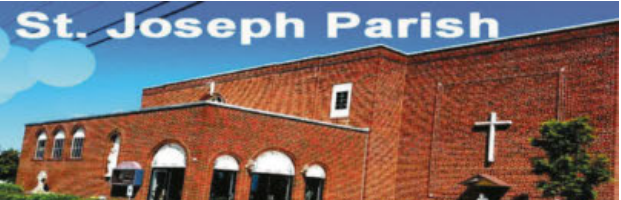
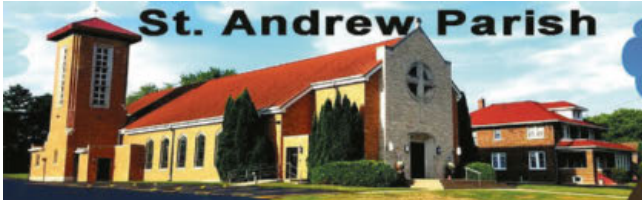


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St. Andrew Parish Mass Times

Tuesdays	5:30 PM	FIRST THURSDAYS
Thursdays	8:00 AM	Mass 8:00 AM
Saturdays	7:00 PM	Adoration 8:30 AM
Sundays	8:00 AM	Confession 8:35 AM
		Benediction 9:15 AM

CONFESSION ON SATURDAYS 6:15 PM

St. Joseph Parish Mass Times

Wednesdays	8:15 AM	FIRST FRIDAYS
Fridays	8:15 AM	Mass 8:15 AM
Saturdays	4:00 PM	Adoration 9:00 AM
Sundays	10:00 AM	Confession 9:05 AM
		Benediction 9:45 AM

CONFESSION ON SATURDAYS 3:15 PM

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December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent
"Gaudete Sunday" - "Joyful / Rejoice Sunday"

"I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul!"
 - Isaiah 61:10



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues. Dec. 19	5:30 PM	†David Haase
Thurs. Dec. 21	8:00 AM	†Duane (Dewey) Kirsch
Sat. Dec. 23	7:00 PM	For All Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 24	8:00 AM	†Gerald & Dorothy Carey
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	7:00 PM	†Betty Helms
Christmas Day Dec. 25	8:00 AM	†Ashley Ann Moore

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 24 & 25

- Ushers:** 7:00 PM Dave Knetter & Chad Kaiser
8:00 AM Russell Beining & Volunteer
- Servers:**
December 23 7:00 PM Allen Daul
December 24 8:00 AM Aaron & Allison Knetter
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Evan & Jacob Bohman
Christmas Day 8:00 AM Knetter Family
- Readers:**
December 23 7:00 PM Helen Wisniewski
December 24 8:00 AM Elizabeth Folz
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Margaret Kraus
Christmas Day 8:00 AM Teresa Derfus
- Music Leaders:** 7:00 PM Congregation 8:00 AM Guitar Group
- Finance Engineers:**
December 24 8 AM Dave & Kathy Bubolz
Christmas Day 8 AM Dave & Joleen Theisen

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 12/10/23

Family Envelope Offering.....	\$ 2,965.00
Family Online Offering.....	\$ 30.00
Basket Offering.....	\$ 395.00
Restroom Project/Improvement.....	\$ 80.00
Special Donation.....	\$ 40.00
Total.....	\$ 3,510.00

R.I.P. We ask your prayers for **Donald E. Andres** who was laid to rest on Saturday, December 9th. May the Lord grant him peace and eternal rest.

ADVENT BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: There is about one week left for the Advent Baby Bottle Project to help the Hannah Center. Please return the bottle to the box in church after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK


God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

LIVING STATIONS

We are asking our high school students to step out in faith in helping us experience the actions taken by Jesus during his walk to Calvary. This is our third year of the Living Stations, and we have had many who said they were touched by the performances. There are no lines to memorize, only being willing to walk with Jesus. We meet as a team and practice our parts. The performances will be during Lent 2024. Please consider being a part of this so we can be open to what God can do through us. Please contact Dave Alcott at dalcott@mff.diolcparish.org or (715)384-3252, ext. 6, by January 12th, 2024.



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"I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul." - Isaiah 61:10

The source of our joy is always from the Lord. We share that joy with others from our soul filled with His joy.

In The Joy of Christ, Father Sen

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PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND, SEPTEMBER 2024

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Almond, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce that we have a new and improved pilgrimage trip to Ireland, September 11-21, 2024! This is an amazing trip that will include many national landmarks, cathedrals, castles and many other beautiful sites of Ireland. The flight will be direct and the experiences breathtaking. The trip is planned using a local experienced agent and US-based travel agency. The estimated tour cost is \$3,999.00 (double occupancy). Those interested can contact Mary at 715-340-7217 with any questions, to request a copy of the itinerary, and to sign up!

SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY

Take your faith on a journey to see the Spiritual Highlights of Italy on this 9-day experience. April 23, 2024 through May 1, 2024. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Day 1 Arrive in Rome, Italy. Day 2 Rome. Day 3 Rome. Excursion to Castel Gandolfo. Day 4 Rome–Pietrelcina–San Giovanni Rotondo. Day 5 San Giovanni Rotondo. Excursion to Monte Sant'Angelo. Day 6 San Giovanni Rotondo–Lanciano–Loreto–Assisi Area. Day 7 Assisi. Day 8 Assisi Area–Cascia–Rome. Day 9 Rome. Plus, Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,929 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$850 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info, contact Brian at 860-399-1785.

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SUPPORT PROJECT MILK IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT


Help the Diocesan Rural Life Committee spread hope and joy by contributing to Project Milk. Founded in 1984 to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year, the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000. One hundred percent of your monetary gift feeds these children and the poor. To give, visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk".


DOMESTIC CHURCH RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE

The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat's goal is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and for more information, click this link: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

Find us in  **St. Joseph Catholic School**
Mission statement:
 We the family of St. Joseph, are committed to educating God's children by promoting Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.




ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph Catholic School concluded their annual Food Drive for the Stratford Food Pantry on December 6th, the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas—a saint who exemplified the spirit of giving. As you can see by the smiles on the faces of our students, it is with great joy that we continue our school's mission of academic excellence and service to others. Gathered before our December birthday bulletin board, our students remind us that our sacrifices are little in comparison to those of God, our Father. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Focused on the real meaning of Season, our school is participating in the Knights of Columbus poster contest having the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas," praying the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, completing numerous Advent activities in individual classrooms, and practicing daily for our annual Christmas program to be held on Wednesday, December 20th, with a dress rehearsal at 1 pm and the main performance beginning at 6:30 pm. Please join us at either one of these times as our students are eager to perform for you as a small token of our appreciation for the sacrifices you have given in support of our wonderful school and amazing staff.

Blessings and Prayers, Mrs. Wenzel

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ADORATION OPENINGS IN MARSHFIELD

Come Let Us Adore Jesus, Christ the King! Hours available are Thursdays from 4-5 AM and Saturdays from 2-3 PM at Pope Saint John Paul II Adoration Chapel at St. John the Baptist Church in Marshfield. Please call Deacon Ray at 715-207-6085 or Jean at 715-387-0571 for more information or if you would like to adore. God Bless!



<u>Mass Intentions for the Week</u>				
Wed.	Dec. 20	8:15 AM	†Emmanuel Scherman	
Fri.	Dec. 22	8:15 AM	†Alan Zuelke	
Sat.	Dec. 23	4:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Meixner Families	
Sun.	Dec. 24	10:00 AM	†Jacob & Catherine Drexler	
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	4:00 PM	†John A. Southworth	
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	10:00 AM	†Jim Drexler	

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 24 & 25

Ushers: 4:00 PM Group A 10:00 AM Group C

Servers:

- December 23 4:00 PM Volunteer Needed
- December 24 10:00 AM Heiden Family
- Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Stein Family
- Christmas Day 10:00 AM Mews Family

Readers:

- December 23 4:00 PM Barb Zuelke
- December 24 10:00 AM Ryan Fisher
- Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Heather Stein
- Christmas Day 10:00 AM Jim Lewerenz

Music Leaders:

- December 23 & 24 4:00 PM Jan Schmidt 10:00 AM Adult Choir
- December 24 & 25 4:00 PM Adult Choir 10:00 AM Adult Choir

Eucharistic Ministers:

- December 23 4:00 PM Host: Sally Wenzel Choir: Volunteer Needed
- December 24 10:00 AM Host: Joe Gliniecki Choir: Laura Zelenka
- Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Host: Mary Drexler Choir: Heather Stein
- Christmas Day 4:00 PM Host: Jim Lewerenz Choir: Laura Zelenka

Finance Engineers:

- December 24 10 AM Jim & Diane Bohman, Joan Kolb
- December 25 10 AM Joan Kolb & Alma Laessig

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 12/10/23

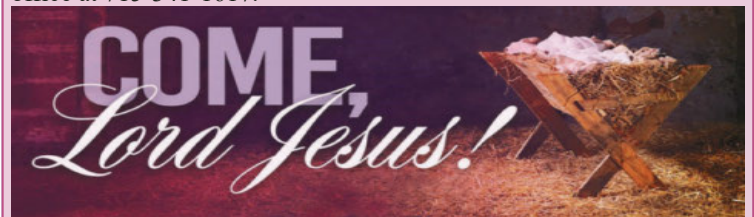
Family Envelope Offering.....	\$ 9,418.00
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Endowment.....	60.00
Votive.....	13.00
Total.....	\$ 12,337.00

R.I.P. We ask your prayers for **Orville R. Bornbach** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, December 7th. May the Lord grant him peace and eternal rest.

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ST. JOSEPH CRAFTING DAY, STEVENS POINT

Join us on Saturday, January 27th, from 8 AM to 9 PM for our 10th Annual Crafting Day at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. Cost of \$40/person includes lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages. Bring your crafting tools, laptops, and supplies. We will have electrical hookups as well. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Deadline to register is Tuesday, January 16th, 2024! Registration information available at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sj-craft. If you need a registration form mailed to you, please contact the parish office at 715-341-1617.



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