

Saint Joseph's Church

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**The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023**

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The Sunday of the 2nd Week of Advent



“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement

to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” (In courtesy of Pope Benedict XVI).

Today, we will light the second candle of Advent, which is called Bethlehem candle. It signifies Faith. Jesus coming was meant to actualize our faith in God. This faith is not in vain. The son came, he performed miracles to prove who God is, and he continues to guide our faith even today. Without Him, Christianity couldn't survive all these years.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
St. Joseph Church - Special Wi-Fi Headphones for Mass

For people with hearing difficulties during Mass, we do have special gadgets that are plugged with ear plugs that will help you to hear and understand much better. Anyone who would like to use them, has to arrive early before Mass and come into the sacristy to pick one. We will show you how it is used. After Mass, kindly return it into the sacristy counter. We only have 4 of them for the time being, and so first come first served. Help me to pass this information to people who may need to use these hearing aids.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT from Fr. Walter for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Reflection. John the Baptist prepares a way for the Lord, for Jesus. He is an amazing witness of Jesus his cousin. Can you imagine John who clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist and lives on this meager diet of locusts and honey. He lived in the desert away from all the hustle and bustle. This lifestyle of living with God, being alone with Him in such solitude, such silence speaks volumes. John was so in love with His God and so in tune with the Holy Spirit to live in communion with God. John was inspired by the Holy Spirit to show people that God is worth living for and worth dying for. In other words John was so in love with God that the things of the world, the food, the conveniences, the people, the riches, had no attraction to him at all. John indeed found his greatest treasure, the Pearl of great price in Jesus. John had it all and he was witnessing to it by showing us nothing compares with Him. John was living heaven on earth in the desert with God. Behold the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world: He is the merciful love of the Father and He is the joy and heaven of all angels and saints and fulfills all their desires. But to receive this most amazing gift we are to repent, turn away from our sins and instead of turning to the worldly goods, to turn to the true Gift of us all, our heavenly Gift.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
4:00 pm St. Anthony's St. Charles	7:30 am St. Aloysius Aloys
4:00 pm St. Wenceslaus Dodge	8:30 am Holy Cross Beemer
5:00 pm St. Mary's West Point	9:00 am St. Wenceslaus Dodge
5:30 pm Sts. Peter and Paul Howells	10:00 am St. Mary's West Point
5:30 pm St. Joseph Wisner	10:00 am St. Joseph Wisner
7:00 pm St. Boniface Monterey	10:30 am St. John's Howells
Midnight Mass St. Mary's West Point	

West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:		
Weekend Mass	Sat.	Sun.
St. Boniface/St. Anthony (Until July of 2024)	4:30 pm	
Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells	5:00 pm	
St. Mary's-West Point	6:00 pm	
St. Aloysius-Aloys		7:30 am
Holy Cross-Beemer		8:30 am
St. Wenceslaus-Dodge		9:00 am
St. Joseph-Wisner		10:00 am
St. Mary's-West Point		10:00 am
St. John Nep.-Howells		10:30 am



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of December 17th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller & Stella Guenther

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of December 17th

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Mariah Andersen, Myles Lampman,
Claire Flack
OFF: Tim Montgomery
USHER: December Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Dec 3rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$505.00
Plate:	179.00
Children:	28.60
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Christmas Flowers:	140.00
Immaculate Conc.:	50.00
Total:	\$1,052.60

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, December 10th—Team #4 A.J. Burki, Lindsey Burki, Chris Liermann, Brenda Liermann
Sunday, December 17th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2023
Chair: Marvin Seier
Co-Chair: Greg Schlautman
Members: Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Chris Liermann, Ken Duncan, Gavin Lampman, Tycin Lampman, Austin Kluthe

2024 DONATION envelopes are on the table at the entrance. Some numbers have changed. Please pick up a calendar & Liturgical Year placemat for your family. Great teaching tool.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Dec 3rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,645.00
Plate:	195.00
Children:	13.00
Tithe.ly:	241.62

Celebrations:
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
Hannah Praest December 12

MENS WORK GROUPS: The 2024 Men's Group schedule has been updated and is available in the back of church. Please try to pick them up before the end of the year. Many thanks.



Many thanks to those who, on behalf of our parish, delivered Meals-on-Wheels earlier this month: Helen Feller, Carmen Godbersen, Carol Oligmueller, Tammie Batenhorst, and Barb Deitloff, and to those who delivered Meals-on-Wheels last month: Jeanette Marx, Annie McManigal, Anne Ausdemore, and Kari Moeller.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
St. Joseph's - Tues., December 19th at 7:00 pm
Holy Cross - Thurs., December 21st at 7:00 pm
Both with Fr. Vincent and Fr. Walter

ST. JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas Season in memory of a loved one(s), the sign up sheet and envelope are in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the church at PO Box 623. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.
Thank you! St Joseph Environment Committee



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE—Sunday, Dec. 24th
St. Joseph—5:30 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY—Monday, Dec. 25th
Holy Cross—8:30 am
St. Joseph—10:00 am



The Ladies Guild work group list for 2024-2026 is available in the back of church. Please pick them up.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	11	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	12	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	13	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Ded'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	14	8:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
Fri	15	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalk
Sat	16	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	17	8:30 AM	HC	+ Georgia Batenhorst + Norbert Ruskamp
Sun	17	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Bill Murphy
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
K-6: DECEMBER 13TH - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & SOUP SUPPER
Students will have class from 4:00 - 5:30 and remain at church to get ready for program.
6:00P.M. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY SOUP SUPPER
Families need to bring the following:
Last name: A-L: 6 sandwiches cut in half for 12 halves
Last name: M-Z: 1 dozen bars (pre-cut) or cookies
Soup is provided by the Ladies Guild

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12
The students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent and then went to individual classes.
Grade 7-9: Girls: We discussed our movie "October Baby" and then finished Lesson 4.
Grades 10-12: The students spread Christmas cheer by preparing and delivering goodie plates to people in the community.

DECEMBER 13TH - CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY - TORNADO ALLEY - 7:00P.M.

