

# Welcome to St. Joseph!



If you are new to our Church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like to join our parish, registration forms are available in the Gathering Space, parish office, or by visiting St. Joseph's website at [stjosephnorthbend.com](http://stjosephnorthbend.com).

**Hearing Devices are available for hearing impaired.**

*(Please return used device after Mass to the lower basket to be sanitized. Please take the earpiece home with you as it can be used again.)*

## Around our Parish

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve Masses

3:00pm, 4:45pm, & 10:30pm

#### Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am (Note new Mass time) & 10:30am

*Please Note:* Parish Office will be closed December 24, & 25, and 1/2 day on December 31st. Closed January 1st, 2020, and will reopen Monday, January 4th.

**We need Ministers for all Masses!**

Sign-up boards will be in the Gathering Space.



**St. Joseph Prayer Chain** – If you know of someone who needs or wants to be on the Prayer Chain, please have a **family member** call the parish office or Elaine Mack at 941-3499.



**Contributions for 2020** - Please note: Contributions for the 2020 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Thursday, December 31, 2020, in order for them to be deductible for tax year 2020. Thank you for your support of St. Joseph Church!

**2020 Contribution Record** - If you are interested in receiving a statement of your 2020 Contributions from St. Joseph Church, please drop the envelope found in the back of your church envelope box in the collection basket or call the Parish Office to request a copy of your record. Statements will be mailed out after all posting is finished for 2020.

**Support the Retirement Fund for Religious** - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide for the elderly religious. Thank you for your generosity!

**TRAM Food Pantry Items of the Month** - The items of the month for December are Shampoo and Conditioner. Please place in the TRAM cabinet in the Gathering Space. Monetary donations are appreciated as well. Thank you.



### Throughout this Holiday Season

#### **Please pray for:**

Thomas A. Bell, James R. Lamping, Emily Patrick, Brian Reising, Noah Oser, Kyle W. Wolfe, David DiGiovanni, & all men and women serving our nation in the armed forces.

If you are aware of other parishioners serving, please notify the parish office at 941-3661.



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



## Mass Times during Inclement Weather

In order to keep you and our community safe during severe winter weather, we will cancel our weekday Masses whenever the Three River school system is canceled. The Parish Office will open on a delayed status. All meetings and planned activities MAY be canceled as well. Please call the Parish Office at 941-3661 the day of the meeting for updated information.

Unless there is a Level 3 Snow Emergency, the weekend liturgies will take place as usual.

## In the Neighborhood

**THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO ADVENT**-The 2020 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, events for families, movie and music recommendations and more. It's interactive, with links to click, gifts to buy, coloring pages to print and prayers to pray. Please visit [thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide](http://thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide) to get the guide delivered to you free via email.



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**MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
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### SPRING REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Is it finally time to prepare yourself to serve as a lay leader in the parish? Whether you are interested in preparing for the Diaconate, working at a social service agency, parish, hospital, school, or want to become better informed about the Catholic Faith, we can help! The School of Theology offers M.A. degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Biblical Studies and Theology and Certificates in Pastoral Ministry and Catholic Studies. Graduate & certificate courses are offered at the main campus, 6616 Beechmont Avenue in Cincinnati. Take class for credit, audit or begin a degree.

Visit our website [athenaeum.edu](http://athenaeum.edu) and call or email today to learn more. Barbara Yoder, [byoder@athenaeum.edu](mailto:byoder@athenaeum.edu), 513.233.6129 or 513.231.1200. *Helping parish lay leaders become equipped for the journey of faith since 1975.*

## Stewardship & the Word

### Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today's readings -the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist -seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?



## Vocation Views

Rejoice always! Our Savior is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul. (1 Thes 5:16)

## Sunday Readings

**December 20, 2020**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Luke 1:26-38**

[www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/adults.htm](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/adults.htm)

## Stewardship of Treasure

**Weekly Collection  
Weekly Goal \$12,000.00**

Offertory, November 22, 2020	\$ 14,807.00
On line Donations	\$ 2,643.50
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 17,450.57</b>

Offertory, November 29, 2020	\$ 5,058.00
On line Donations	\$ 1,903.50
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,961.50</b>

Offertory, December 6, 2020	\$ 10,830.00
On line Donations	\$ 3,773.50
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 14,603.50</b>

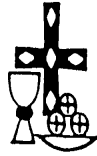
### THANK YOU!

4th Quarter Split the Pot Winner Share: \$2,090  
5200 Club \$100 Winner for December 6, 2020: **Raymond Wellbrock**

### Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you age 70 ½ and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to the church. QCD will satisfy your annual contribution requirement and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support the church or your favorite charity. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your tax advisor (we cannot give specific tax advice).

## Mass Intentions



### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020:

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Parish

11:00a.m. Mary White (Family)

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Bob Hesse (Mick & Mary Jo Brady)

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Bob Schmidt (Rose Menke)

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 2020**

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#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

8:00a.m. Patricia Schneider –Birthday Remembrance  
(William Schneider)

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Claire Gerwin (Tom & Peggy Korte)

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020**

4:30 p.m. Arlene Stuntebeck (Family)

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Joe and Margie Wenck (Nancy Ruprecht)

11:00 a.m. Parish

## Minister's Schedule

### FOR DECEMBER 19TH AND 20TH:

#### **4:30 P.M. MASS**

**Lectors:** Fran Romweber, Carolyn-Meyer Hughes

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers:** Karen Long

**Co-Ord:** Mary Carol Davis

**Ushers:** Paul Beck, Bill Masterson

**Servers:** Bonnie Pflum, Volunteer, Volunteer

#### **8:30 A.M. MASS**

**Lectors:** Steve Kruse, Janet Leonhardt

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers:** Dan Warnock

**Co-Ord:** Tom Walter

**Ushers:** Rose Smith, Les Wilson

**Servers:** Anthony & Tommy Longano, Marci Voss

#### **11:00 A.M. MASS**

**Lectors:** Lynn Hericks, Bruce Tumlin

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers:** Joe Bredestege

**Co-Ord:** Marion Merten

**Ushers:** Ben Staubach, Bob Kirch

**Servers:** Jacob Taylor, Hayden Vollrath, Volunteer

## Parish Calendar

**Sun., December 13:** Third Sunday of Advent  
8:30 am Mass, 9:30 am 2nd GR and Confirmation  
Sacramental Prep, 11:00 am Mass, 11:00 am PREP  
(CCD), Giving Tree gifts due

**Mon., December 14:** 8:00 am Mass

**Tues., December 15:** 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Advent  
Prayer Group

**Wed., December 16:** 8:00 am Mass Live-Stream,  
6:30 pm Confirmation Sacramental Prep

**Thurs., December 17:** 8:00am Mass, 8:45 am Rosary  
Prayer Group

**Fri., December 18:** 8:00 am Mass, 8:30 am Rosary

**Sat., December 19:** Fourth Sunday Of Advent  
4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream

## Looking Ahead

**Sun., December 20:** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
8:30 am Mass

**Mon., December 21:** 8:00 am Mass

**Tues., December 22:** 8:00 am Mass, 8:45 am Advent  
Prayer Group

**Wed., December 23:** 8:00 am Mass Live-Stream

**Thurs., December 24:** Christmas Eve 3:00 pm Mass,  
4:45 pm Mass, 10:30 pm Mass

**Fri., December 25:** Christmas Day 8:00 am Mass,  
10:30 am Mass

**Sat., December 26:** 4:30 pm Mass, Live-Stream



# God Is Good All the Time

## Third Sunday of Advent

Mrs. Beth Scholl, D.R.E.



### Gospel Reflection

**GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Last Sunday, Luke introduced us to John the Baptist. This Sunday, John the Evangelist contrasts the role of John the Baptist with the mission of Jesus. John the Evangelist is writing to a community, some of whom still believe that John the Baptist is the Messiah. John the Evangelist wants his people to be very clear that John the Baptist's ministry is temporary and subordinate to that of Christ's. John is a witness to the Light. Jesus is the Light. Three times John says: "I am not the Light." When asked who he is, John replies: "I am a voice pointing people to Jesus who is the Light." The "Jerusalem Jews" (some Pharisees who came in delegations to question Jesus) are the ones who constantly prefer the darkness to the light. They do not recognize Christ in their midst. Ascensioncatholic.net



### *"Gaudete" Sunday*

*The third Sunday of Advent is rose (pink) because pink symbolizes joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here. When parents get ready to bring a new baby home, they typically paint the baby's room pink or blue. They do this out of joy for to baby's arrival. In the same way, the priest wears pink and we light a pink candle to represent the joy we feel to welcome the infant Jesus at Christmas, but also with the expectation of the Second coming of our Lord, when the Kingdom of God will reign with all who recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior.*

### **3 WAYS TO PRACTICE ADVENT JOY**

- *Today is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, and yet there are people all around us who are depressed. Do a random act of kindness to bring joy to someone today!*
- *Bring more awareness of this "Joyful" Sunday into your home. Light the first three candles on your Advent wreath. Read Isaiah 65:17-19 and Matthew 2:1-12, and then reflect and share with members of your family. Lastly, listen to **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**, from the St. Olaf Massed Choir and Orchestra on YouTube.*
- *Pray the Holy Rosary, using the Joyful Mysteries. Although Mary and Joseph had doubtful moments about becoming parents to bring Jesus into the world, contemplate the joy they anticipated above all!*

Technology and especially social media cause me much stress as I try to see how they are worthwhile. I have fought them from the beginning, seeing all the pain and evil that is brought into this world through this medium. However, I have been taken out of my comfort zone (slowly) to utilize the wonderful stories and communication that can be shared for Good. I encourage to watch the following YouTube selections with your family:

- For **adults/older children** especially: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm6WJEmvrTg>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7MZ23Y9JtY>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SA-gx-PWB0A&t=240s>
- For **Kids**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pxPAIw2abo>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKpFoMaQSgE>

God bless all of you as we begin this Third Sunday of Advent, looking forward to the arrival of our savior, Jesus Christ!



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

December 24

(NO 8 A.M. Mass)

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

3:00 P.M.

4:45 P.M.

10:30 P.M.

December 25

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:00 A.M. (Note new Mass time)

10:30 A.M.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26/27

Regular Mass Schedule

December 31

8:00 A.M. Mass

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31

4:30 P.M. Mass (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, January 1

10:30 A.M. Mass (A Holy Day of Obligation)

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 2/3

Regular Mass Schedule-

Epiphany procession of Three Kings with  
Children @ 11:00 A.M. Mass

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9/10

Regular Mass Schedule-

With Renewal of Baptismal Promises

***\*\*Due to Covid-19, dates and activities are subject to change. Please watch for updated communications from Father Umberg or Parish Office.***



## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30pm • Sunday 8:30am, 11am

Weekdays 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am and 7pm

### Parish Office

Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm M-TH 8:30am-12:30pm FRI

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StJosephNorthBend](http://www.facebook.com/StJosephNorthBend)

Bulletin Deadline: 10 days prior to publish date

## Sacraments

**Confession:** Saturdays @4:00 pm in Seton Room

### Baptism:

All parents are required to go through the Parish Baptismal Preparation Class. Parents may choose to participate before or after the birth of their child. To register, please contact Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate.

### RCIA:

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please contact Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate.

### Sacrament of the Sick:

Notify the Parish Office or Fr. Umberg for anointing of the sick, communion to the sick, shut-ins, or when in the hospital or nursing home.

### Matrimony:

One of the engaged, or his/her parents, must be registered & an active parishioner at least 6 months prior to scheduling a wedding. Call or email Marti Barnes, Pastoral Associate, to make an appointment with Fr. Umberg at least six months in advance of the wedding.

## St. Vincent de Paul

For Financial and Emergency Assistance  
please call 513-913-2787

## Parish Staff

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