

Mass Intentions:		
16 December	Mon. 7:30 am	Dolores & Steve Stach +
17 December	Tues. 7:30 am	William & Helen Koenig +
18 December	Wed. 7:30 am	Don & Corinne Wolfe +
19 December	Thur. 6:30 pm	No Mass
20 December	Fri. 7:30 am	Walter R. Sapp Jr +
21 December	Sat. 7:30 am	No Mass
22 December	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish Salvador Chacon +

Parish Activities:

Collection: December 1, 2024 \$2,266.00

Blessed Advent Season!

3rd Week of Advent

As we light the rose candle of the Advent Wreath today we are reminded to REJOICE! The source of our joy comes from the LORD. There is great joy in being known and loved by God. There is great joy in receiving His forgiveness. There is great joy in loving God and our neighbors and showing that love through service. May we rejoice in the Lord today for He is near!

There will be several extra opportunities to receive the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, especially this Thursday at 7pm at the Holy Hour at St. Cecilians and next Sunday at St. Michael's at 4pm with multiple priests present at both times to help hear Confessions.

There is an examination of conscience and other prayers to help us make a good confession this Advent in the red Source and Summit Missal in the pews at St. Cecilians on page 590.

An opportunity to do some penance and live greater gratitude for the gifts of the season of winter is to observe the December Ember Days: this year Dec. 18, 20, & 21. To voluntarily observe these days we would fast these three days which means taking one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Friday we would abstain from meat. Wednesday and Saturday are partial days of abstinence from meat which means we could take meat only at the main meal.

Let us Rejoice in the Lord always!

Blessed Advent Season! Fr. Clinch

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

15 December 2024

Gaudete Sunday

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:

Christmas decorating: We will decorate the Church for Christmas after the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday December 15th. There will be no CCD as the CCD students will help with decorating. Please join us for soup and a pot luck meal after decorating.

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 Matthias Clark studying at St. Gregory the Great 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.



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- 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).

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.

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.

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 will for all people – that they may have true life. Each celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the gift that the crucified Lord made of his life, for us and for the whole world. In the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbour, which "consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, affecting even my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ." (240) In all those I meet, I recognize brothers or sisters for whom the Lord gave his life, loving them "to the end" (*Jn 13:1*). Our communities, when they celebrate the Eucharist, must become ever more conscious that the sacrifice of Christ is for all, and that the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become "bread that is broken" for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world. Keeping in mind the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we need to realize that Christ continues today to exhort his disciples to become personally engaged: "You yourselves, give them something to eat" (*Mt 14:16*). Each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world.

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