



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 11: † *Mikalena & Andrew Mazzulla* by Grandson, Gene
Sunday, Dec. 18: † *Katie, Gabe, and Carmie* by Family

MEMORIAL CANDLES DECEMBER 1-15:

Church Hall Sanctuary: *Charles & Connie Casper* by Lisa & Jack Houser
Chapel Sanctuary: *Juliann Thorson* by Lisa & Jack Houser
Blessed Mother - Chapel: *Joseph & Julia Intallura* by Lisa & Jack Houser
Saint Joseph - Chapel: *Special Intention*

LECTOR SCHEDULE		ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Dec. 11	A. Ross	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Dec. 18	P. Kowalski	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Sauter, John “Tink” Green, Sandy Francis, John Laubscher, Kay Hirlinger, Connie Shope, Deanna Dare, Donald Felty, Bill O’Neill, Karen Tomko Strobel, Susan Nelson, Thomas Packer, Bill Leary Jr., Melinda O’Neill-Lewis, Bart Pickering, Katherine Huggler, Gayle Jenkins, Elaine Charcalla, John Kapp, Ron J. Long, Rose Turnowchyk, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Gino Serafini, Terry O’Laughlin, Kevin Dwyer, Denise Colvin, Frank Morton, Sue Sette, Tom Allen, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, and Tom Daywalt

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Carol & Chris			
MONDAY: 12/12			
TUESDAY: 12/13	Communion Service	8:30 am	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 12/14			
THURSDAY: 12/15			
FRIDAY: 12/16	Communion Service	6:00 pm	Chapel
SATURDAY: 12/17			
SUNDAY: 12/18	CCD	10:30 am	Administration Building
	Mass	12 noon	Church Hall

WE MUST LEARN TO BE SILENT AND TO REST IN GOD.
-Cardinal Robert Sarah

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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Third Sunday in Advent



MASS TIME

Sunday: 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday by appt.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Josep Orr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Heiser.....*Deacon*
Alison Heiser.....*Secretary/DRE*
Louis Roteagliano... *Designer/Coordinator*
Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*
Matt Dorman.....*Parish Council*

SICK CALL

Please notify the office when a member of the parish is in the hospital or is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at home.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of God, work to spread the good news, reach out to the lapsed Catholics, and bring them back into the fold. We focus on being good examples of the Catholic Faith to our parish's youth. We will use prayer, education, hospitality, outreach, and stewardship to welcome all into our faith community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Tuesday/Thursday

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Please contact the parish office if you want to join the parish. Please remember to notify us if you are moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent, and treasure is essential for the common good.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize a Christmas flower in honor of a deceased loved one, please take note there is a special envelope in your offertory box. Extra envelopes will be provided in the Church Hall. Please return them by Sunday, December 19th in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

CHURCH PEWS

We would like to extend our immense gratitude to the following people for their generous decision to donate their pews back to the church: *Anna Knauff, Cathy Himmel, Susie Ransdorf, Pamela Gentzyel, Kevin Rauch (Post Office) and Jeanie Nestlerode*. You have no idea how important this measure is in our efforts to restore our church back to its original historic, spiritual, and architectural masterpiece. Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know has a pew (in any condition) and would like to be a part of this cause.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 14: at Christian Community, Pastor Colvin host, Deacon Dan Heiser preaching
December 21: at St. Joe’s, Dan Heiser host, Martha Sykes preaching
***Please note all services will be held at 7 pm**

SARRIS CANDY BAR SALE

We are getting low on our candy bars! They are on sale in the rectory or at the end of Mass in the Church Hall. All proceeds go to our Capital Campaign Fund. **So far, we’ve raised over \$1,900 in candy bar sales.** Thank you for all the support!

Join us in an excellent New Year’s resolution that will change your life – let’s read the entire Catechism in a year!

St. Joseph Parish is inviting our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using Fr. Mike Schmitz’s podcast, “The Catechism in a Year,” beginning January 1st. With this podcast, we won’t just read the Catechism in 365 days... this podcast will help us understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our daily lives!

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

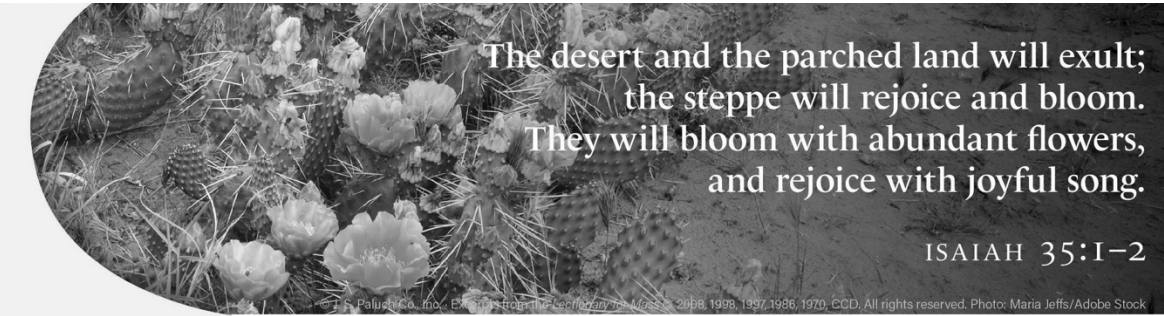
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THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent
December 11, 2022



GOOD NEWS

Good news is good news is . . . Today’s messages from Isaiah (prophetic ancestor of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth) and James (spiritual offspring of John and Jesus) both have messages that resonate across the five centuries that separate them: hope in the coming power and presence of God. Isaiah was attempting to comfort and encourage the people of Israel in geographic and spiritual exile. Their exile will end, Isaiah says, with God’s presence shown forth through spectacular occurrences in nature. James likewise has a community in need of encouragement and hope, since they despair over the delayed parousia, the final coming of God in glory. In the meantime, James urges patient endurance. Until Jesus returns, they ought to persist without complaint, with the lives of the prophets as their guide. Then will come the time of sight, and healing, and life and . . . Good News for the poor!

PATIENCE . . . NOW!

A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, “You can’t picture any of this, can you?” I couldn’t until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. “Tell John what you hear and see,” Jesus says to John’s disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and the bounty of our generous God are all around.

JUST IMAGINE

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today’s first reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God’s presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That’s easier said than done, isn’t it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patience means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breathe in the Spirit of God and say, “Give me patience, Lord.” Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at a garden won’t make a shoot spring up any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So be patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God’s beauty and bounty in our world today.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10
Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
James 5:7–10
Matthew 11:2–11

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Katherine Shearer* and *Lucy Janerella*, who have entered eternal life. May they rest in God’s peace and may the comfort of the Lord be with their family and friends.

GOOD NEWS

We’ve received good news concerning our Church Restoration Project. We have been told that a generous benefactor has left us a sizable bequest which will put us over our campaign goal and restore the funds that we took from other accounts for the restoration work on St Joseph church. We’ll make further details available to you once we know more and the gift has been deposited into our bank account.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Bucktail Area High school and Renovo Elementary are holding both an instrumental and a choral concert. The instrumental performance is on Thursday, 12/15, at 6 pm, and the choral performance is on Monday, 12/19, at 6:30 pm.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your new offertory envelopes will be on the side tables in the Church Hall starting next week, Dec. 18th. Please pick yours up and your neighbors or friends if they cannot make it to the Church Hall. Please contact the parish office if you do not see a box with your name. Thank you!



Saturday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 PM – St. Joseph, Renovo

7:00 PM – St. Agnes

10:00 PM – Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:30AM – St. Agnes

12:00 Noon – St. Joseph, Renovo

✝ Our Gifts to God ✝
Sunday Offering: Dec. 4, 2022

Regular Collection	\$1,443.00
Monthly	225.00
Children	<u>3.00</u>
	\$1,671.00

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	66
Families:	208

•Flower Money: \$347 •Votive: \$31 •Immaculate Conception: \$10

Thank you for being good stewards.

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners listed below. We are grateful to you for answering the call and making self-sacrificial commitments to the campaign. So far, with all the pledges and donations we have received, we are up to \$83,229. (as of 12/08)

James & Anna Knauff, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Lydia Heiser, Knights of Columbus, Barbara Mills, Charles Lackey, Angela Lavelle, Mrs. W. K Penton, Catherine Himmel, William & Marcia Mainguth, Barbara Mastriana, Pat & Marcia Clemente, James Patrick Kelley, Paul & Grace Maxwell, Patrick Smith, Maurice Kelley, Tom & Terrie Kerstetter, Ron & Cathy Dremel, Keith & Patricia Wilson, Jeanette Morton, Ruby Prebble, Angeline Fedele, Ann Fedele, Margaret Sutliff, Teresa Fedele, Sue Allen, Marjorie & Vincent Massaro, Susan Smith, Terrie Buranosky, Carol Coover, Pam & Carl Gentzyel, George B. Simon, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Kenneth & Carol Reber, Robert & Patricia Jones, John & Susan Sette, Shirley Kisko, Sharon Krauss, Bob & Chris Huff, Ann Greene, Dcn Chip & Connie Young, David Drabic, Theresa O’Donnell, Judy Kurutz, Chuck & Nancy Swanson, Jeanette Summerson, Mike Tomko, Deborah Pedokus, Janet Stone, Sarah Graw, George & Sandy Machak, Helen Green, John & Mary Ann Tarantella, Jen Pick, Mary, Steve, & Teresa Stone, Tarantella’s Sudsy Pup, Hanobic Family, Lisa & Jack Houser, Mary Ann Kennis, Peter & Claire Wickershaw, Jim Miller, Heiser Family, Mary & Steve Rathmell, Paul & Joan Filbin, April & Mike Smith and family, Barbara Newlen, Jim & Sue Morgan and family, Tom & Ann Tarantella, George “Mike” & Michele Simon, Gloria Renehan, Barb & Mike Fedele, Pattie Rauch, Mary & Dick Adams, and Bob & Lisa Houser, Kevin and Rosie Dwyer + 5 anonymous donors

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following donations towards our Capital Campaign. In Loving Memory of..

- *Budd Hallberg by The Lavelle Family (\$50)*
- *The Fourney Family by Betty Peterson (\$1,000)*
- *Jim Costulas by Dorothy, Diane, & George (\$200)*

CAR RAFFLE

Our car raffle tickets would make great Christmas gifts for everyone on your Christmas list. We have Christmas cards available to purchase for 50¢ to include with your raffle tickets to give as a gift or stocking stuffers.

WELCOME
Welcome to all, especially visitors and guests, who have come to worship in our Church today
No matter how long you plan to be in the neighborhood, please consider St. Joseph’s your parish home.
Call the parish office, 570-923-0172, to schedule an appointment with Father Orr to register.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross
Friday:	<i>Las Posadas</i> begins

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today’s Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John’s disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah’s prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God’s mercy and peace. Jesus’ response to the disciples’ question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady’s identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop’s request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter’s cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary’s image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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