

| Mass Intentions: | | |
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| 23 December | Mon. 7:30 am | Celestine Kiolbasa + |
| 24 December | Tues. 5:30 pm Tues. 8:00 pm | People of the parish Jose Alvarenga + |
| 25 December | Wed. 9:00 am Wed. 11:30 am | James & Barbara Hoelsing + Special Intention |
| 26 December | Thur. 6:30 pm | No Mass |
| 27 December | Fri. 7:30 am | Gary Hoelsing+ |
| 28 December | Sat. 7:30 am | No Mass |
| 29 December | Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am | people of the parish people of the parish |

Parish Activities:

Collection: December 1, 2024 \$2,266.00

4th Week of Advent

At the beginning of Advent we looked at a way of praying with the Sacred Scriptures called Meditation. This week and into the Christmas Season let us try another method called Contemplation. We could light a candle at home while we pray with the daily Gospel in the morning or at night (see to the right the steps St. Ignatius recommends). We might even use a sacred work of art to help us enter into the place of the Scripture. For example, we hear that Joseph and Mary go up to Bethlehem to be enrolled for the census, and while there she gives birth to her firstborn son. (Lk 2:1-7) What was that journey like for them? She was far along in her pregnancy. Christ is present with them as they made that long journey. What was their prayer like and their conversation like amidst the trials and difficulties as they sensed His presence. What is our prayer like when we feel the weariness of the journey? Can we help our family, friends and fellow pilgrims with a word of hope relying on Christ's presence with us?

Christ the Lord is Born for us, Come let us adore Him!

May the BIRTH OF JESUS give you the PEACE our hearts long for. May you experience the abiding JOY of EMMANUEL—GOD with us. May the graces of Christmas increase FAITH, strengthen HOPE, and intensify LOVE in our hearts as we come to know and to believe more and more in the LOVE GOD has for us.

We pray in the Mass during Christmas Night, "May we who have known the mysteries of His Light on earth, may also delight in His gladness in Heaven." Remembering you and your families in prayer and in the Masses of Christmas and throughout the season. I am grateful for you and your prayers. God bless you. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Fr. Clinch*

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent



CONFESSIONS: Sunday 8:30-8:50 am & after the 11:30 am Mass or by appointment

DAILY MASSES: Monday -Friday 7:30 am.

SUNDAY MASSES: Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am (Español)

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:00pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.
Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

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NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

People's Project: "Thank you "to all who donated hats, gloves and other items to the People's Project for the Christmas Boxes. Also, thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Christmas food pantry drive-thru or made deliveries on December 14th. ---from People's Project coordinators Shelly Chloupek and Elaine Almond.

Christmas Mass Schedule.

December 24th

5:30 p.m. & 8:00 pm (both Masses may be bilingual as needed)

December 25th

9:00 am (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)

Seminarian Prayer Calendar: Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Tyler Johnson studying at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

Prayer Intentions: Please pray in a special way this week for those who are trying to discern a vocation to the religious life and for the members of religious orders in our diocese, especially the cloistered orders.

United Methodist Church basement. Cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402)224-0732 by 7pm on the Sunday before the meal.

- St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

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| Edith Weber | Cecilia Meeza | Dan Adler (Sem) | Virginia Miller |
| Teresa Volesky | Alyssa O. | Jolene Markland | Angel Valdivia |
| Brad Oschner | Juan Slazar | Emily Howard | Dennis Reddick |
| Cesaria Gabriel | Cecilia Martel | Erica Lauinger | Randy Schulte |
| Bill Kerber | Cathy Kamost | Salvador Palas | Shirley McCabe |
| Jordan Ortmeier | Fr. Allan Phan | Kelem Fabrice | Garry Veik |
| Sharon Reasland | Nancy Sapp | Randy Chloupek | Tony Stec |
| Diane Walz & family | Shirley Koenig | Andrea Ainsworth | Mary Verde |
| Jeff Weber | Joseph Verde | Kevin Chloupek | Wayne Alley |
| Jim Jackson | Greg Almond | Rita Mach | Shannon Tebo |
| Pete Bartels | | | |

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-224-0732) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

Food Pantry: Food boxes for those needing assistance are available on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:30 am. Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders, build boxes and other tasks. ***St. Joseph's is responsible for staffing volunteers for the 2nd Saturday distribution of boxes.*** If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of assistance, please contact Elaine Almond, Shelly Chloupek or the parish office.

Harvard Senior Community Meal: The November Senior Meal: The Harvard Senior Community Meals is held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 2:00pm at the Harvard

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires. (mention your intentions here)

through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ and of His most Blessed Mother. Amen.

Contemplation according to

St. Ignatius of Loyola

"I will consider how God our Lord looks upon me"

I offer all my will and actions to God.

I review the Scripture of this prayer.

I imaginatively enter the place of this Scripture.

I ask God what I wish and desire in this prayer.

Body of the Prayer. For each point,

I see the persons.

I hear the words.

I observe the actions.

I speak to God as my heart is moved.

I conclude with an Our Father.

The Eucharist, bread broken for the life of the world

88. "The bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). In these words the Lord reveals the true meaning of the gift of his life for all people. These words also reveal his deep compassion for every man and woman. The Gospels frequently speak of Jesus' feelings towards others, especially the suffering and sinners (cf. Mt 20:34; Mk 6:34; Lk 19:41). Through a profoundly human sensibility he expresses God's saving

From Sacramentum Caritatis—The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission