

# Joy

## Gaudete Sunday

### St. John Paul II Catholic Church December 16, 2018

#### ***This Week in Our Parish***

##### **Sunday, December 16**

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  
6:30pm Healing Rosary-St. Joe Hill Chapel, p3  
*Mass-time nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word  
available at 9:30a and 11:15a Masses.*

##### **Monday, December 17**

8:30pm Communion Service-St. Paul Chapel

##### **Tuesday, December 18**

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

##### **Wednesday, December 19**

8:30am Mass-St. Paul Chapel  
9:00am Prayer Blanket Ministry-SJH Campus  
6:00pm Choir Practice-SJH Campus  
6:30pm Parish Penance Service-St. Paul Chapel

##### **Thursday, December 20**

8:30am Mass-St. Paul Chapel  
9:00am Pickleball-SJH Campus Gym  
9:00am Quilters-SJH Campus  
6:30pm Spiritual Life-SJH Campus  
6:30pm Finance Committee-SJH Campus  
7:00pm Longest Night Prayer Service-St. Paul Chapel, p6

##### **Friday, December 21**

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 22**

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

Chapel Decorating: Sunday, December 23  
10:30am St. Joe Hill Chapel / 12:15pm St. Paul Chapel



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St. Paul Chapel  
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or call either parish office.

**Mission Statement:**  
Building God's  
Kingdom by growing  
disciples & making  
disciples through love of  
God & neighbor.



## Mass Intentions for the Week:

### Monday, December 17

8:30am COMMUNION SERVICE

### Tuesday, December 18

6:30pm Jacob Trulock

### Wednesday, December 19

8:30am Elmer & Regina Kleehammer

### Thursday, December 20

8:30am Parishioners of St. John Paul II

### Friday, December 21

12:00pm Jim Waiz

### Saturday, December 22

4:00pm Al & Michael Kamer, Alberta McCartin

### Sunday, December 23 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:45am Joe Whalen, Ted Graf

9:30am Stanley Renn, Alfred & Clarissa Popp

11:15am Cletus & Mary Friedman, Clyde & Elsie Baumann

## Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 3: 10-18

This week we see John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. The gospel writer tells us that he preached the good news of Jesus' coming. Advent is our opportunity to prepare the way for Jesus to come into our lives as we "clean up our act" in preparation for Christmas.

### Questions to Ponder:

1. Share an Advent ritual or practice that has been special to you.
2. Is outreach to the needy part of your Advent planning as you prepare for your Christmas celebration? What things do you and your family do for others at this time of year?
3. What do you see offered in our parish that can help you make Advent and Christmas a spiritual blessing? Spiritual reading material, acts of charity, increased opportunities for worship, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

## Sellersburg/Speed



## Canned Fruit

## 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 St. John Paul II Parishioner,

Waiting is not something that any of us are accustomed to anymore. We live in a world of fast food, express lanes, and instant access to entertainment and information at our fingertips. Have a question? No need to wait--Just ask Siri or Alexa!

Multi-tasking seems to be a necessity. Some of you now may be reading this bulletin on a mobile device while doing something else. We feel the need to not have any down time. While standing in line at the grocery we may be tracking a last minute Christmas gift package, and replying to a text or an email on our phones.

The message of the Advent Season is about waiting and focusing on one thing—preparing our hearts for Jesus. Of course the month of December is a flurry of activity in an elementary school, but we have worked very hard to help our students slow down during the Advent Season and focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus. All students have been engaged in age appropriate Advent prayers and art. As a school we participated in collecting toys for children in Appalachia, and several classes adopted angels from the Giving Tree.

Each year the JP II third graders retell the story of the First Christmas at the grade 3-5 Christmas program. What a privilege for our students to be able to share their faith with all of our families at this special event. It is always a touching moment when the angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus.

JP II's version of an Elf on a Shelf is Noel, our Advent Elf. Noel surprises us each morning by appearing throughout the school as a reminder to be especially kind to one another and to keep the focus of the season on the birth of the Christ Child. She has been spotted reading a book about the First Christmas, sitting in a classroom Advent wreath, and holding baby Jesus. We enjoy those daily reminders of the Advent message Noel provides. I have even had a grandparent ask me "Where is Noel today?"

Of course, our daily Religion lessons and homilies at Mass all assist in keeping the Advent focus. Father Tom explained the Advent message so well at the Mass attended by the school students by telling the children that Advent is a time of "Already", and "Not Yet". The teachers have done an excellent job of continuing this conversation in the classroom even with our youngest students.

The season of Advent is one of the many times of the school year that the faculty and staff at JP II are so pleased to be able to partner with parents to reinforce the important messages and values that are taught at home. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to continue the important mission of our Catholic school thanks to the support of all of the JP II Parishioners.

May you and yours experience the joy and peace of Christmas!

Karen Haas  
Principal





### 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, **John 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, **Anna Whalen**, John Wieseke, Steve Williams, Aline Wright, Mary Wright

**Bold=New**

### Rosary for Healing and Hope

Join us **this 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.



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](mailto:bulletin@stjohnpaulparish.org).



### Your Gifts to God and Parish:

Bulletin Collection Totals for 12-2-18

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Weekly:             | \$ 20,813   |
| Collection December 2, 2018: | \$ 15,189   |
| Over/(Under):                | \$ (5,624)  |
| YTD Budgeted:                | \$ 478,699  |
| YTD Actual:                  | \$ 455,044  |
| YTD Over/(Under):            | \$ (23,655) |

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Pledged:             | \$ 6,730,417.69 |
| Collected Last Month:      | \$ 111,054.05   |
| Cash Collected to Date:    | \$ 2,708,993.72 |
| Gifts in Kind (GIK)        | \$ 545,000.00   |
| Total Cash & GIK to Date:  | \$ 3,253,993.72 |
| Percent Collected to Date: | <b>48%</b>      |



No Religious Ed, Mass-time nursery or CLOW December 23rd and 30th. These ministries will resume Sunday, January 6th.

**Merry Christmas!**



### Weekend of December 22/23, 2018

| Time   | Eucharistic Ministers  | Lectors                            | Ushers  | Servers   | Sacristan     | Rosary Leader | CLOW           | Greeter                     |
|--|--|------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 4:00pm</b><br><i>St. Paul Chapel</i>   | Francis Conroy*<br>Mary Conroy<br>Jane Graf<br>Barbara Keehn<br>Dana Schowe<br>Debbie Williams                   | Wayne Rieger                       | Steve Niese<br>Sharon Turk<br>A. Williams<br>Judy Mindel                | Tara Chisman<br>Wyatt Chisman   | Doug Ward     |               |                | Debbie and Anthony Williams |
| <b>Sunday 7:45am</b><br><i>St. Joe Hill Chapel</i> | Cathy Thomas*<br>Amanda Sumpter**<br>Mary Jo Davis<br>Tiffany Frey   | Dale Samples                       | John Groan<br>Ryan Frey<br>Larry Osborne<br>Bev Osborne                 | Anderson Frey<br>Joseph Renners<br>Eli Graf                             | Becky Graf    | Linda Jolly   |                | Todd and Eileen Burrous     |
| <b>Sunday 9:30am</b><br><i>St. Joe Hill Chapel</i> | Katie Kruer*<br>Jean Strenk**<br>Karen Strenk<br>Andrew Strenk<br>Becky Kruer<br>Linda Helms                     | Elizabeth and Todd Wetzel          | Sean Wetzel<br>Larry Paris<br>David Block<br>Jason Huff                 | Nathan Austin<br>Katie Austin<br>Rob. Baquerizo                         | Michele Ashby | Michele Ashby | <b>NO CLOW</b> | Ushers<br>Beverly Flick     |
| <b>Sunday 11:15am</b><br><i>St. Paul Chapel</i>    | Stacy Richardson*<br>Chris Rosio<br>Mike Landers<br>Alicia McAfee<br>Mike Hayden<br>Sally Hayden<br>Amy Campbell | Sharon Miller<br><br>Mary Ann Arms | Tim Manning<br>Brian La-Master<br>Teri Popp<br>Kenny Popp<br>David Dunn | Blake Richardson<br>Chase Richardson<br>Lucas Campbell<br>Alex LaMaster | Chris Rosio   | Mike Landers  | <b>NO CLOW</b> | Matt and Andrea Snyder      |

\* 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.

**We Need You...**  
to help decorate the  
chapels for Christmas.  
Join us on Sunday,  
December 23rd after  
the 9:30am (St. Joe)  
and 11:15am (St. Paul)  
Masses.



## 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 (hair 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
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](mailto:rlile@stjohnpaulparish.org).

Mrs. Nickles' Class enjoyed the bus ride and the show at Derby Dinner.



*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](mailto:rlile@stjohnpaulparish.org)



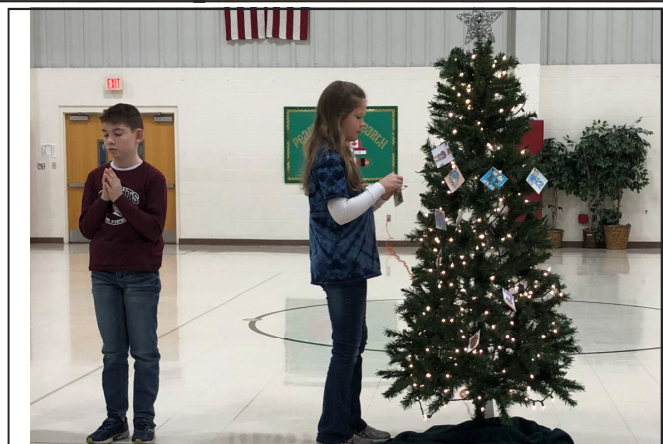
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## Mrs. Rauck's Fourth grade class demonstrated the meaning behind a Jesse Tree



**Grades 9-12: Our Lady of Providence Senior High School ([providencehigh.net](http://providencehigh.net))**





The family of Mary Ellen Ward would like to thank our entire church family at St John Paul II and especially Fr Tom, the choir, servers and ministers for the beautiful service. Thank you ladies for preparing the wonderful lunch for us. Also a special thank you to Joan and Joel for the beautiful special song, something we will never, ever forget. What an awesome parish we have.

Doug Ward and Family

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Advent Tree this holiday season. The response was overwhelming. It took three cars to haul packages from the St. Joe Hill Campus to St. Paul for distribution.

May the recipients of these gifts be blessed by your generosity.

**Merry Christmas!**



### **Name Tag Sundays Beginning Soon**

Did you know that nearly 1300 families are members of our church family? With our continuously growing parish it's hard to know everyone's name. What better way to do this than to have a regular name tag Sunday so we can easily learn the names of guests and parishioners alike. We may sit next to the same folks week after week and never had the opportunity to ask their names, but now we can. On nametag Sundays, name-tags will be available for you to complete on your way in the door and wear throughout mass. Before we know it, our parish will be a place "where everybody knows your name."

### **Prayer Partners during Mass**

Beginning this Christmas, we are going to start a new tradition at St. John Paul II to offer up prayers for those beside us in the pews during mass. Each week at the beginning of mass, we will ask you to introduce yourself to someone seated near you. Then you will have the opportunity to pray for this person by name throughout the mass. Not only will this give us the opportunity to learn the names of our fellow parishioners and visitors, but we will also be able to pray for them and their intentions. We all come to mass with some prayer intention on our hearts. How great that someone else is praying for what is important to us as well! You don't have to share what that intention is specifically, but another person will be praying along with you for what is weighing on your heart. What a blessing!



# The Longest Night

A SERVICE OF LIGHT IN  
THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

**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.**

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. Everyone is welcome.

### **THE "O" ANTIPHONS--An Ancient Tradition**

The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are prayed immediately before the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. Each antiphon begins with the exclamation "O", thus earning their popular name the "O Antiphons." They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, from Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Vespers of the Christmas Vigil.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/the-o-antiphons-an-ancient-advent-tradition>



O Wisdom  
O Lord of Israel,  
O Root of Jesse  
O Key of David  
O Radiant Dawn  
O King of All Nations  
O Emmanuel

## ***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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