

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11/30/2025

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am/Thursdays 7:00-7:45pm

****Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm**

Mass Intentions

12/01	Monday		NO MASS	
12/02	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Hermina Anhalt	Janie Calvert
12/03	Wednesday	8:00am	+James Nehus	Ray Sharum
12/04	Thursday		NO MASS	
12/05	Friday	8:00am	+Cliff Stanton	Joan Stanton
12/06	Saturday	4:00pm	+Bill Baltz	Bert & Mary Sullivan
12/07	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj
12/07	Sunday	6:00pm	+Mike Ahrns	Mary Martin

Feast Days this Week: 12/3 – St. Francis Xavier; 12/4 – St. John Damascene; 12/5 – (First Friday); 12/6 – St. Nicholas (First Saturday)

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SATURDAY, December 6: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: N&K Neumeier, Kurtis Simmons **Lector:** Sarah Simmons
Servers: L Rainwater, E&E Komp **Gifts:** J Schluterman, S Elsken
Ushers: B Sullivan, D Mauer, R Robberson, D Schmalz **Music:** Randy Edelhuber/Debbie Rainwater

SUNDAY, December 7: 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Kiefer, Betty Maddox, Lorraine Ezell **Lectors:** St. Joseph Students
Servers: Blaine Maddox, Noah Curtis, D Perreault **Gifts:** J&J Devine Family
Ushers: E Bauer, J Thias, D Wright, J Stanton **Music:** Leslie & School Students

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- Dec. 5:** Advent Friday Series begins! 6:00pm! (see below)
- Dec. 6/7:** Monthly Collection for St. Joseph School
Representatives from Bethlehem-Holyland will be here selling their olive wood religious products
- Dec. 8:** OCIA at 6:00 in the conference room
- Dec. 9:** Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30
Parish Council meeting at 6:00pm
- Dec. 10:** Religious Education & Confirmation at 6:00pm
- Dec. 11:** Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00
- Dec 13/14:** Collection for National Retirement Fund for Religious
4th Degree Knights of Columbus # 3084 meeting at Paris. Rosary at 4:00 with meeting to follow

DECEMBER IS THE FIRST MONTH OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

We begin the year in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child, pondering with wonder all that His birth signifies. Sacred Scripture tells us that the *sign* of the coming of the Savior is the Virgin (Isaiah 7:14). This Virgin is the Mother of God and the Ark of the New Covenant. As we consider the Blessed Virgin Mary and what manner of creature she must be – she carried the Infant Jesus in her womb – we are moved to love and venerate her as The Immaculate.

**THE FIRST EVENING OF OUR ADVENT SERIES IS THIS FRIDAY, DEC. 5, AT 6PM!!
Come, bring your family to start your Advent 2025 experience! Stay for a meal afterwards!**

MASSES MINISTERS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:00PM: **Eucharistic Ministers:** M Rainwater, N&K Neumeier
Servers: L Rainwater, E&E Komp **Lector:** Vicki Schneider **Gifts:** T&S Spivey
Ushers: J&H Komp, D Ullrich, R Robberson **Music:** B Ullrich & D Rainwater

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT 8:00AM

Eucharist: Deacon Tom, S Kiefer, L Ezell **Servers:** G Perreault, A Curtis, I Bradley
Lectors: J Mung, S Curtis, T Street **Music:** L Maddox, Ella Raper, J Hatcher
Gifts: F&V McGarrah, E Devine **Ushers:** D&R Rhineheart, D Wright, J Stanton

Community Outreach Services has asked St. Joseph Parish to provide **200 boxes of cereal** for their Christmas baskets again this year. If each family could provide two boxes, our goal would be reached. Please place it in the front of church in the usual place.

The Mother’s Society **Christmas Poinsettia Sale** is underway, with 32 plants for sale for \$20 each. To order, call or text Rita Rhineheart at 438-2803.

We welcome all visitors and invite newcomers to register at the church office where we would enjoy meeting you. If you regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph’s and are not yet a registered parishioner but would like to be, please

This is a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics.