

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>		
2 December	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
3 December	Tues. 7:30 am	Ruth Stockton +
4 December	Wed. 7:30 am	Fr. O'Neil Monzillo +
5 December	Thur. 7:30 am	Rod Kudlacek +
6 December	Fri. 7:30 am Fri. 6:30 pm	Nathan Vekved Eucharistic Adoration
7 December	Sat. 7:30 am	A return to the Sacraments
8 December	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish People of the parish

**Parish Activities:**

**Collection: October 27, 2024 \$649.00**

**Blessed Advent Season!**

*I remember growing up in my family home we tried to light the candles of the Advent Wreath each week, though sometimes we were late setting it out—sometimes not finding it until the second week of Advent as it was packed away with the other Christmas decorations the previous year. Even though a little late setting it out some years, it served as a powerful reminder that this season is different—it is marked by waiting, joyful hope, and some penance though perhaps a little lighter than Lent. While we look forward to the Coming of Christ in glory and prepare to celebrate His First Coming, we are invited to be vigilant and pray as we hear in today's Gospel according to St. Luke:*

*“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” Lk 21:34-36*

*I encourage you to find your Advent Wreaths today and set them on your kitchen table or your place of prayer in your home. Or if you do not have one, perhaps find a little greenery and 4 candles and make one. We could light the candles at home while we pray with the daily Gospel before or after supper. One way to pray is using the Ignatian way of praying called Meditation (see below). Or lighting the candles with the little children and praying the St. Andrew Novena Prayer (see below) from Nov. 30-Dec. 24 along with our usual daily or night prayers.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Clinch*

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**1 December 2024**

**1st 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.

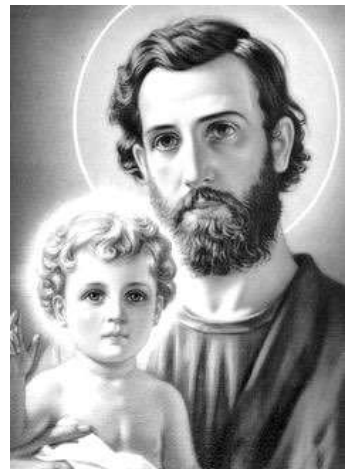
Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**First Friday and First Saturday Devotions:** There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour for the First Friday devotions on Friday December 6th at 6:30 pm. Fr. Hoelsing will be available to hear confessions. There will be Mass followed by the Rosary at 7:30 am Saturday December 7th as part of the First Saturday Devotions.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** This year, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be transferred to Monday, December 9th and since it is a Holy Day of Obligation let us try our best to attend Mass also on Monday. The schedule for St. Joseph's will be Monday Dec. 9 at 7:30am.

For Hastings St. Cecilia's it will be Monday December 9 at 7am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm. One could attend Sunday evening December 8 at 7:30pm and it would count for Monday's obligation however the Mass that evening will be the Second Sunday of Advent. So it is good to plan ahead to attend Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Saturday evening or Sunday and for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Sunday evening or Monday.



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**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Issac VanSkiver studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**- 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

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).

**Harvard People's Project: Donation's needed and Christmas Boxes.**

Harvard People's Project is once again asking for donations for the Christmas boxes which will be picked up on December 14th. There is a box under the table in the back of the church marked "People's Project" where donations can be placed.

*Items needed include:* hats, gloves, socks (all sizes) 1lb packages of rice, cooking oil, 100% juice, deodorant and toilet paper.

**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 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.

**Meditation 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 call to mind this truth, with love.**

**I ponder it, with love.**

**I embrace it, with love and desire.**

**I speak to God as my heart is moved.**

**I conclude with an Our Father.**

**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.***