

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,
our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$7,895.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$859.00

Second Collections

January 14, 2024 – Aid to Catholic Churches

In Central America

January 21 – Repair & Maintenance

January 28 – Our Faith, Our Future

➔ We will be sending the funds for our Sister Parish in Haiti to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewisburg Wednesday, January 17th. The funds will be transferred to Immaculate Conception Parish on Wednesday, January 31st. Please make your contribution by Sunday, January 14th. Additional envelopes are on the tables in the back of the Church and the Parish Center. Make your check payable to St. Joseph Church. Memo: Sister Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat., Jan. 6th
4:00 PM | <i>St. André Bessette, Religious</i>
People of the Parish |
| Sun., Jan. 7th
8:00 AM | <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Joel Bell by his sister
Amy Beaver |
| 11:00 AM | Raymond Russell
By Bonnie & Tony Lupo |
| Mon., Jan. 8th
9:00 AM | <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
Special Intentions of the Lynn &
Jeff Libby Family
By Sherry Mabus |
| Tues., Jan. 9th | Christine Perrella
By Marian & Tom Lang |
| Wed., Jan. 10th
6:00 PM | Jean Labar
By Marni & Paul Stewart |
| Thur., Jan. 11th
9:00 AM | Giovanna Mazzamuto
by the Conigliaro Family |
| Fri., Jan. 12th
9:00 AM | <i>First Friday</i>
Kenneth Laurence
By Deb Mathias |
| Sat., Jan. 13th
4:00 PM | <i>St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor</i>
Cheryl Prosseda |
| Sun., Jan. 14th
8:00 AM | <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | Bob Zacker
By Bonnie & Tony Lupo |

Our Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Grace Bentlage
May Grace rest in peace.

**The Church Office will be closed Wed.,
January 10th for a Diocesan Meeting**

From Your Pastor.

Blessed and Holy Epiphany to you and to your loved ones. May the Light of Christ, the true star rising in the East, rise up in our hearts to see, feel, know, and follow the Light of Christ throughout the 2024 year.

Thank you all who gave of yourself to the parish and to your pastor this Advent-Christmas-New Year Season. The parish is greatly blessed by your generous gifts, not of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but of your own personal treasure of time, talent, and offerings. We have so much to thank God for in His daily care and blessings upon us. A very acceptable way of giving to back to God a blessing for His many blessings is by our support of the poor, those most in need of God's blessing. Please give support to our Sister Mission Parish in Haiti. These children are counting on us. Father Junior is counting on us, Jesus the poor one is counting on us. If you have already contributed to this great cause, thank you! If you were waiting until the New Year, please note that our final collection will be next Sunday, January 14th.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be Monday morning at 0900 Mass. We will once again begin our 24 Hours of adoration this Monday into Tuesday. I need your prayers; your future priests need your prayers. Let us come and adore the Lord on the Feast of His Baptism.

Fr. John D. Hoke

EPIPHANY PRAYER

Seeing the star at its rising,
The Magi hastened on their journey.

Lord Jesus, I pray

That my life's journey
Will lead me ever closer to You.

The star that the wise men followed stopped
Where they would find You with Mary.

Lord Jesus, I pray

That in each step along the way,
Your Light will be my guide.

Gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
The Magi gave in joyful homage.

Lord Jesus, I pray

That gifts I offer will please You,
As signs of love and praise. Amen.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



CONFESSIONS

At the Church

Saturday from 3:15-3:45
before the 4 o'clock Mass.

Sunday from 7:15-7:45
before the 8 o'clock Mass.
Or by Appointment

24-HOUR ADORATION



St. Joseph Church offers 24-hour Adoration each Monday beginning at 9:30 [following the morning Mass] and ending Tuesday morning at 8:55 [preceding the morning Mass]. If you can commit to a regular hour each week, please tell Father Hoke who is doing the scheduling.

If you have changed your particular hour as a regular "visitor" during the 24-hours of Adoration OR if you can't make it at your designated hour, please let Father Hoke know.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

If you would like a copy of your 2023 contribution report, please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick:

Sharon Austin	Sue Lindner
Dolores Caicco	Marie Luzenski
Leslie Cameron	Laurie McGrady
Helen Choplick	Michael McHale
Elaine Cook	Dave Moser
Frank Dominick	Jan Moser
Mike Enright	Melinda Oliveri
Giovanna Fanella	Mary Ruth Palmer
Joyce Gamble	Rita Patynski
Trey Gresh	Eleanor Poponiak
Luann Hackenburg	Geri Pryer
Thomas Hackenburg	Margaret Punako
Tiffany Hauck	Melissa Rowse
Laverne Havash	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Benita Kolen Solomon
Ryan Jimenez	Eleanor Stopper
Rita Klein	Diane Sykes
Abram Koons, Jr	Mike Walter
Nicole Lamprinos	Bill Woodling
Andria Laurence	Vickie Youmans
Marie Lindner	Lincoln Yordy

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list.

OUR FAITH & OUR FUTURE PROJECT UNDERWAY



Progress continues to be made on the handicapped access bathroom addition. Our contractor Jeff Allison is pressing on to "beat any winter weather". The "hole" has met the code officer's approval, and

concrete has been poured (as you can see).



FILLED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER

Friday, January 12, 2024

Menu will be filled chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, our own fresh frozen corn, applesauce, roll and dessert. Dinner will be "takeout." Cost remains \$14.00.

We will be serving from 4 until 6.

If you can help by sending in a cake, please contact

Tracie Leitzel tleitze1@ptd.net.

We need cakes by 9:30 Friday morning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

January 12 th	Filled Chicken Breast Dinner
January 19 th	March for Life
February 3 rd	Catechetical Conference
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday
February 16 th	First Fish Dinner
February 17 th	Confirmation Retreat
March 23 rd	Confirmation
March 24 th	Palm Sunday
March 28 th	Holy Thursday
March 29 th	Good Friday
March 31 st	Easter Sunday
April 20 th	Men's Conference
May 19 th	First Communion

PLANNING AHEAD

Fish Dinners Are Right Around The Corner



The first of six fish dinner fundraisers is February 16th. So, we are looking for workers at various positions and various dates. The dinners will continue to be "takeout" because the dining room is used for Mass.

These are our needs:

Wednesday 8:00-10:00, we peel & dice the potatoes, cut the vegetables for the coleslaw and prepare & portion the tartar sauce.

Thursday 8:00-10:00, we thaw the fish and prepare the coleslaw.

Friday 7:30-10:00, we bread the fish, portion the coleslaw and prepare the stewed tomatoes.

Friday 9:30-11:00, we portion & box the cakes.

Friday 12:15-1:30, we bag the rolls.

Friday 11:00-??, we prepare and roast the potatoes.

Dinner crew must arrive by 3:40.

We need line servers, runners (take the food from the kitchen to the CCD hallway), carhops, and most importantly a cleanup crew!

We will need cakes for dessert each week. Please notify Tracie Leitzel each week if you can help with that task. tleitze1@ptd.net

The dinner dates are February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22. Please call the office 570-742-4356 or email annechic109@gmail.com with your date & task availability for the Friday tasks. We welcome ALL on Wednesdays. But as you can imagine, we can't prepare to serve at least 300 patrons Friday with workers just showing up if they are free!!

IMACULÉE CONCEPTION PARISH

Lalouere, Haiti
Our Sister Parish

We did not sell "Cookies for Haiti" and we did not collect for "No Room at the Inn" during the December 2023. This Christmas Season our foreign mission was our sister parish in Lalouere, Haiti.

Most recently The Feast of The Immaculate Conception was joyously celebrated by our Sister Parish in Lalouere Haiti. Copy and paste into your internet browser the following link to see the holy and joyous Mass from our brothers and sisters in Haiti:

<http://youtu.be/4g9DsFmITYU>



This is Father Junior. Your generous support of his mission enables the continued vitality of Immaculée Conception Church and School. The goal is to deliver the annual contribution to Father Junior by January 31, 2024.

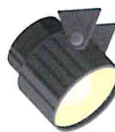
ADULT EDUCATION AT ST. JOE'S

Adults meet at our Parish Center each Sunday that CCD is in session. They meet from 9:30 to 10:30. *Great fellowship while learning something about the Catholic Faith.* All are welcome.

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone for your participation in our fundraisers in 2023. As a result of your generosity, we have been able to give financial contributions to the following last month:

Union County Supplemental Food Program
Expectation
Donald Heiter Community Center
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
BU Catholic Ministry
Fishers of Men
Sisters Saints Cyril and Methodius
Albright Care Services - Meals on Wheels
Birthright of Sunbury
St. Joseph's Indian School
Red Cloud Indian School
St. Labre Indian School
St. Bonaventure Indian Mission & School

13 Charitable Contributions at \$250 each
Total disbursement \$3,250



ANGEL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We would like to thank Merrill Buehler for his faithful devotion to our beautiful grotto. Merrill visits daily – sometime two or three times. He has been purchasing the flower arrangements that are placed there seasonally.

Merrill is lifelong member our Parish. He and his wife Connie used to take care of church lawn maintenance. They planted the flowers in the church courtyard around the Blessed Mother statue – when the rest of the courtyard was grassy.

Looking back in church history, Merrill was chair at one time of the famous St. Joseph Church Festivals. Currently, he helps with each fundraising dinner bagging the rolls.



The **Seksinsky Family** wishes to thank the Parishioners and CCD students for their prayers, cards and poinsettia.

Frank Dominick wishes to thank all who sent Get Well and Christmas wishes. He will be in Rehab for four more weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is offered every Sunday during the 11:00 Mass, when CCD is in session. Children's Liturgy is for school age children who **have not** received The Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Children must be mature enough to go to children's Lit without a parent or older sibling.



SISTERS of
SAINTS CYRIL
and METHODIUS
and
MARIA HALL, INC.

JOB OPENINGS

Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for two fulltime third shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, one parttime second shift Housekeeper (Life Skills candidates are encouraged to apply for parttime Housekeeping position), one fulltime Cook and one fulltime Dishwasher.

Please contact our HR Department for more information at 570-275-3581 ext. 156 or e-mail scole@sscm.org