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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 5, 2021




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Betty Bosio

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Contact Fr. Ryan: 906-399-0553

**CONFESSION**  
Saturday 7:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
Sunday 12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.  
Monday 5:00 P.M. – 5:25 P.M.; 6:00 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.  
Wednesday 5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.  
Anytime by calling Fr. Ryan

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CONFESSION, ADORATION, & MASS INTENTIONS

**First Saturday, December 4**  
9:00 A.M. – Mass – Allen Kutchie by John & Sue Burke  
6:00 P.M. – Mass – Mark Stampee by Mom, Greg & Jeff  
7:00 P.M. – Confessions

**Sunday, December 5**  
11:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Joseph Memorial  
12:00 P.M. – Confessions  
7:00 P.M. – Mass – The People of the Parishes

**Monday, December 6**  
5:00 P.M. – Adoration & Confession  
5:30 P.M. – Mass – Adele Harnett by Susan Dowrick  
6:00 P.M. – Confession

**Tuesday, December 7 (At St. John’s)**  
7:00 A.M. – Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 A.M. – Confession  
8:30 A.M. – Mass – Dec’d Members of the Perrault Family by Art & Kathy Gischia

**Wednesday, December 8**  
8:00 A.M. – Mass – Duane Valella by Toni Valella (at St. John’s)  
6:00 P.M. – Mass – Joan Poissant by Judy & Mike Drewyor

**Thursday, December 9 (At St. John’s)**  
8:30 A.M. – Mass – Dec’d Members of the Gischia Family by Art & Kathy Gischia  
9:00 A.M. – Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, December 11**  
6:00 P.M. – Mass – Michael Derocha by The Grandkids  
7:00 P.M. – Confessions

**Sunday, December 12**  
11:00 A.M. – Mass – Anthony Certo by Cara Saxwold & Sons  
12:00 P.M. – Confessions  
7:00 P.M. – Mass – The People of the Parishes

*The sanctuary candle this month is lit in memory of the Hebert & Heikkila Families.*

*For more information, to submit a prayer request, or watch Mass live from St. Joseph Parish, please go to [www.ishpemingcatholic.com/live](http://www.ishpemingcatholic.com/live)*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Dennis Lakari, Kelli Jenkin, Faye St. Andre, Joe Petrany, Jill (Junak) Dompierre, Branden Quayle, John Pavaglio, Dale Pelland, Brandon Fernea, Morris Carlson, Jr., Rich Bartanen, Paul Kish, Louis Bonetti, Arthur Jasmund, Dan Landmark, Fran Horn, Bruce Sanders, Bruce Jenkin, Rosemary Pruett, Wesley Compton, John Lusardi, Norbert Beauchamp, Pat Bray, Melissa Weymier, Sr. Bernadette LaPorte , Rita Lusardi, Nick Nolde, Alvar and Marina Heikkila, Anne Connors, Linda Dehner Gransinger, Phillip DeChambeau, Sherri Peters, Ron Ketchem, Doug Cox, Margaret Borlace, John Ruesing

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, December 11 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Lector:** Ed Korpi  
**EMHC:** Larry Bussone

**Sunday, December 12 – 11:00 A.M.**  
**Lector:** Shelley Oja  
**EMHC:** Angela Johnson

WEEKLY OFFERING – NOVEMBER 28th, 2021

Envelopes	\$	1,775.00
Loose Collection		45.00
Fuel Collection		125.00
Votive Lights		18.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,963.00</b>
Christmas Flowers	\$	46.00
SVdP		20.00
Memorials		30.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>96.00</b>
<b>UPCSA PLEDGES TO DATE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,900.00</b>
(91.7% of \$32,621 goal)		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	IS 35:1-10/PS 85/LK 5:17-26
Tuesday:	IS 40:1-11/PS 96/MT 18:12-14
Wednesday:	GN 3:9-15, 20/PS 98/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/LK 1:26-38
Thursday:	IS 41:13-20/PS 145/MT 11:11-15
Friday:	IS 48:17-19/PS 1/MT 11:16-19
Saturday:	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11/PS 80/MT 17:9A, 10-13
Sunday:	ZEP 3:14-18A/IS 12/PHIL 4:4-7/LK 3:10-18

LADIES’ GUILD TEA

Thank you to all of our hostesses and their guests. We are so blessed by all the generosity we received. Because of you, we collected two SUVs full of items, and over \$600!

ATTN: EMHCs & LECTORS

It's time to plan for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for January and February. If you have any times when you are not available or want to serve at a particular Mass, please let me know by Monday, December 13. The new schedules will be out the weekend of December 18-19. My phone is 204-2241, email [Lily1935@gmail.com](mailto:Lily1935@gmail.com). Thank you all and God Bless! *Sydney*

FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend is the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sunday of Advent** and we continue our preparation for Christmas. The readings begin to focus on John the Baptist and his call to ‘prepare the way’ for the Lord through repentance. St. Paul exhorts us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to persevere in our practices of prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving to be ready for the coming of the Lord, which for us liturgically is Christmas.

Following the 11:00am Mass Sunday we’ll have multiple priests available here to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with you. Take advantage of this opportunity to put John the Baptist’s words into action by

making a good Confession of sins before we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

Additional Advent **Penance services** with multiple priests for Confession will be: St. Anthony Gwinn *this Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>* at 6:00pm; St. Michael Marquette on *December 13<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00pm; St. Christopher on *December 17<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00pm; St. Peter Cathedral on *December 20<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00pm; and St. Louis the King on *December 21<sup>st</sup>* at 7:00pm. I’m also in the Confessional here every Sunday at 8:30am, Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am, and Saturday at 3:00pm, and at St. Joseph parish Monday and Wednesday at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Prepare to make a good Confession to celebrate Christmas with joy!

Our **Advent/Christmas gift** to you is the book *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season* by Scripture professor Dr. Michael Barber. It focuses on the Scriptures and the development of Christmas traditions, so we can understand the real joy Christmas promises. Take one from the back counter and take one to give to a family member or friend as well.

I’m pleased to let you know about a new page on our website to encourage **Family Prayer** with your children and grandchildren. Go to [ishpemingcatholic.com/families](http://ishpemingcatholic.com/families) to find Advent wreath prayers, Advent hymns and videos to sing in the home, a Christmas tree blessing, and Christmas prayers to use in front of your nativity scene. We’ll add resources as the year goes along. Visit the page often!

Organist *Lucas Wickstrom* is conducting **Christmas Dreams: A Carol Event** *this Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00pm at St. John’s. This free event is open to the public, and will be livestreamed to our website and Facebook page. The music will be performed by local Ishpeming musical talent, and poetry inspired by Louisa May Alcott. Join in person or virtually.

This Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, patroness of the United States. We’ll gather for Mass at 8:00am at St. John’s, and 6:00pm at St. Joseph parish as we ask Mary’s intercession upon us and upon our country, that we will humbly receive Jesus into our lives as she did.

Speaking of prayer, the **U.S. Supreme Court** heard oral arguments in the *Dobbs vs. Mississippi* case this past Wednesday. Mississippi is asking the Court to overturn *Roe vs. Wade* and uphold the State’s ban on abortion after 15 weeks. If *Roe* is overturned, the issue of abortion would return to the States. The pre-*Roe* laws on the books in Michigan prohibit abortion, as do the laws in 26 States. A decision is expected next June. Please continue to pray the right to life will be recognized for every human being, born and unborn, and for all of us to care for human life in all its stages and needs. To read an account of the oral arguments, visit [nationalreview.com/2021/12/dobbs-supreme-court-oral-arguments-live-updates](http://nationalreview.com/2021/12/dobbs-supreme-court-oral-arguments-live-updates). To read an analysis looking at how abortion is not just about economics, visit [pillaratholic.com/p/why-ending-abortion-is-about-more](http://pillaratholic.com/p/why-ending-abortion-is-about-more).

Our **men’s group** meets every Thursday morning from 6:30am-7:30am at St. John’s convent 1<sup>st</sup> floor for breakfast

and discussion. We’re currently reading and discussing *The Imitation of Christ*. All men are welcome ~ stop by!

There will be the **Lions Club Holiday Buffet** at St. John’s parish hall *next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>* from 8:00am until Noon. Proceeds will benefit the Lions Club. Plan to come enjoy brunch and support the Lions!

*Thank you* to everyone who donated presents and cleaning supplies for the **Giving Tree** in the back of church, which supports St. Vincent de Paul baskets and the adopt-a-family program. This will bless many people this Christmas!

Our next **Upper Room Holy Hour** of Eucharistic Adoration and praise and worship music will be *Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>* from 7-8pm here at St. Joseph parish. Mass is at 5:30pm followed by food in the hall, then Upper Room. Come spend time in prayer with Jesus ~ families with children are welcome!

The **Elks Club Cookie Sale** will take place *Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>* from 10am-Noon. First come, first serve!

**Christmas Eve Mass** will be here at 4:00pm. *Donna Schafer* and *Susie Sundberg* will lead students in a Christmas play and music before Mass. Sign up students on the back counter. Rehearsals will be after the 11:00am Mass on *Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>*. **Christmas Day Mass** will be here at 10:00am.

*Thank you* to those who have pledged to the annual **U.P. Catholic Services Appeal** (UPCSA) which supports the ministries, offices, and charitable works of the Diocese of Marquette. We have just a little way to go to reach our parish goal of **\$32,621**. If you’ve not yet pledged, please join me in supporting this year’s appeal by returning your pledge card in the mail or collection basket, or donating online at [osvhub.com/dioceseofmarquette/funds](http://osvhub.com/dioceseofmarquette/funds).

With the **Covid vaccine booster** now available I want to remind everyone of the duty to inform yourselves about getting vaccinated. Vaccination is not obligatory, but is a proven way to promote public health. The Church upholds the duty to act according to one’s conscience, and also obliges us to form our conscience. Each person must weigh the benefits and risks of vaccination and make a free and informed decision. As time goes along, more info is available about effectiveness and risks. It would be negligent just to say, ‘It’s not my problem.’ In my case, I chose to get vaccinated because I judged the personal and public health benefits to be proportional to any risk of side-effects, and it was necessary for me in order to enter nursing homes and fulfill my priestly duties. Others may judge the risk of side-effects and burdens outweigh the benefits. That’s fine as long as the person has taken the time to research and weigh available evidence. I encourage you to take the time to do so. Also, since the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not use cell lines derived from fetal tissue in their production, they are to be preferred.

Finally, blessings on all who celebrate their **birthdays** this week: *Courtney Burke, Jeff Stampee, Ryan Sundberg, Tara Truscott, Julie Hosang, Sheree Mariani, Dennis Grove, and George Isola*. May God bless you abundantly!

Peace, Father Ryan