

FIRST SUNDAY

*of Advent*



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**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

<b>Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . .</b>	<b>\$3,462.00</b>
Offertory from 11/10 thru 11/16/20 . . . . .	\$2,169.00
CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . .	\$32,626.00
Parishioners' Pledged Amount . . . . .	\$29,595.00
Parishioners' Pledged Amount <b>Received to date</b> . . .	<b>\$ 23,293.00</b>

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Wearing a mask** upon entering/remaining on Parish premises is required.

**Every other pew** is designated for seating at Mass.

**Father Mark is available to hear Confessions during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4**

**The Rosary will be prayed Tuesday at 6:00 pm** in the Church.



**“Care & Concern”**

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Please call 787-4151.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Richard Gusherowski** who passed October 31, **James (Monk) Armanini** who passed November 4, and **Elizabeth (Betty) Welder** who passed November 15. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Dear Families, I am so proud of you in the way you accepted the challenge of completing the Gospel Weeklies with your children. It is my hope that together you are building a deeper understanding of our Catholic tradition. I am grateful for your willingness in accepting this opportunity to serve our Lord in your home.

Thank you. Mary Stoker, Faith Formation Coordinator

**Cemetery Memorials.**



Our family members whom we lost are never far from our hearts. St. Joseph Cemetery serves as a location and extension of our families of whom we desire to include in our lives during various holidays. To accommodate our parishioners who wish to express their love for their family, the decorations placed in the cemetery during the holidays will remain until the holiday season is over. Enough time will be given (which is usually around January 19th) so that you can remove your holiday decorations before the severe weather arrives and makes it difficult to maintain a neat appearance in the cemetery during the winter months.

**No Confirmation Class on Sunday, November 29. Confirmation Class will resume Sunday, December 6.**

St. Joseph Website

Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed **at any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)



**The Examen During Advent**

As we begin this Holy Season of Advent, the Scriptures help us to be consciously aware of some special ways God is working in our lives. God will take the initiative to show us personally, but we must strive to watch for it so we can recognize God’s action. The Gospel says quite clearly to “Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come.” (Mark13:33)

St. Ignatius of Loyola can help us be aware of God’s Presence and action in our lives with the prayer practice called the *Examen*. This is simply to take ten to fifteen minutes towards the end of the day to review and reflect on ways God was helping you understand His activity in our lives. It might be about a complex issue that you worked through and was easily resolved. It may be new insight in your faith. But, it also can be an affirming complement from another person, the amazement of a new talent or ability you’ve discovered or the lyrics and melody of a new song you heard that lifts your spirits. Once you can identify something of God during your day, then proceed briefly with the following steps as much as time allows . . .

**Thanksgiving:** Identify the actual blessing you have received from God and say in prayer: ‘Thank you, God.’

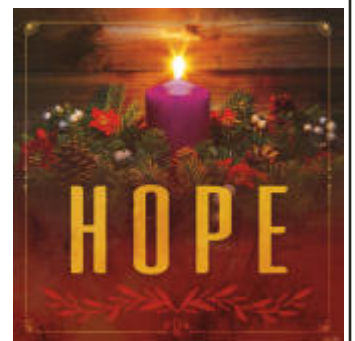
**Light:** I pray to be able to see the truth of myself as God sees me.

**Review of the Day:** As I look at how things went in my life this day, what was the one thing or event that stands out the most? What are my thoughts and feelings about it?

**Response:** In response to the above questions, was it something positive or negative? Were there both positive and negative events that occurred that day?

**Action:** If the event or experience was not good or wrong, then plan how to correct it for the next day. If the things in life that day are good, positive and joyful events, attitudes or situations that went well, then decide how it can be repeated for the next day. Conclude with *Our Father*.

Advent is a season of *hope and joy*. Let’s watch for it!



God Bless,  
Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 30, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ron Celinski	Mary Ann and Don McCluskey	Saint Andrew, Apostle	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 pm Rosary at the Shrine	Virginia & Stanley Gralak, Sr. and Children	Family	Advent Weekday	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 No Mass			Advent Weekday	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 3, 2020	Leo Brown	Family	Advent Weekday	Is 26:1—6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 4, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Mass	Raymond and Victoria Gornati (70th anniversary)	Gornati Children	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 5, 2020 FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. Mass with Adoration and Benediction	Special Intention	Anonymous	Advent Weekday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Saturday, December 5, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent	(See below)
Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Penny Coccimiglio	Family and Friends	Second Sunday of Advent	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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OPEN CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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