



St. Joseph Weier

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor
December 1 - 2, 2018

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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From your Pastor

While the rest of our society has been whooping up Christmas even before all of their Halloween candy was eaten, the Church still reminds us that the Season of Advent that we begin today is not Christmas – that will come about four weeks down the road. Of course, taking care of all of the things necessary to prepare for the big celebration of the Lord's Incarnation is alright, but at least for a lot of people, (including me), staying rooted in a spirit of Advent preparation takes a deliberate choice. The season of Advent is an ancient tradition of retreat-like preparation in the Church, going all the way back to the fifth and sixth centuries A.D. For an entire culture of folks who generally want things immediately, the four weeks of expectant waiting for the celebration of Christmas can be particularly difficult. On the other hand most of us aren't just four-years-old anymore, and a little delayed gratification isn't going to hurt us. These weeks of Advent are intended to help us prepare for the coming of Christ in the world and, especially, to deepen our relationship with Jesus in our hearts. One of the primary and essential ways this can be done is to make a good examination of conscience and to follow that up with a good confession. Below is a list of the actions and attitudes that each of us might consider:

- For the times when I forget that I need a Savior, and subtly conceive of myself as sufficient to myself.
- For the times when I do not believe Jesus and instead give in to the lie of perceiving God the Father as being indifferent to me or hostile to my well-being.
- For the times when I put more credence in my own opinions, my own criteria, or my own likes and dislikes over the commands of God or the teaching of the Church. For the times when I have shunned the presence of Christ whether it be his Sacramental Presence at Mass or his Presence through the people he puts in my life.
- For the times when I have blasphemed the presence of Christ through using other human beings as things that I can manipulate or use for my own selfish ends.
- For the times when I have disregarded the will of Christ through abuse of those things he has given to me for the building up of his kingdom.
- For the times when I justify my sinfulness and thus treat God's mercy with disdain.¹

To make the Sacraments more available to everyone this year, there will be an evening Mass on the three Thursdays of Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation both before and after the Liturgy. More details can be found in the bulletin. Have a blessed Advent week!

➤ ***Congratulations to Shaun Charles Bolzenius, son of Timothy Bolzenius and Ashley Livengood, Baptized December 2nd!***

¹ Adapted from *The Magnificat Advent Companion*, Advent, 2017, p.10-11.

Collection for	11/25/18	
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$3152.00	
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 141.00	
Total:	\$3293.00	Thank you for your generosity!
PSR Textbooks & Technology \$500.00	Donations to date: \$4,878.00 (Goal \$6000)	

Next week 2nd Collection: Victims of the Wildfires in Northern California

Mass Intentions: 12/3 – 12/9/18

Monday	6:30 am	Eugene Brueggemann
Tuesday	6:30 am	Marilyn Stuesse (P.H. Devotions after Mass)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Walter & Evelyn Noelker
Thursday	6:30 am	Frank & Emma Schmuke
Advent Mass	7:00 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	6:30 am	Russell Jany
Saturday Immaculate Conception (Holyday)		
	8:00 am	Mildred Sullivan
	10:00 am	The Parish Family of St. Joseph
	5:00 pm	Philomena & Alfonso Pagano
Sunday	8:00 am	John Horn
	10:00 am	<i>The Parish Family of St. Joseph</i>

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday, December 6th, beginning at 7 am and ending with Benediction at 6:50 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. Sign-up sheet is in back of church. Also, Father Henke will be available for Confessions from 6 pm to 6:40 pm and after the 7 pm Mass.

Commentators and Lectors: This Week

Saturday Immaculate Conception (Holyday)		
	8:00 am	
	10:00 am	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Vernon Eckstein
Sunday	8:00 am	Jen Kissinger
	10:00 am	Patti Greife
Thursday 12/6	7:00 pm	Judy Brueggemann

Next Week

Betty Fink
Vi Schroeder
Michael Feth
Dennis Randolph
Dennis & JoAnn Bower

Servers:

Saturday Immaculate Conception (Holyday)

	8:00 am		
	10:00 am		
Saturday	5:00 pm	Destanee Goddard Maddie Eckstein	Alex & Adam Bolzenius
Sunday	8:00 am	Emma Roberts Josh Straatmann	Brooke Jacquin Rachel DeVore
	10:00 am	Kaycee Feth Owen Bolzenius	Jenna & Ben Hammer
Thursday 12/6	7:00 pm	Alyson Fennessey Payton Goddard	

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday Immaculate Conception (Holyday)

	8:00 am		Anna Straatmann Dennis
	10:00 am		Randolph Dolores Swoboda
			Wayne & Kim Brautigam
			Karen Wright
Saturday	5:00 pm	Theresa Straatmann	Anna Donner Cheryl Voss

Sunday	8:00 am	Kathy Feth Jeanne Dierking Jane Struckhoff Dianne Wildhaber	Kathy Feth Karen Dierking Dolores Swoboda Judy Brueggemann
	10:00 am	Jeff & Christine Baker Karen Wright	Denise & Tim Feth Karen Wright
Thursday 12/6 7:00 pm			

NEW LIST FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are in back of church. Please pick up your copy of the ministry you provide our parish.
IMPORTANT...if you cannot be there at the appointed time, please find a substitute! Thank you!

PSR News

- This Sunday we will begin our annual practice for Midnight Mass after 8 am Mass. Classes will be held in the parish center for any students not participating in the program. Thank you!

Neighboring Activities

- Sunday, Dec. 2nd – Breakfast & Bazaar at SFB, serving 7:30 am to 11 am
Breakfast at St. Vincent, Dutzow, serving 8 am to 11:30 am
- Sunday, Dec. 9th – Breakfast at Union K of C, serving 7 am to 11 am

The Knights of Columbus are having a Holiday Raffle! Only 250 tickets are being sold. Your choice of a firearm certificate worth \$700.00 or \$600.00 cash, something everyone can certainly use. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please call Jim Noelker @ 636-583-4996 if you would like to purchase a ticket. Drawing will be December 21st.
Thank you.

St. Joseph Events

- St. Joseph Christmas Party, December 1st after 5 pm Mass.
- Ladies Sodality Meeting this Sunday after 8 am Mass. All Ladies are welcome!
- Angel Tree gifts are due next Sunday, Dec. 9th by 10 am. Questions, call or text Erica 636.584.4297
- As you begin preparing your Holiday Meals please remember to save the Best Choice UPC labels with the words “Best Choice”. Collection Box located in vestibule.
- Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0053500> and Amazon donates to St. Joseph

The Sick of the Parish who need your prayers

<i>Anna Marie Brueggemann</i>	<i>Ryan Elbert</i>	<i>Rich Herberholz</i>	<i>Olivia Jasper</i>
<i>Cynthia Faust</i>	<i>Karen Waters</i>		
<i>Zachery Gossage</i>	<i>Stephanie Lindemann</i>	<i>Special Intention II</i>	<i>Henry Tobben</i>
<i>Shirley Beckman</i>	<i>Jacob McMullin</i>	<i>Christine Grus</i>	
<i>Carol Hellman</i>	<i>Alice Rolf</i>		
<i>Ray Koester</i>	<i>Bob Beckman</i>	<i>Andrew Hellebusch</i>	
<i>Brandon Huels</i>	<i>Carol Hammer</i>	<i>Edward Henke</i>	