

#iGive Catholic Campaign

Giving Tuesday is December 1 from 12:00am—11:59pm. Anyone who would like to give a gift to either St. Joseph Parish or St. Joseph School can do so online at https://erie.igivecatholic.org/ Simply search for the parish or school you'd like to support and make a donation. Offline donations are also accepted. #iGiveCatholic envelopes are at the doors of the church and in the parish and school offices. Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Romans 10:9-18; Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel: Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10a; Gospel Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Gospel Matt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Gospel Mark 1:1-8



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip Store: Need Gift Cards for your Christmas shopping list? Stop by the parish office to see our inventory of SCRIP cards which includes Amazon, Walmart, Tim Horton's, Lowe's, Kwik Fill, Bob Evans, and Applebees, to name a few. If the gift card you need is not in our inventory, stop by and check out our complete list of cards in the parish office. Order forms are also available in the parish office. All Christmas orders must be received by Friday, December 11th for your cards to be in for Christmas. As always, thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Table with columns for date, time, Lector, and (No EMHC / Altar Server). Includes entries for December 5th and 6th.

SACRISTANS

We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up for Mass. If you are attending Mass on the weekends would you consider taking a crash course on the duties of being a sacristan? Our current group is thin and could use a boost particularly through the holidays. Please call the parish office if you are interested or would like more information.

Saint Joseph Catholic School Annual Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, December 5th has been cancelled due to the new restrictions on indoor events.

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 22nd

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$4707.00

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering —\$683.00

A Special Thank You for Your Generosity It is Very Much Appreciated!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

November is National Youth Awareness Month: We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but up to 2.5 million US youth experience homelessness every year. 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more each year. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and /or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. Visit https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources on recognizing and reporting suspected child abuse.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK Compliments of:

Kondaks Market

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We Deliver Catering, Party Platters, Fruit Baskets

It is through the paid advertising of the sponsors that we can publish the bulletin.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/29	First Sunday of Advent (St Luke) Mary Ann Morgan by Bud & Marge Abernathy (St Joseph) Madeline Shanshala by Mike & Lisa Lewis
Monday, 11/30	Saint Andrew, Apostle Francis & Mary Russo by Family
Tuesday, 12/1	Advent Weekday Joseph Gorfida by Jan Graziano & Family
Wednesday, 12/2	Advent Weekday Alice Young by Susan Baker & Mary Nagurney
Thursday, 12/3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Eugene M. Reisinger by Catherine & Charlie Ditz
Friday, 12/4	Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church In Thanksgiving of Father Rick Tomasone
Saturday, 12/5	Advent Weekday Jordan McTavish by Family
Sunday, 11/6	Second Sunday of Advent (St Luke) Lucy Notoro by Family (St Joseph) Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent 8:00am (St Luke) Mass 10:45am (St Joseph) Mass 4:00pm Advent Holy Hour @ St Joseph Church
Monday, November 30	Parish Office Closed 9:00am Mass
Tuesday, December 1	#iGive Catholic Day of Online Giving 9:00am Mass 4-5pm Soup Kitchen Take Out Dinners
Wednesday, December 2	9:00am School Mass 3:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, December 3	9:00am Mass
Friday, December 4	9:00am Mass
Saturday December 5	4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation @ St Joseph Church 5:30pm (St Joseph) Mass
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00am (St Luke) Mass 10:45am (St Joseph) Mass



In your charity please pray for the soul of **Ted Wozneak Sr**, who passed away this week. Ted was the husband of **Joan Wozneak** and father of **Lisa To, Ted Jr, Greg,** and **Joe Wozneak**. Also please pray for the soul of **Joanne Stilwell Slater** sister of **Tom and Carol Stilwell** who passed away this week. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

PARISH NEWS



ADVENT HOLY HOUR

St. Joseph Church will have an Advent Holy Hour on Sunday, November 29 at 4:00PM. Join us for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture, reflection, quiet prayer and benediction. Fr Rick will also be hearing Confessions after the Holy Hour. What a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord!

PENANCE CELEBRATION IN CORRY

St. Thomas in Corry will host a Penance Celebration on December 6th at 3:00pm. Other opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation during Advent will be posted in the church bulletin in the next few weeks.

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS USHERS

Even with the uncertainties of COVID, we are continuing to plan for our Christmas Masses. We have no idea what to expect for attendance but want to be prepared. Ushers are needed to help with seating Mass goers so that the church's capacity is maximized and social distancing is appropriate. We anticipate the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass to be the most attended even though there is no children's choir or pageant. Other Masses at St. Joes will be 10:00pm Christmas Eve and 9am Christmas morning. If you are planning to come to one of the Christmas Masses and are willing to help usher and seat people we would be most grateful. Please email or call the parish office if you are willing to help.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Once again, beginning Thanksgiving Day through December 17th, St. Joseph Parish will help the Salvation Army by collecting items for 80 of our county's neediest families for Christmas. Due to Covid-19, however, we need to alter the process and game plan regarding the packing and distribution of boxes. We are not accepting donations of food items and we are limiting the number of volunteers needed to pack and distribute the boxes. Recipients are being asked to pick up their boxes at Holy Redeemer Church.

Please do not donate turkeys or food items

We would appreciate donations of paper products such as kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper and napkins. These items can be left on the altar steps. Gift cards from Aldi, Shurfine, Tops or Walmart will be given to the families to supplement their food boxes. Monetary donations are useful to purchase turkeys, fresh foods locally and from Erie's Second Harvest Food Bank. Please designate on the envelope or check that the money is for Christmas Food Baskets. Make checks payable to St Joseph Church and place your envelopes and gift cards in the collection baskets or leave in the parish office or mail to the church address. Your contributions and prayers make a real difference to those in need.