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Mass Intentions For The Week Tues. Dec. 28 5:30 PM †Ed & Ap Spindler Thurs. Dec. 30 8:00 AM Garret Moen Sat. Jan 1 7:00 PM †Tony Weigel Sun. Jan. 2 8:00 AM †Marianna & Roger Gennett

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1 & 2

Ushers 7:00 PM Dave Theisen & Francis Stockheimer

8:00 AM Todd Folz & Chad Kaiser

Servers 7:00 PM Allan Daul

8:00 AM Evan & Jacob Bohman

Readers 7:00 PM Deb Kraus 8:00 AM Tom Hein

Music Leaders 7:00 PM Organ 8:00 AM Guitar Group Finance Engineers 8 AM Ted & Kazia Karpinski, Ben Bohman

FINANCIAL REPORT 12/12/21

Adult\$	1,903.00
Plate\$	244.00
Improvement\$	15.00
Christmas\$	
Total\$	2,197.00

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LOOKING FOR FINANCE ENGINEERS

St. Andrew Parish is looking for several people to join the Finance Engineer group for Sunday collection counting. Please contact the parish office at 715-687-2404 to assist with this ministry.

LOOKING FOR CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

St. Andrew's Cemetery Committee is looking for one or two people interested in joining the cemetery committee. It can be either a man or woman to help with the committee duties. Please contact Mike Heil at 715-687-4458 for more information.

INTERESTED IN SERVING MASS?

If you would like to become a Mass server, we would love to have you join our group of dedicated servers. Please contact Ben Bohman at 715-652-3611 or at hbbohmans@tds.net. Thank you.

BABY BOTTLE ADVENT PROJECT

If you haven't turned in your baby bottle donations for the Hannah Center, please do so as soon as possible. Your offerings are a way to help babies and their mothers. Thank you for your generosity.

JAN. 8 CHALICE OF MERCY UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy.





Father Sengole Vethamanickam Pastor: St. Joseph & St. Andrew Email: pastor@stjstratford.org Cell Phone: 715-615-1774





Being obedient to Parents is a great Blessing. Let our children learn from Jesus to be obedient.

With Merry Christmas blessings,

Father Sen

DRE/CRE/Youth Minister Opening

St. Joseph and St. Andrew Parishes are accepting applications for a combined position of Director (or Coordinator) of Religious Education and Youth Minister. For job description and more information, please contact the parish office at 715-687-2404 or stjosephofficel@gmail.com

SUPPORT THE BEAUTIFUL WORK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities provides warm shelter and clothing to homeless people, gives material assistance to those in need, helps families struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children, assists birth moms in crisis and parents wishing to adopt, and does so much more. Please consider supporting this great work, whether you can help financially, through volunteering, through your prayers or all three. To learn more, visit cclse.org and click on "Get Involved."

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Reminder: Now that we are in the month of December, the end of the year is approaching quickly. All donations must be postmarked by 12/31/21 to be coded to the 2021 tax year. Any donations postmarked after 12/31/21 will be processed in 2022.



Find St. Joseph Catholic School

We the family of St. Joseph, are committed to educating God's children by promoting Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.





Christmas has come upon us very fast and we have been preparing for Christmas in the preschool by helping celebrate the season of Advent by joining as we like to call it in our classroom "the big school" for the weekly Advent prayer service. It has been a wonderful experience for the children to be able to participate in this special event.

We have been very excited throughout the last few weeks singing and practicing our songs for the Christmas program. The children have been doing a great job.

We have been learning all about Nativity and the true meaning of Christmas. They love listening to the stories that we read about baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph and they even can tell the story back to just about anyone who will listen.

We have been doing a variety of projects from wooden snowmen, nativity scenes, and even made paper snow globes. We do large motor activities that make us dance like penguins and pretend that we are reindeer.

The children are learning to become more and more independent especially when it comes to getting all their snow gear on to go outside. We continue to learn our letters and numbers and shapes.

However the thing that I am proud of them is the fact that they sit fantastically for mass and even to go every week. I was going to only take them every other week, but when they ask to go I take them and they exclaim, "church is fun."

Merry Christmas to Everyone Mrs Baumann and the Preschool

Common News Continues Here...

HELP THOSE DEVASTATED BY THE RECENT TORNADOES

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website – <u>CCLSE.org</u> – click on "Donate Today," and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.

WHAT IS SCRIP?

Scrip is a fundraiser that is utilized mainly for upkeep of our parish and school buildings. We purchase gift cards at a discount, sell them at full price and use the profit for our needs. Recently Scrip was used for updates to convert the Parish Center to the Preschool Center and for needed maintenance supplies. Gift Cards are sold through the school office during the week, and after St Joseph weekend Masses. Call the school office to place an order at 715-687-4145.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Pope St. John Paul II Adoration Chapel; 7-8 AM, 3-4 PM, or 11-midnight all on Fridays. Please consider a holy hour, night or day, God bestows many graces through adoration!! "Jesus made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. Ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him, the love of loving Him, the courage to serve Him. He is really there in person, waiting just for you."-Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta. For more information or to take a holy hour, please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085.

Mass Intentions For The Week Wed. Dec. 29 8:15 AM Brandi & Kelly Kramer Fri. Dec. 31 4:00 PM †Laura Niehaus Sat. Jan. 1 4:00 PM †Jerry LaSee Sun. Jan. 2 10:00 AM For All Parishioners

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1 & 2

Ushers	4:00 PM	Group A	10:00 AM	Group A
Servers	4:00 PM	Volunteer	Needed	
	10:00 AM	Volunteer	Needed	
Readers	4:00 PM	Volunteer	Needed	
	10:00 AM	Volunteer	Needed	

Music Leaders 4:00 PM Jan Schmidt 10:00 AM Adult Choir Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM Host: Galen Guyer Choir: Volunteer Needed 10:00 AM Host James Lewerenz Choir: Deb Gliniecki Finance Engineers 10 AM Kelly & Brandi Kramer, Barb Zuelke

FINANCIAL REPORT 12/12/21

Adult	\$ 6,630.00
Plate	
Youth Ministry	\$ 110.00
Christmas	
Capital	\$ 400.00
Special Donation	
Endowment	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 13,268.00

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LOOKING FOR READERS & SERVERS

St. Joseph Parish is looking for volunteers for reading and serving for Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you are interested in assisting in these ministries, please contact Heather Stein via phone/text (715-506-1596) or email hzuelke@yahoo.com

JOIN OUR PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Iniative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.

PRAY FOR OUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES BY NAME

Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. Pray for them by name: John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.







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