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St. Joseph Parish

157 Lucinda Lane
Watervliet, MI 49098
269-463-5470

Mass Times

Weekdays:

Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri
9:00am

Weekends:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, & 11:00am

Confessions:

Friday 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

Parish Priest:

Fr. Patrick Craig x200

Parish Secretary:

Kate Buckner x100

Director of Religious Education:

Ursula Larsen

Director of Music:

Megan Mocca

Parish Office Hours:

Monday 11:00am-3:30pm
Tues-Fri 8:00am-3:30pm
269-463-5470

Sacrament of Anointing of the sick:

This sacrament is available upon request for those who are facing a serious or terminal illness, if having surgery or for the elderly. Additionally you can notify us if home Communion service or a hospital visit is needed.

Sacrament of Marriage:

If you are planning on getting married here at St. Joseph Parish, a period of six months is required for marriage preparation or one year if there was a previous marriage. A date for the wedding will only be confirmed after a meeting with the Priest. A Couples Weekend Retreat and attendance at a Natural Family Planning class are a part of the preparation for the sacrament.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually scheduled during a weekend mass. Parents are expected to attend a baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. At least one God Parent must be a Catholic in good standing.

Please contact the parish office at 463-5470 to arrange for these sacraments.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Mark 1:3

Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 9,

5:00 p.m. Mass

Vigil Second Sunday of Advent

Georgianna Conrad
(Req. by the Family)

Sunday, Dec. 10,

8:30 a.m. Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

+Alice Kobetz
(Req. by The Family)

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Susan Stewart
(Req. by The Family)

Monday Dec. 11,

9:00am Mass

+Deceased members of the KC Ladies Aux.
(Req. by K.C. Ladies)

Tuesday Dec. 12,

9:00am Mass

+Christopher Sineni
(Req. by Marie Sineni)

Wednesday Dec. 13,

9:00am Mass

+Evelyn Marvin
(Req. by the Family)

Friday Dec. 15,

9:00am Mass

+Bill Siewert
(Req. by Elenora Siewert)

Saturday, Dec. 16,

3:30 –4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass

Vigil Third Sunday of Advent

Joseph R. Farone
(Req. by Joseph R. Faraone)

Sunday, Dec. 17,

8:30 a.m. Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Ted & John Kolenko
(Req. by Joyce Kolenko)

Please Pray

Tadeuz Arent	Ken Stewart
Tim Abler	Arthur Haynes
Jack Hunt	Teresa Kolenko
Tom Kolenko	Janice McMahon
Christine Woodward Rivers	

Please see the Parish Sustaining Prayer List posted in the Church above the Book of Needs.

Server Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017

5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector:

Theresa Bjes

Extraordinary Ministers: Kim LaSata

Ursula Larsen

Cathy Wheeler

Servers:

Ray Trujillo

Clair LaSata

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector:

Mary White

Extraordinary Ministers: Pat Snow

Mary Ann Moser

Paul Nickels

Penny Kosick-Hanks

Sue Nilson

Servers:

Josie Balkin

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector:

Maureen Saltzman

Extraordinary Ministers: Tina Johnson

Rollie Hutchins

Kathleen Walter

Servers:

Angel Willett

Alonzo Herrera



Parish Stewardship

Registered Families.....353
Envelopes Received.....117
11/25/2017-11/26/2017

Gifts From Parishioners\$4174.00
Gifts From Visitors\$20.00
Gifts From Children.....\$1.00
Loose Cash\$326.00
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION:.....\$4,521.00

Our Weekly Budget.....\$5,000.00
Received to Date\$116,302.11
Budget Year to Date
Week 23.....\$115,000.00
(July-June Fiscal Year)

Repairs & Improvements.....\$122.00

Thank You!

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

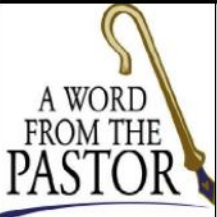


2017
Bishop's Annual Appeal

Bishop's Annual Appeal

179 of 354 registered families in our parish have pledged \$44,928.00 to our 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. With 49.5% of families participating, and our parish goal of \$53,413.00 we are currently at 84% of that goal. We are anticipating reaching our goal this year so if you have not pledged or contributed yet, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Remember, no gift is too large or too small. With your participation we can reach our goal! Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Dear people of the parishes,

It's the Second week of advent already. I hope that all your preparations for Christmas are underway, especially the Spiritual preparation. There are Confessions at St. Bernard church this afternoon (December 10) at 3pm There will be a communal penance service on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm at St. Joseph Church Downtown.

Funeral services for Albert (Buddy) Rybarczyk begin with visitation at Starks Funeral Home from 2:00pm to 5:00pm this afternoon. I will lead a vigil service at 5pm. The Mass of Christian burial will be Monday December 11 at 1pm. Full military rites will accompany the rites. Bud's remains will be buried at Resurrection cemetery, our parish cemetery, on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. It's been over 73 years since he was killed in action during WW II. Please continue to support his sister, Sr. Mary Ann, and their family. At last, Bud will be Home for Christmas. May he rest in peace.

This week there are two Christmas programs at LMC elementary school.. The programs are on Tuesday, December 12 at 630pm (Lower Elementary) and Wednesday, December 13 at 630pm for the upper elementary. I am looking forward to attending (and participating.)

On December 14-15, I'll be in Southern Indiana. My college friend, Bp Joseph Siegel will be installed as 6th bishop of Evansville. He has been a priest of the Joliet Diocese since 1988 and has served as auxiliary Bishop for 8 years. Please pray for Bishop Siegel and his new Diocese.

Lastly, my annual rectory open house at downtown St Joseph is Thursday December 21 from 3:00 to 6:00pm. All are welcome. Please gather at the LMC middle/high cafeteria for refreshments and music. Groups of 10-12 will be brought to the rectory at 10-15 minute intervals. It's my joy to share my Christmas decorations.

Sincerely, Fr. Bob



Help Decorate Our Church!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday December 17th after the 11am mass, everyone is welcome so please mark your calendars and plan on helping out!

Blood Drive this week!



The Knights will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday December 14, 2017 from 12:00pm to 5:45pm at 7454 Paw Paw Avenue in Watervliet. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org sponsor code: kofc or call 1-800-733-2767.



Christmas Food Basket Outreach

Do you know a family in need? We will once again be putting together food baskets for needy families. If you know someone who is in need please call the parish office 463-5470 with their name and phone number to get them on the list. Pick up time and date will be announced later.

At this time we are also taking increased food and monetary donations to help purchase turkeys, hams and fresh produce.

Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket with a note designating it is for Christmas food baskets.

CAN YOU HELP?

We will be packing Christmas food baskets on Saturday morning Dec. 16th at 9am in the Parish Admin. Bldg.. Please make some time to help.

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C will meet at 7 pm. on Monday, Dec. 18. There will be a short meeting after which the officers will be hostesses at our Christmas party. Please bring a \$5. wrapped gift to be used as a prize.

Due to a decrease in membership, we will not be having our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale this year.

Thank you for your past support.

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers in memory of someone, in thanksgiving of someone or to just help decorate the church, you will find envelopes at the end of the pews to place an order.

1 plant = \$15

2 plants = \$14 each

3 or more plants = \$13 each

If possible please place orders by December 10th.

Andrews Community Counseling Center Andrews University

Depression, unresolved grief, marital or other problems? Andrews Community Counseling Center offers counseling to individuals, families, couples and groups free of charge for a wide range of issues.

You will be seen by a professionally trained graduate student supervised by a licensed professional. Please call to make a confidential appointment and experience the joy of positive change.
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Flowers In Front of the Blessed Mother



The flowers in front of the Blessed Mother this week are offered in memory of Susan Stewart as requested by the family.

Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of:

Joseph, Marie, Christopher Sineni

John & Milla Huscher

John R. & George Huscher

Creight & Mary Smith

PaPaw William Bohannon

PePere et Memere Auger and Ted &

Genevieve Schuck

Caroline Hauch

Deceased members of Rodgers Family

Doyle Buckner

Mary & Jack Curtis

Norma & G. W. Hutchins

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Ward Collins

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Kafka Family

Knies Family

Jim Johnson

Leo, Joan & Don Senese

John and Jean Bjes

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Albert Wahmhoff

Gloria Wahmhoff

David Tavalacci

Peter & Nina Tavalacci

Alvin & Helen Kreitner

Demis Family

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Anna Falak

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Tina Bender

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Mordini Family

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Eli & Josephine DeJanovich

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Thomas Harding

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Alice, William & Margaret Davis

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Warren Williams

David Williams

Rosemarie Gioiosa

Jerry Heller

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Viola Abraham

Mr & Mrs. Salvatore Calderone

Mr & Mrs Antonio Amodeo

Mr & Mrs Frank Alberti

Larry Stark & Frank Messina

Mr & Mrs Filippo DiNicola

Frank Calderon

Pupedis Family

Knights of Columbus News



K of C Council #4055 invites everyone for coffee & rolls following the 8:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday in Father Thelen Hall.

BE OUR GUEST!

The Knights are offering **free** pancake breakfast to the parish after the 8:30 Mass on December 17th. Join us for a delicious meal!



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Once again the Knights are offering the "Keep Christ in Christmas" decals. Find them at the entrances of the church.

The Columbian Club of Watervliet Hall on Paw Paw Avenue is available for parties or family gatherings. Please call 463-8181 and leave a message if you are interested in a tour of the facilities or rental.

LMC NEWS

December 11: Book Fair at elementary all week

Elementary Boys C Teams ES3 vs ES4 Basketball, 4:15pm @ LMC ES gym

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ New Buffalo, 5:30 and 6:30pm

December 12: Christmas Program, PS4-1st grade @ elementary gym, 6:30pm

Elementary Boys B Team (ES5) Basketball @ Trinity Lutheran of Berrien Springs, 4:15pm

JV and Varsity Boys Basketball @ Countryside Charter School, 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Varsity Girls Basketball @ Countryside Charter School, 6pm

December 13: MS-HS Mass @ 8am

Christmas Program, 2nd-5th grade @ elementary gym, 6:30pm

Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting, 6:30pm @ Rose Center

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs River Valley, 5:30 and 6:30pm

December 14: Elementary Mass @ 9am

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Brandywine Middle School, 4:30pm and 5:30pm

Elementary Boys C Team (ES4) Basketball @ St. Paul Lutheran, 4:15pm

Elementary Boys C Team (ES3) Basketball @ Christ Lutheran, 4:15pm

Elementary Boys B Team (ES5) Basketball @ St. Paul Lutheran, South Haven, 5:15pm

JV Boys Basketball vs Michigan Lutheran, 7:30 pm

Varsity Girls Basketball vs Michigan Lutheran, 6pm

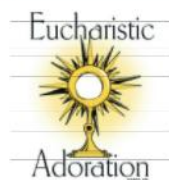
December 15: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Michigan Lutheran, 6pm

Varsity Girls Basketball @ Michigan Lutheran, 7:30pm

December 16: Varsity Cheerleading, Big Reds Invitational @ Paw Paw High School, 10am

Super Books The cost is \$39.95 each and LMC profits \$8 per book. This year there is no supplements, the extra coupons are incorporated in the Super Book. Books are available at the Business Office and at the elementary school. Expiration date on the coupons is November, 2018.

The Super Book can make a great Christmas gift!
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Every Friday
6:00PM



Altar & Rosary Society

The December meeting date of The Altar & Rosary Society has been changed to Wednesday Dec. 13, at 12 noon. Please make sure to mark your calendar. It is a week later than usual. This is our last meeting of this year and also our Christmas celebration. Please bring a \$5 gift for gift exchange. As always we will begin with praying the rosary followed by a delicious pot luck meal and a short business meeting, then it's fun time! Please plan on joining us for this celebration!

Join the Choir!

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 6:30pm and it's time to start preparing for Christmas.

Current members and those wishing to join, please come!

Any questions call or text
Megan 301-256-5005

Homebound

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office at 463-5470.

Dates to Remember

BIBLE STUDY:

Every Sunday morning 9:30-10:45am Fr. Thelen Hall.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION WITH CONFESSION:

Every Friday night at 6pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Wednesday 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS ED:

Next religious education class Dec. 3rd
Grades 3-6 will be going to confession

PICKLE BALL:

Tuesdays & Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m. in Fr. Nadrach Center.

ADULT RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES:

3rd Monday of the month 6:00-8:00pm



Needed items for the food to share bags:

1. Pasta Sauce
2. Instant Potatoes
3. Crackers

Thank you for your support!

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is offered in memory of Susan Stewart as requested by The Family.

Advertiser of the Week

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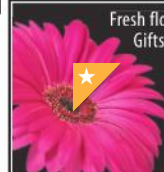


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