

First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2016

ST. JOSEPH'S



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1 ADVENT



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Sunday Mass Schedule

Lord's Day

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

Holy Day..... flexible schedule—see bulletin

New Parishioners and Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the parish, please contact the office so we may greet you properly. There are also Welcome Packets available in the Gathering Space.

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We Keep Advent

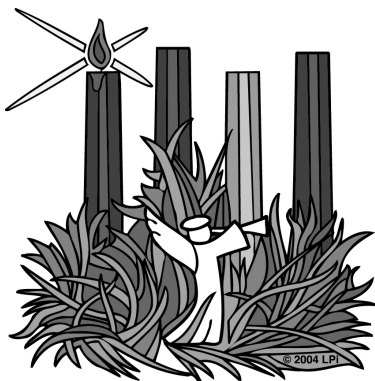
The slow sailing of the Earth around its star brings another winter. An old hymn sings our impatience:

How long, dear Savior, O how long,
shall this, thine hour delay?
Fly swift around, ye wheels of time,
and bring the promised day.

We wait for Christmas. Yet even more, the church looks forward to that promised day when Christ will return and time will end. But in all the anticipation and preparation, let's not overlook the present moment, this holy time of Advent. We keep Advent now until sunset on December 24.

The word *advent* is from a Latin word for "coming." We remember Christ's first coming at Bethlehem, and we "wait in joyful hope" for Christ to return in glory. John of Damascus (who died in the early 8th century) wrote this prayer: "You have taken me captive with longing for you, O Christ, and have transformed me with your divine love. Burn up my sins with the fire of your Spirit and count me worthy to take my fill of delight in you, that, dancing with joy, I may magnify your two comings."

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Stewardship & Administration

Parish Finance Council

Ron Lind (Chair), George Anichini, Dan Lamar, Jon Lehmkuhler, Michelle Marietta, Ron Morelock, Jeff Newman, Michele Thomas

Financial Stewardship

Last Week Envelopes	\$6,146.00
Electronic Giving	2,649.00
Youth Envelopes	3.00
Last Week Loose.....	394.03
Total	\$9,192.03

Weekly Budget.....\$9,900.00

YTD Weekly Collection Budget \$455,400.00

YTD Weekly Collection Actual..... \$457,511.05

Campaign for Human Development.\$1,857.75

Thanks for your good stewardship.



Stewardship of Our Youth

My good deed was....

"I helped mom and dad trim the shrubs." - *Graham & Burke*

"My sister and I made dinner for my mom! We love her." - *Ava*

Stewardship Prayer Corner

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for his coming.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contribution to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

St. Joseph Christmas Fund

If you would like to donate money for the St. Joseph Christmas Fund to help needy parish families during the Christmas holiday, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Fund" in the collection basket.

Fruitful Harvest 2016

Thank you to all those who have returned their Fruitful Harvest pledge cards. To date your pledges total \$196,460.00. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so by Wednesday, November 30, 2016 by mailing it to the Parish Office or placing it in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to "Fruitful Harvest". Your support means a great deal to our parish, diocese and universal church.

Parish Winter Closings

When Lebanon Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will be closed. If a Boone County Winter Snow Emergency is declared, all parish liturgies and activities (including Mass) will be cancelled. Parish closings will be announced on the local ABC, CBS, and NBC networks.

Formation

Religious Education

Preschool - 5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:40 am

November 27 No Class Thanksgiving Break

First Sacrament Class

November 30 6:00 pm in Parish Hall

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays from 9:30-10:40 am in the St. Aloysius Room

November 27 No Class Thanksgiving Break

LIFE TEEN High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the St. Gregory Room

November 27 No Class Thanksgiving Break

December 4 Who is Mary

Confirmation Session begins with 11:00 am Mass and will continue in the St. Gregory the Great Room from 12:00-2:00 pm

December 11 The Beginning and the End



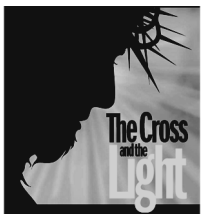
Adult Formation

Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

Come and See" Inquiry into the Catholic Faith

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How does the Catholic Church help people to follow Jesus in everyday life? Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our faith community...or would you just like to ask some questions? Then you are invited to "come and see" inquiry into the Catholic faith, which is held in the St. Aloysius Room on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. For more information, you may call the Parish Office (765-482-5558).

The Cross and the Light



The parishes of the Carmel Deanery are hosting a powerful, modern, musical performance of the Passion of Christ on March 10-12, 2017 at Carmel High School for five performances. Teens from St. Joseph's who wish to attend National Catholic Youth Conference will benefit from each ticket sold from our parish. Video clips are available by searching Cross and the Light.

Tickets are \$20 and \$25 per person and \$175

VIP tickets that include post-performance gathering with the cast at Agave restaurant and a framed print. Contact Norma in the Parish Office for more information.

Milkshakes on Monday

Teens in the parish will be discussing the Gospel over milkshakes on Monday, November 28. All high school and middle school teens are invited to come. Bring a friend. Lite conversation with a heavy dessert! Hope you can join us from 7:00-8:00 pm in the St. Gregory the Great Room. Enter through the Parish Office doors.

First Sacraments Parent Meeting

There will be a First Sacraments parent meeting on Monday, December 5 beginning at 6:00 pm while the students have class. This meeting will provide information regarding First Reconciliation which students will celebrate for the first time on Saturday, December 10.



Outreach

Pro-Life Corner

Please pray the following prayer every day for an end to abortion and for the unborn babies...*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

-Prayer of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Pro-Life Notes

"Abortion is not a sign that women are free, but a sign that they are desperate." *Frederica Mathewes-Green*

Post-Abortion Healing & Reconciliation

Project Rachael, a post-abortion healing ministry, offers confidential and skilled help. Call 1-877-522-3300.

Did You Know?

There are several people who go each Friday to abortion clinics to pray? If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the Parish Office.

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Distribution

During Advent and through the month of December, St Vincent de Paul will be collecting HATS, GLOVES and BLANKETS. These items may be placed in the collection box in the Gathering Space. The next food distribution is Saturday, December 3. Volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to all those who make the food distributions possible.

Parish Life

Women's Club Advent Dinner

If you have made a reservation for the Women's Club Advent Dinner on November 30 and need to cancel, your cancellation must be made to the Parish Office no later than November 29. If you do not cancel prior to this date you will be responsible for the cost of your meal.

St. Nicholas Celebration

Come and celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Mark and Becky Scheller's barn, 1255 W 300 S, Lebanon. The evening will include a bon fire, hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, crafts, a movie, and an appearance from St. Nicholas. Join us for a barn load of fun! Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, December 2.

First Friday Breakfast

All are invited to the First Friday pitch-in breakfast on Friday, December 2 after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

Come join us on December 12 to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Parish Hall following Mass at 6:00 pm. We will have an authentic Mexican meal prepared by the families of the parish along with games for the children.



Congratulations to
Floyd and Betty Bruder
who celebrate their 60th Wedding
Anniversary on November 27, 2016
and to
Benny and Madonna Campbell
who celebrated their 60th Wedding
Anniversary on November 25, 2016.

Worship

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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This Week in the Parish

Monday, November 28

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
 6:00 pm Mass for †Wilma Hall (St. Joseph Parish)
 7:00 pm Milkshakes on Monday in the St. Gregory Room
 7:00 pm "Come & See" Inquiry in St. Aloysius Room
 7:00 pm Young Adults in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
 10:00 am Mass for †Andrius Dargis (A Simonaitis)
 1:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room

Wednesday, November 30 • Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
 12:00 pm Mass for Fr. Andrew Dudzinski (K Metzger)
 Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 3:00 pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass
 6:00 pm First Sacrament Class in Parish Hall
 6:30 pm Women's Club Advent Dinner at Ulen Country Club

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
 10:00 am Mass for †Bill Erickson (A & A Lenerville)
 Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in St. Cecilia Room

Friday, December 2

7:00 am Rosary followed by Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Mass for John McCall (St Joseph Parish)
 9:00 am First Friday Breakfast in Parish Hall

Saturday, December 3 • Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 am Mass for Novena Intentions (Legion of Mary)
 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution in Parish Hall
 4:00 pm Rosary
 4:30 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass for St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, December 4 • Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Jennifer Deickmann (M & B Scheller)
 9:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in St. Cecilia Room
 9:30 am Religious Education in Classrooms
 9:30 am Middle School Youth Ministry in St. Aloysius Room
 9:30 am Adult Faith Formation in Sr. Mary Ignatia Room
 9:30 am RCIA in St. Gregory the Great Room
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal in St. Cecilia Room
 11:00 am Lord's Day Mass for †Wyatt Rawlings (K Eigenbrod)
 6:00 pm Life Teen in St. Gregory Room
 Dismissal Catechist: Bonnie Hoffman & Lona Lucas

Worship

Pray For... Celeste Trippel, Walt Mayfield, Bill Trimble, Martha Christine Trimble, Luke Rose, Taylor Neilson, Tom Mrozinski, Tara Kelley, Martha Endres-Jackman, Gary Davis, Tyler Hornbeck & Family



...parishioners and their loved ones who are serving in the military, law enforcement & emergency personnel ...

If you have someone you would like the parish to pray for, please ask for their permission, and then contact the Parish Office or place a note in the collection basket. We will include their name in this box for a period of one month.

If a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 482-5558 to arrange for Communion to be brought to them. Thank you.

Advent Penance Services in the Area

All Penance services begin at 7:00 pm unless noted.

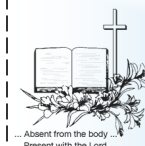
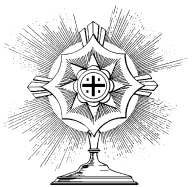
December 1	St. Alphonsus, Zionsville
December 5	Holy Spirit, Fishers
December 5	Sacred Heart, Cicero
December 13	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel
December 14	St. John the Baptist, Tipton at 2:00 pm
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December 14	St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
December 19	St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers
December 20	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
December 21	Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
December 22	St. Joseph, Lebanon
December 22	St. John Vianney, Fishers

Altar Linen Ministry

The Altar Linen Ministry is looking for individual(s) who are able to assist in laundering, folding and ironing the linens used by the priest and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Training in the procedures for washing and ironing are provided. This is a perfect ministry of service for those who cannot attend regular meetings but wish to offer their service for the benefit of the liturgy. Those individual(s) who hold an understanding and appreciation for the importance of adhering to accepted practices in properly preparing the altar linens for use in our liturgies are welcome. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Judy Mrozinski.

Come Let Us Adore Him!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month beginning at 9:00 pm until 8:00 am the following Saturday. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Alison Krebs at 317-625-0565 or alisoncnypl@aol.com. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration!" (St. John Paul II)



... Absent from the body
Present with the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lawrence Smith, cousin of Linda Williamson, who passed away on November 16, 2016. May he rest in peace and may his family and loved ones be comforted during this difficult time.