

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT12/14/2025St. 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					
12/15	Monday		NO MASS		
12/16	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Dorothy Schneider	Kenneth & Lisa Vines	
12/17	Wednesday	8:00am	+Eileen Freeman	Carl & Jana Stengel	
12/18	Thursday	10:30am	+Raymond Bordenet	Phillip Lorenzo Family (Health & Rehab)	
12/19	Friday	8:00am	+Bill Anhalt	Ronnie & Joyce Koch	
12/20	Saturday	6:00pm	+Victor & Marietta Schneider	Family	
12/21	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj	

Feast Days this Week: None listed

SATURDAY, December 20: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Tom, Nick & Kim Neumeier

Servers: E&E Komp, Lainey Rainwater

Ushers: J Schluterman, S Elsen, J&H Komp

Lector: Randy Koch

Gifts: Jerry & Kim Swedeen

Music: Randy Edlhuber/Debbie Rainwater

SUNDAY, December 21: 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Tom, Racine & Mary Nehus

Servers: Blaine Maddox, Emmarae White, Ivan Bradley

Ushers: E Bauer, M Freeman, S Law, B Nehus

Lector: Jeff O’Neal

Gifts: Perreault Family

Music: Shana & Sydney White

DONUTS: Sharon

- Dec 13/14: Collection for National Retirement Fund for Religious; Mother’s Society meeting after 9:00 Mass  
4th Degree Knights of Columbus # 3084 meeting at Paris. Rosary at 4:00 with meeting to follow
- Dec. 15 OCIA at 6:00 in the conference room
- Dec. 16: Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30
- Dec. 17: No Religious Education or Confirmation classes over Christmas Break. Classes resume Jan. 7.
- Dec. 18: Mass at Paris Health & Rehab at 10:30. All are welcome.  
Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00
- Dec. 19: FRIDAY ADVENT SERIES, Part III, CHRISTMAS PARTY! (see paragraph below)
- Dec. 21: Put Christmas decorations up after 9:00 Mass
- Dec. 24/25: The collection at Christmas Masses benefits the Retired Clergy of our Diocese
- Dec. 31: Bunco Night, 6:30 in the hall

**ADVENT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**

On the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, **“REJOICE SUNDAY,”** the Church no longer invites the faithful to adore "The Lord who is to come" but calls upon them to worship and hail with **JOY** “The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand." The rose-colored vestments are a liturgical sign of our joy!!

**Today’s second collection benefits the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

This collection, set up in 1988, benefits those in religious orders, such as the Benedictines at Subiaco & Fort Smith, Franciscans, Dominicans, etc., to help them meet increasing eldercare expenses. For many years they worked in our schools and parishes for little or no compensation. *Your donations helps them age with dignity! Please be generous.*

**OUR FINAL ADVENT EVENT IS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.**

**A Children’s Christmas Pageant will be presented in the hall at 6pm,**

**followed by a parish-wide Christmas Party!!**

**Please come and bring a dish or snack to share! Drinks will be provided.**

(This pageant will replace the one previously held before 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.)

**The collection at Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses support the Clergy Welfare Fund,** which provides retirement & health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. These priests spend every day of their adult lives as our servants, doing God’s work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests’ retirement possible. 100% of donations for this special collection remain in our diocese.

**CEREAL WILL BE DELIVERED TO COS ON MONDAY!!**

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*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*

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*Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **The Christmas Program is Wednesday, Dec. 17, @ 6:30pm.** ALL ARE INVITED! The Student Council will have their annual **Bake Sale** with many delicious items for sale after the program.

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Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Gloria Tran/broken bone in her foot; Jack Williams/healing from toe amputations;

**Dec. 7 Collection:** Adult env (38) \$4538.22. Children: \$2. Loose: \$229. Total: \$4769.22. Candles: \$54. Mass: \$10.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Josh & Tracy Bradley and Dennis & Tammy Willmann (45 years!) and to Deacon Tom on his 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of ordination today!

Mary Sullivan, Katie Simmons, Sarah Simmons, Joan Stanton, Heather Stringer, Kim Swedeen, Nancy Teague, Helen Thias, Martha Ullrich, Beth Ullrich, Lisa Vines, Jo Watts, Sr. Judith Weaver, Tammy Willmann, Deanna Wright, Mary Frances Zeiler, Vicky Zeiler

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*“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8)*

Last week a little first grader (not Catholic) brought \$1 to weekday Mass because he'd seen the basket in front of the altar. After Mass his teacher let him put his dollar in the basket. *"A little child shall lead them."* (Isaiah 11:6)  
What a generous gift that was! Do we have the same joy in giving that this little boy had? Christmas is almost upon us. What attitude do **I** have about giving??  
*"The coming of the Lord is at hand."*

**ECHARIST:** Marcus Rainwater, Kurtis & Sarah Simmons  
**SERVERS:** Dominic & Gabriel Perreault, Drake Rhein  
**USHERS:** M&J Koehler, J&H Komp

**LECTOR:** Debbie Rainwater  
**MUSIC:** Shana White & Choir  
**GIFTS:** McGarrah Family

**EUCHARIST:** Deacon Tom, Ed & Martha Ullrich  
**SERVERS:** Volunteers  
**USHERS:** M Freeman, J Harrison, D&R Rhineheart

**LECTOR:** Janet Schluterman  
**MUSIC:** Randy, Beth, Leslie & girls  
**GIFTS:** Kenneth & Lisa Vines Family

**EUCHARIST:** Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Joey McGarrah      **LECTOR:** Jessie McGarrah

**SERVERS:** Blaine Maddox, Addie & Finn McGarrah  
**USHERS:** B Simon, D Ullrich, M&J Koehler

**MUSIC:** Randy and Beth  
**GIFTS:** Rob & Susan Cope Family