

saint Joseph church
December 13th, 2020



Mission Statement

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living and growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. In our lives we try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

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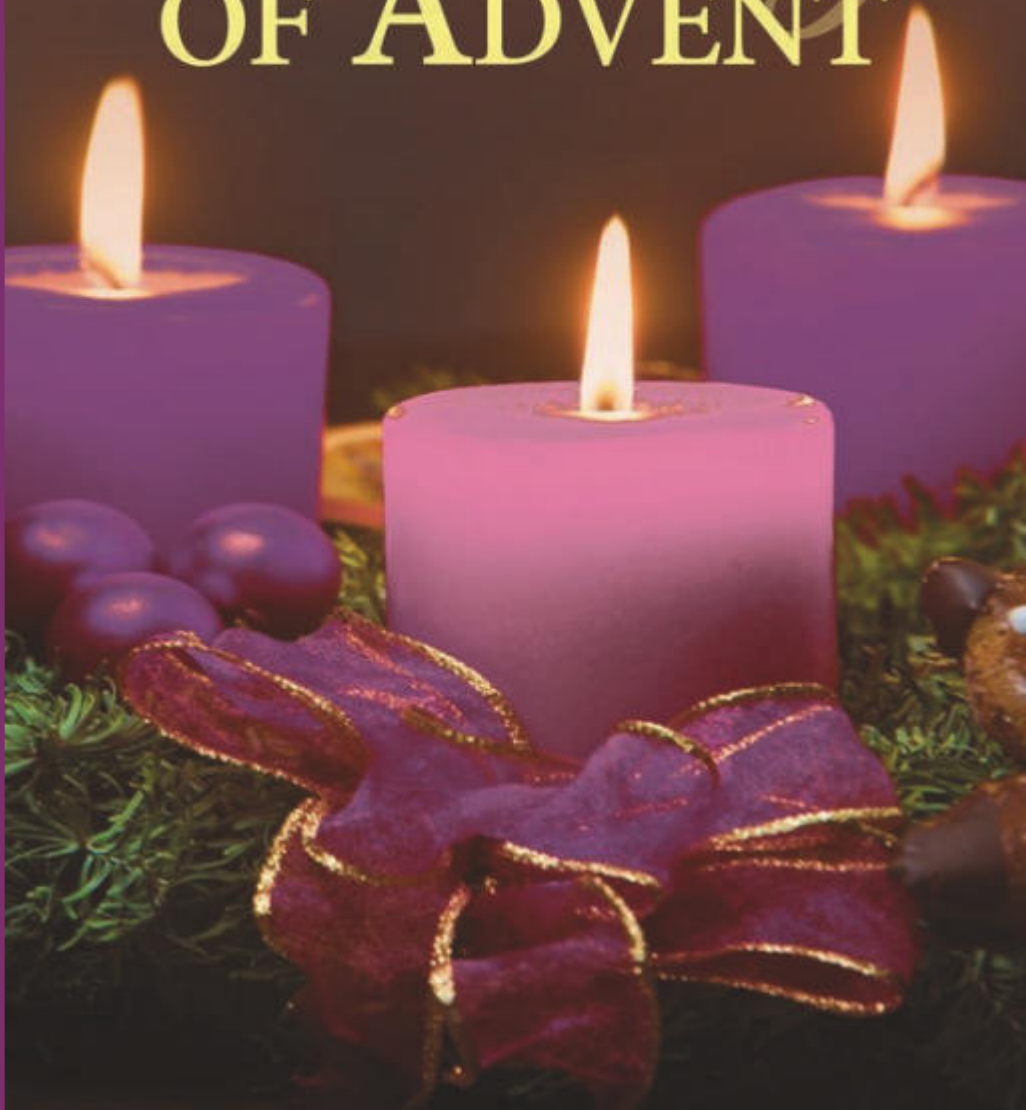
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3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT





Mass Intentions

<u>December 13</u>	Rich Trame Steve Hogg
<u>December 20</u>	James Peters For the Parish
<u>December 24</u>	Mildred Mueller Hogg William & Eleanor Schulte
<u>December 25</u>	Omar Rehberger For the Parish

December 6th ~ 38 Attendees

Weekly Envelopes	\$1,958.00
Loose Cash	\$ 40.00
Christmas Needy	\$ 60.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 215.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 115.00
Retired Religious	\$ 95.00
Building Fund	\$ 575.00
Christmas Griffin/Lebanon	\$ 400.00
Total	\$3,518.00



Fr. Jim Margason
Theresa Keepper
Joan Christ

Weekly Readings Week of December 13, 2020

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25



Hand carved ornaments made with love are once again available for a donation! Proceeds benefit Holy Angels Shelter for Women and Children. Handpick your own after Mass from the Giving Tree located in the vestibule.

Giving Tree

Advent Reconciliation Services

December 15	Holy Childhood, Mascoutah	7PM
December 17	St. Clare, O'Fallon	7PM

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. A donation in any amount is acceptable.

Please record the name of the person you are remembering and place your donation in the collection basket OR drop off at the office drop box.

The names of all who are being remembered will be listed in the bulletin at Christmas!

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life?

Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.

Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious this month.



Join us virtually every Sunday at 9:00 am

You can watch Mass from Corpus Christi right from our YouTube Channel "Corpus Christi and St Joseph."

You can also use the links provided on our websites, Facebook pages along with a notification on the Partnership App.

Mass is available for 48 hours after live streaming! Contact us if you need assistance 537-2575



Mass Reservations are available online for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

***December 24th—4PM
December 25th—9AM**

Please be sure to sign up or contact the office for a reservation. They are filling up quickly. Please remember our capacity is 45 Attendees. The overflow will be seated in the hall for livestreaming.

*This is a time change

Gift Card Tree Raffle—Corpus Christi

We are selling tickets after mass and at the office for Corpus Christi's Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to Fr. Matthias' Operation Orphanage, Uganda.

- First Prize \$900 Gift Cards**
- Second Prize \$200 Gift Cards**
- Third Prize \$100 Gift Cards**

We anticipate the above numbers to rise as gift cards are dropped off!

Take a chance and WIN!

\$5.00 EACH or 5 for \$20

Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

Today is "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday to rejoice. "Rejoice, again I say rejoice. The Lord is very near." This feast day gives Advent its true character. It is indeed primarily the season of joy. It is not, like Lent, primarily a time of penance. There is too much anticipation for that. All-overriding is the experience of joy.

We are joyful already now because we know that the Lord will come. Our expectation leads to joy and our joy to a desire to give to others. Real joy always wants to share. It belongs to the nature of joy to communicate itself to others and to invite others to take part in the gifts we have received.

Advent is indeed a time of joyful waiting and joyful giving. How much this mood is also part of our whole society. The period before Christmas has that remarkable quality of joy that seems to touch not only Christians but all who live in our society. When you, as a Westerner, live in another society, where Advent and Christmas do not exist as universal events, realize the lack of this joyful anticipation most painfully.

Jesus, help me rejoice knowing that you are always coming more fully into our world.

We Need Volunteers



Ushers/Greeters and lectors are needed, especially for Sunday

Masses and Christmas Eve. Please consider volunteering

The St. Joseph Parish welcomes new residents, visitors and McKendree students. We are glad to celebrate Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register. 537-2575

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