, Hudson Snell
Greeters—Susan Olson, Sabina Snyder
DOG - Disciples of God Ministry—Noel

*Homebound Holy Communion

Movie Matinee

Join Jennifer this Monday, December 9th at 2pm for the Christmas movie, ***I Heard the Bells***. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Hope to see you there!



#iGiveCatholic: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the iGiveCatholic campaign for St. Joseph Parish and School. The parish received \$1900 in gifts for various ministries and the school \$2200. Your kindness is appreciated!

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, 12/8 (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	Second Sunday of Advent John & Martha Seleni by the Martin Family For the People of St Luke & St Joseph
Monday, 12/9 9:05am 5:30pm	The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Lucy Notoro by Family Rae Kujawa by Barb & Mike McAvoy
Tuesday, 12/10	Advent Weekday—Our Lady of Loreto Michael Kolos by Karen
Wednesday, 12/11	Advent Weekday— St. Damasus I, Pope Mark Cole by Barb & Mike McAvoy
Thursday, 12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Chuck Musante by Sr Rita Musante
Friday, 12/13	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Dominic & Patricia Fiem by Karen
Saturday, 12/14 (St Joseph)	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church For the People of St Luke & St Joseph
Sunday, 12/15 (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	Third Sunday of Advent Pat Cronmiller by Susan Cronmiller James & Josephine Puleo, Daughter, Jean Marie by Family

Advent Music Concert

Don't forget to join us for a wonderful afternoon of Advent worship music and singing this Sunday at 3:30pm. The ensemble of Anna, Joe, and Nathaniel from Titusville, will be at St. Joseph Church to share their gifts with us and are sure to elevate your Advent as we prepare for our Lord's coming. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

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 .

MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
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
Monday, Dec 9	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
9:05am	School Mass
4:00pm	Christmas Food Basket Committee Meeting
5:30pm	Mass
Tuesday, December 10	
9:00am	Daily Mass
4-5pm	St Joseph Soup Kitchen Take Out Dinners
Wednesday, December 11	
9:00am	Daily Mass
4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
4:35pm	SJCS Advisory Meeting
Thursday, December 12	
9:00am	Daily Mass
9:45am	Breakfast Brunch at the Peppermill
3:30pm	Rosary
6:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
Friday, December 13	
9:00am	Daily Mass
6:00pm	Cookies, Crafts, & Cocoa (Meyer Hall)
Saturday, December 14	
Noon	Wreaths Across America (St Joseph Cemetery)
4:30-5:15pm	Confessions at St Joseph Church
5:30pm	Mass
Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00am	Mass at St Luke
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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!

Breakfast Bunch— The Breakfast Bunch will meet at the Peppermill Restaurant, this Thursday at 9:45am. This group meets for fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come whenever you can.