



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 15: † *Michael Probst* – Family
Sunday, Jan. 22: † *Helen Fortson* – Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Jan 15	12 noon	C. DeMarte	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Jan 22	12 noon	A. Lavelle	

MEMORIAL CANDLES JANUARY 1:15: In Loving Memory

Church Hall Sanctuary: *Charles “Bud” Hallberg*
Chapel Sanctuary: *Kathryn Shearer*
Blessed Mother - Chapel: *Special Intention*
Saint Joseph - Chapel: *Special Intention*



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: Mary, Ann, and Lewie			
MONDAY: 01/09			
TUESDAY: 01/10	Communion Service	8:30 AM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY: 01/11			
THURSDAY: 01/12			
FRIDAY: 01/13	Communion Service	6:00 PM	Chapel
SATURDAY: 01/14			
SUNDAY: 01/15	CCD	10:30 AM	Administration Building
	Mass	12 noon	Church

“Love forgives many mistakes, while hatred imagines mistakes even where they do not exist...” -St John Chrysostom

January 08, 2023

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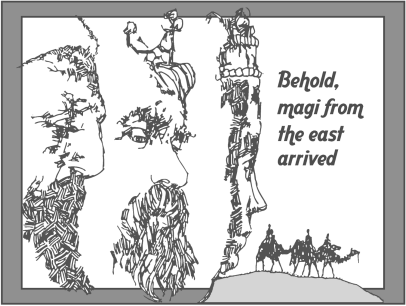
SICK CALL

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

COMMUNION SERVICES

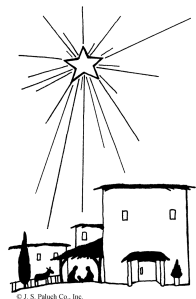
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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.



HOME BLESSING - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family. Come to our home and make us a holy family. As the Magi offered their gifts in adoration, may we offer our lives as gifts in your humble service. Bless this doorway to our home. (Holy water may be sprinkled.) Bless our comings and our goings. May all who enter here be met with love and respect. (Now trace over the doorway with chalk 20 + C + M + B + 22 for the Year of Our Lord and initials of the traditional names of the 3 kings: Casper, Melchior and Baltasar.) Open wide the door of our home and our hearts to welcome

You, Lord Jesus. Fill this place, and us, with your light and your peace. And after daily welcoming you among us all our lives on earth, may you in turn open wide for us the door to eternal life. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.



CHURCH PEWS

We want 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 Gentzel, Kevin Rauch (Post Office), Jeanie Nestlerode, Connie Tarantella, and Sue Smith.*** You have no idea how important this measure is in our efforts to restore our church to its original historical, spiritual, and architectural masterpiece. Don't hesitate to 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.

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The 2023 Lector Workbooks have arrived and are in the sacristy. Thank you for your service.

WOMEN ONLY!

An invitation to pursue holiness through growing in virtue and your own feminine genius!

A women's Magnify 90 prayer group will soon be at Immaculate Conception Church. It will run from January 9th until Easter. Please, contact Lisa if you're interested {304-709-4419}. If you have a friend with whom you wish to share this experience, invite them to join with you.

*Magnify 90 is a feminine spirituality journey that relies on our commitment to striving daily to empty ourselves of worldly desires, so that the joy of God's life within our souls fills us to the point of agape love for others. Check out the website at www.mag90.com

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY DUES

Altar & Rosary Society is now collecting dues for 2023. We are always looking for new members; men and women are invited to join for \$10 a year. You can mail your dues to the parish office, drop them off during office hours, or put them in the collection basket at Mass.

UPCOMING MEETINGS : Jan. 18 : Cemetery Committee at 5 pm / Liturgy Comm. at 6 pm
Jan. 25: Finance Council at 6 pm



If you would like to take home a poinsettia that has decorated our church for Christmas, you are welcome to do so after any Mass next Sunday, Jan. 15.

In Memoriam

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Compliments of J.S. Paluch Company

January 2, 2023, marked Father Orr's 41st Anniversary in the Priesthood. I recently found this article that I thought was very fitting. God bless you, Father!

Black-Clad Lives Matter

By Elizabeth A. Mitchell, December 26, 2022, thecatholicthing.org

We sit in the back of the church, ruminating over our grocery list, our weekend plans, the discussion we just had with a coworker. The bells ring twice. The Mass begins. We clear our minds and hear the Word, drifting in and out of the sermon being preached. We chuckle at the joke and consider the exhortation. Then we circle back to hear God's call upon our lives and contemplate a change. We gaze ahead again to see the elevated Host. *Domine, non sum dignus*. Our lives are offered up to Him before our eyes. *Domine, non sum dignus*. The priest bows low and genuflects in adoration. *Domine, non sum dignus*.



We slowly come forward and receive Our Lord. Heaven upon our tongue, grace within our souls. Like the pagan kings who have encountered Christ, we return “to our places, these Kingdoms / But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods” (“Journey of the Magi,” T.S. Eliot). We have been changed.

The Mass concludes. *Salve Regina*. We sit alone once more.

All this transpires, as we have watched the veil of Heaven lifted and replaced. Heaven touches earth. How? Through the black-clad life before us. The priest in his self-offering. He is, it seems, transparent. He has opened the portal to the eternal for us, stood upon the threshold, and closed it once again. He goes upon his way. Did we notice?

Adoration may begin when Mass concludes. “*O Salutaris Hostia*.” Our Lord is placed before our hearts, to worship Him. How? Through the black-clad life before us.

We shuffle to the Confessional line, which stretches out along the road to Jericho. The portal of Heaven now opens with mercy for our sins. We speak to Christ of all our failings, and He consoles our hearts. We speak our penitence and absolution washes over us. “Go and sin no more.” How? Through the black-clad life that steps aside, allowing Christ to bind our wounds and make us whole again.

And who are these black-clad men? These warriors of grace, who flit in and out of our sacramental lives so seemingly unseen? Seamlessly, yes. But effortlessly? No. To be grace for us, their lives must be a constant sacrificial offering. Hidden, and often unacknowledged.

Despite all the failures we read of these days among priests and bishops, there they are, the faithful ones, where we least expect. They choose to wear their clerics on the plane, knowing that they may encounter both welcome and disdain. They walk down the street, Rosary in hand, knowing they present both a target for attack and a conduit of grace. They step into our hospital room unannounced to minister to our broken lives. Offering the sacraments, offering hope, reminding us that He is there.

Black-Clad Lives Matter Contd.

A young Mexican priest who had become a chaplain in Rome to an order of Italian nuns recently told me that at home, in the neighborhoods of drug cartels, he walks in his clerics openly, fearing no reprisal, his black cloth acting as both shield and fortress. In Rome, he rarely goes out black-clad, for fear of spittle and rebuke. His call? A call of hope from John Paul II, in a half-remembered age. Another time. Another Church. And as he lit up with love in the remembrance, he turned a wistful gaze away. A tear welled in his eye. I thanked him for his answer to the Lord. I told him that he mattered.

So, to you, black-clad men of our Church, we proclaim that you matter. Not with a mere slogan, but with genuine gratitude from those you have been called to serve.



Without you, consecrated priests, nothing. No Mass. No Eucharist. No absolution. No anointing. If you disappeared, we would be left to our lack, our poverty, our desert. You bring streams into the dry land and light where shadows reign. And to do so, you must fight many days against voices of doubt and mockery. Does it matter? This sacrifice I made? Does anyone see my exhaustion, my insecurity, my hopes, my fears, my overwhelming desire to serve Our Lord, to be His hands and feet, His heart?

Yes, dear priest! We see you. In our hearts, we hold you. Your existence comforts us, as we walk the path of life. You will be there when sickness strikes, when joyful milestones come, when death looms large. You will be there in the daily evening Mass when monotony is broken by eternity. You will be there in our school, making an impression only you can make upon young hearts. You will be there because Christ is there. And where you walk, He walks. You bring Him to earth for us and allow us to encounter Him. He needs you. In your transparency before us, you are Christ. In your silent service, you are Christ. In your voice of prayer, He prays.

And so, we thank you. For all the unspoken sacrifices, we thank you. For all the outpouring of love, we thank you. For all the polishing of brass and silver, arranging of the Nativity, lighting of the candles, sweeping of the corners, raising of the Host, we thank you.

You console your busy bishops. You offer prayer that rises like incense to God. You inspire the next generation of irreplaceable vocations. You are a brotherhood of heroes. Your black-clad lives matter.

You are “chosen from among mortals” and “put in charge of things pertaining to God” on our behalf. (Hebrews 5:1) And what you do, we cannot do. What you are, we are not. Through you, He makes “a way in the wilderness” of our lives and outpours “streams in the wasteland” of our wandering age. (Isaiah 43:19)

You “must be called by God for this work.” (Hebrews 5:4) Thank you for answering His call.

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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	First Week in Ordinary
Time begins	
Friday:	St. Hilary
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary;
Julian Calendar New Year	

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph’s perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi’s insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God’s plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God’s eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God’s love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God’s love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphan-izing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn’t believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God’s love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another’s boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.
—Old Hindu prover

† Our Gifts to God †
Sunday Offering: Jan. 1, 2023

Regular Collection	\$904.00
Monthly	305.00
Children	.00
	<u>\$1,209.00</u>

• CHRISTMAS: \$110

• INITIAL OFFERING: \$66

• NEW YEARS: \$307

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	80
Families:	208

Thank you for being good stewards.

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

We want to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.. We are almost there!! 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 that have come in, we are up to \$92,734. (as of 12/21)

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 Mastriania, 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, Valerie Kahley, Dolores Gregory, Ronald & Susan Ransdorf, Jim & Patty Cozzi, Margaret McCool, Stephen Adams, Ardell Gross, Nea & Jenna Brown, Dennis Manno, Russell Johnson, and Vince & Deb Tarantella, Susan & Michael Klimkos Dave Drabic + 5 anonymous donors

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Saint Joseph received the following donations towards our Capital Campaign.In Loving Memory of ***C.F. Maxwell and M/M Charles W. Maxwell*** by C.W. Maxwell (\$100)

TAX STATEMENTS

Anyone that receives envelopes and would like a 2022 tax statement can request it by calling the parish office or making note of it on your offertory envelope. A word of profound prayerful gratitude for the outstanding generosity of the vast majority of parishioners of Saint Joseph.