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St. John Paul II Catholic Church
December 9, 2018

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 9

7:45am Mass-St. Joe Hill Chapel
9:30am Mass-St. Joe Hill Chapel
11:15am Mass-St. Paul Chapel
6:30pm Religious Education-SJH Campus
*Mass-time nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word
available at 9:30a and 11:15a Masses.*

Monday, December 10

8:30pm Communion Service-St. Paul Chapel
6:30pm Matthew Bible Study-SJH Campus

Tuesday, December 11

6:30pm Mass-St. Joe Hill Chapel
7:00pm Cenacles of Life-St. Joe Hill Chapel
7:00pm RCIA-SJH Campus
Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7pm-St. Joe Hill Chapel

Wednesday, December 12

8:30am Mass-St. Paul Chapel
11:00am Senior Lunch-SJH Campus
6:00pm Choir Practice-SJH Campus
6:30pm New Church Design Team-SJH Campus

Thursday, December 13

8:30am Mass-St. Paul Chapel
9:00am Pickleball-SJH Campus Gym
9:00am Quilters-SJH Campus
7:00pm Men's club-SJH Campus

Friday, December 14

11:15am Confessions-St. Joe Hill Chapel
12:00pm Mass-St. Joe Hill Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration ends at 12pm-St. Joe Hill Chapel

Saturday, December 15

3:15pm Confessions-St. Paul Chapel
4:00pm Mass-St. Paul Chapel



St. Joe Hill Chapel
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(812) 246-2512



St. Paul Chapel
216 Schellers Avenue
Sellersburg, IN 47172
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Mission Statement:
*Building God's
Kingdom by growing
disciples & making
disciples through love
of God & neighbor.*



Website: stjohnpaulparish.org
Facebook: St. John Paul II Parish
Bulletin Deadline: Mondays 9am;
Email bulletin@stjohnpaulparish.org,
or call either parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Monday, December 10

8:30am COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 11 *St. Damasus I*

6:30pm Arleen Sylvester

Wednesday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30am Carl 'Buzz' Waiz, Jim Waiz

Thursday, December 13 *St. Lucy*

8:30am Michael Popp

Friday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross*

12:00pm Betty Popp

Saturday, December 15

4:00pm Albert McCartin, Rita & Dick Schroder

Sunday, December 16 *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:45am Eddie Missi, Willett Lee

9:30am Chuck Craft, Don Townsend

11:15am Alleen & Everett Allen, Mark & Edna Graf

Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6

Questions to Ponder:

1. Has there been a time in your life when you strayed from the path of faith or took a "crooked" path?
2. How has your faith put you back on the path in difficult times?
3. Advent is a time of preparing our hearts and homes for Jesus. Does Advent help you prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in your life? Is Christmas a time of renewal of your faith or just a time of gift giving and celebration?

The family of Mary Jane Kruer would like to sincerely thank Fr. Tom, the choir, servers and everyone who had a hand in preparing the delicious meal. We thank you.

Jerry & Brenda Kruer



Sellersburg/Speed



Cereal & Oatmeal
(regular & sugar-free)



Holiday Calendar



December 19	Parish Penance Service	6:30p	St. Paul
December 23	Decorate Chapels	10:30a	St. Joe
		12:15p	St. Paul
December 24	Christmas (Vigil)	4:00p	St. Paul
		6:00p	St. Joe
December 25*	Christmas	12:00a	St. Joe
		10:00a	St. Paul
December 31	Mother of God (Vigil)	5:30p	St. Joe
January 1*	Mother of God	10:00a	St. Paul

Dear parish family,

Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe that we've already arrived at the second week of Advent. Christmas is just 16 days away, and 2018 is coming to a close. But, what a great year it has been! I have so many blessings to give thanks to God for this year.

My biggest blessing is Michael of course – he is already 6 ½ months old and getting so big, weighing in at over 17 pounds and about 28 inches long! All those sleepless nights are worth it for another moment to hold him. He has a beautiful smile and the cutest giggle. Babies really are a miracle, and it is such a joy to watch him discover the world, figure things out, and try new foods!



What blessings come to mind when you recall 2018? I hope that you will take the time to think of yours and thank God for them. Amongst the blessings, hardships come to mind as well. But when do those turn out to be a blessing in disguise? Or help us grow closer to God by walking with him on our journey?

I hold you all in my prayers during the remainder of 2018. May the Christmas season bring you joy and many blessings!

Kristina Seipel
Director of Religious Ed.

Please remember in your prayers:

Ruth Adams, Janet Austin, Norma Balentine, Paula Bouvier, Edwin 'Gene' Brown, Walter Brumleve, Jr., Jon Church, Margaret Davis, Virginia H. Davis, Suzanne Doerr, Viola Eckert, Spencer Emily, Roy & Sharon Everitt, Mark Fraley, Tim Geswein, David Graf, Mary-Margaret Grimes, Jim & Rose Hardy, Allan Hinton, Anna Mae Hinton, Mike Hurley, Dean Hoffman, Eugene Holkamp, Norma Holkamp, Kevin Kirchgessner, Flora Kukla, Joseph F. Kukla II, Ralph Lilly, John Lozier, Baby Kenneth Lozon, Rhett Luecke, Carrie Majors, Aria Mae Maples, Michael McKinley, Monroe McRichie, Chuck Mensching, Ruth Missi, Iliad Mullins, Mary Noonan, Vicky Pair, George & Mary Jean Popp, Jim Popp, Margie Rauck, Mike Rauck, Wilma Rauck, Florence Renn, Charlie Rothbauer, Libby Rothbauer, Marcella Rumpel, Jane Sistrunk, Wilma Smith, Matthew Thacker, Jackson Thomas, Midge Tiller, Angela Tribbey, Dot Triplett, James David Turk, Claude Vest, Gerri Vest-Wade, Larry Vornholt, Rowena Wanninger, Ruth Ann Warth, John Wiesecka, Steve Williams, Aline Wright, Mary Wright

Bold=New

Your Gifts to God and Parish:

Bulletin Collection Totals for 11-25-18

Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 20,813
Collection November 25, 2018:	\$ 26,349
Over/(Under):	\$ 5,536
YTD Budgeted:	\$ 457,886
YTD Actual:	\$ 439,855
YTD Over/(Under):	\$ (18,031)

November Outreach Collection:

Christian Service Commission 25%	\$ 915.03
St. Vincent DePaul 25%	\$ 915.03
Billboards for Life 50%	\$ 1,830.05

Rosary for Healing and Hope

Join us **Sunday, December 16th at 6:30pm** to pray a Scriptural Rosary at the St. Joe Hill Chapel. Prayers are offered for those who are sick or in need of healing.



Registration Deadline...December 14, 2018

Attend the 2019 Annual March for Life in Washington, DC with the New Albany Deanery on January 17-20, 2019. Rally with over 400,000 other pro-life advocates in our nation's capital. To learn more, call Chris at New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries 812-923-8355 ext. 102 or email: chris@nadyouth.org



UNIQUE
FROM DAY ONE

At the first of the year we will be adding a section to the bulletin requesting prayers for active military. If you have a friend or relative currently serving, please submit his/her name to Joan at bulletin@stjohnpaulparish.org.



Weekend of December 15/16, 2018

Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	CLOW	Greeter
Saturday 4:00pm <i>St. Paul Chapel</i>	Joe Leon * Mary Leon Mike Waiz Dana Schowe Betty Rohleder Nick Rohleder Mary Jo Trester	Joan Hurley Don Day	H Gettelfinger John Green Denis Eickholtz Bill Jones	Nya Thurman Audrey Tanner	Dana Schowe	Bunky Very		Tyler Upton Mary Sullivan
Sunday 7:45am <i>St. Joe Hill Chapel</i>	Mary Eurton* Justin Burke** Connie Lewellyn Jim Eurton	April Smith	Larry Osborne Bev. Osborne Jim Eurton Mark Burgin	Emmalee Martin Lydia Cosper Bob McKinley	Benita Pate	Justin Burke		Suzi and Bentley Bruner
Sunday 9:30am <i>St. Joe Hill Chapel</i>	Maurice Popp* Barbara Kemp** Lelia Popp Michele Ashby Ray Helms Patty Hendricks	John Frossard George Bowles	John Austin Mike Higdon Mark Higdon Charles Church	Reubin LaMaster Matt Wetzell Sam Bowles	Linda Helms	Mag Young	Mickey Hicks Joe Lynch	Ushers
Sunday 11:15am <i>St. Paul Chapel</i>	Tim Manning* Tony Tichy Karen Ehalt Lana Watson Donna Deely Suzanne Corum Lora Aria	Karen Powell Vince Thacker	Tony Marino Debbie Marino Dusty Corum Tom Renn Jennifer Renn Jack Slater	Sophia Watson Lily Geifer Ruby Dunn Peyton Lacy	Vince Thacker	Gerri Vest-Wade	Suzanne Corum Melissa Tichy	Janelle Lewis Famiy

* Tabernacle **Choir/Handicap



St. John Paul II Catholic Church



Did you know the Sellersburg Food Pantry has a companion group that provides hot meals to over 50 people every week in the same location? The cooking arm of the pantry called the **Faith Kitchen**



"NO ONE GOES HUNGRY"

Faith Kitchen

Kitchen is in need of help on Tuesdays from 10:30am-1:30pm. If you have a gift for cooking or a passion for serving and hospitality, this volunteer position may be for you. To find out more, contact Beverly Flavell at 812-748-7020. Training is provided. Come share your gifts with the hungry in our community, located at the Speed Memorial Church.

Retrouvaille of Louisville is hosting a Retrouvaille Weekend for your marriage - February 15-17, 2019. Give your marriage one more chance. This weekend will provide a set of tools that can save your marriage. Call 502-479-3329; email: 3012@retrouvaille.org; or visit the website: www.helpourmarriage.org for more information.



Father Tom's Top 7 Tips for selling raffle tickets...

1. Keep tickets with you (especially when you are going to be with a group of people).
2. Offer the tickets and emphasize all the chances to win - 5 early bird drawings before the grand prize drawing. (These are an easy ticket to sell when you explain all the chances of winning.)
3. If you own or operate a business (beauty salon, store of some kind, etc.) place the tickets where customers can see them.
4. Take them with you for Christmas gatherings and invite people to look at them (sometimes just seeing them is enough).
5. Give them as Christmas gifts or New Year's Gifts, or Valentine's Day or Easter, or the 2nd Wednesday of Each Month gift.
6. Email the flier to everyone on your email contact list. Flier can be downloaded from parish website.
7. Emphasize the stained glass windows and how these windows will help us create a beautiful worship space at JP II.

Beginning January, 2019

The Holy Family Tool Box

Sponsored by
St. John Paul II Spiritual Life Commission

*A New Concept To An Existing Devotional
With A TWIST!!!*



Allowing **YOU!** An opportunity to strengthen your prayer life with **"TOOLS"** for **"GROWING AND DEVELOPING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST"**.

There are four tool boxes, one for checking-out at each scheduled Mass time. These tool boxes have compartments that include "tools" which may be used for prayer time with your family, e.g., a Bible, journal, rosary, coloring pages, etc. Something for all ages!

Signups this weekend and next.
Families may take the box home for one-week intervals.





ST. JOHN PAUL II PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Preschool & Child Care has been providing quality child care and education since 1988. The programs are designed to stimulate the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual developmental needs of each individual child.

**3, 4, & 5 Year Old Preschool
Full & Part-time Child Care
Before & After School Care
Summer Care for Ages 3-12**

All preschool-age children enrolled in the daycare attend preschool classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. After school care is available for children who attend St. John Paul II Elementary, Silver Creek Elementary, and Silver Creek Primary.

For more information on our programs or to set up a tour, contact the Preschool & Child Care Director, Ruth Lile 812-246-5890 or rlile@stjohnpaulparish.org.

The preschoolers at St. John Paul II Preschool and Child Care are most thankful for their new playground.



YEAH!



Be part of the fun and make a difference...

SJPII Preschool & Childcare is looking for a dedicated childcare professional to work Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm. Must be at least 15 years old. If interested, call the childcare office at 812-246-5890 or email Ruth Lile at rlile@stjohnpaulparish.org



ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence FOUR STAR SCHOOL



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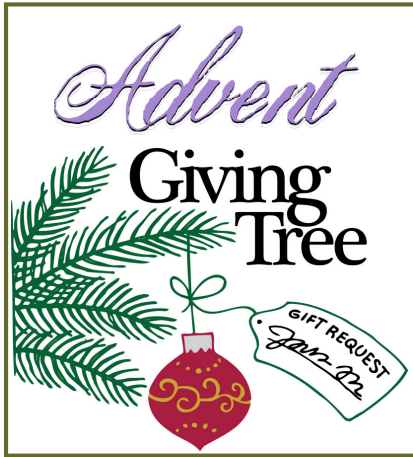
Sellersburg, IN 47172

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**Providence High School provided
a performance by the
Providence Singers/Popcorn
Players.
JPII students enjoyed!**



Grades 9-12: Our Lady of Providence Senior High School (providencehigh.net)



Reminder:
Please return
any tags with
the gifts to
church by this
Sunday,
December 9th
and place them
under the tree.
Thank you for
your support
this season!

Prepare the Way: Advent Online

Join your fellow parishioners on formed.org this Advent! All you need is a free formed.org account. Register at stjohnpaulparish.formed.org. Log in and click on the Community tab to get started. There you will find the *Prepare the Way: Advent Online Group*. Click on the session drop down box to get started and select session two during this second week of Advent.



Also on Formed.org for Advent - On the Community Page, there is a Small Group Video Study - Check it out with your small group, family, or friends!



St. John Paul II Parish and the Parishioners of Sellersburg United Methodist Church invite you to a "Longest Night" Prayer Service. This service will be hosted by St. John Paul II Parish at the St. Paul Chapel, 216 Schellers Ave. Sellersburg at 7:00 p.m. on December 20, 2018.

Christmas is not always experienced as a season of joy. For many, Christmas is a bittersweet time. The constant refrain we hear about getting together with family reminds many people of what and who they have lost, or what they never had. The anguish of lost or broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation- all these can make us feel very much alone in the midst of this festive season.

The Longest Night is a service of scripture, special music, silent reflection and healing prayer. Through this service, we hope to create a space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, and to know that we are not alone. We need to know God's presence during this season. So on the longest night, we invite you to experience a meditative worship service that takes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. God's Word comes to shine light in our darkness. Everyone is welcome.



Breakfast with Santa was a huge hit. The Hunt family spent some time sharing their wish list with Santa.

Thanks to all of the volunteers.
See you next year!

**Santa
and
Baby
Jesus**



Sacraments & Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Typically celebrated at weekend Masses. A Baptism Preparation Session is required for parents. ***The next session will be the first of the year. Watch the bulletin for dates.***

Confessions: Available Friday mornings at 11:15am at the St. Joe Hill Chapel and Saturdays at 4:15pm at the St. Paul Chapel. You may also contact Fr. Tom at 812-246-2512 to schedule an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact Fr. Tom at 812-246-2512 at least six months prior to planned wedding date. The marriage preparation process will be explained at that time.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are aware of an upcoming medical event for which you would like this sacrament, you may contact Fr. Tom to schedule the sacrament at 812-246-2512. In case of an emergency, contact Fr. Tom at 502-553-3770.

Confirmation: Preparation can begin upon completion of eighth grade or anytime throughout high school; more information is available on the parish website or contact Dawn Schepers. For adults interested in Confirmation, contact Kristina Seipel.

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