

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for DECEMBER 2023:

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



† ST. JOSEPH †



December 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. Harold Brumleve

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 20

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. David Masden

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 21

8:15 a.m. Kenny Stadelbacher

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

CHURCH EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 (Sunday): Christmas Eve; 10:00 a.m. (regular) Mass at St. Joseph

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass at St. Mary, 12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph

December 25 (Monday): The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Christmas Mass; 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Christmas Mass

December 31 (Sunday): The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; 10:00 a.m. St. Joe Mass

January 1, 2024 (Monday): Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's day; 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

December overview: "The first two days of **DECEMBER** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** and is represented by the liturgical color green. The next 22 days fall during the liturgical season of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple—a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the **Christmas** season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold—a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception." (catholicculture.org)



The Meaning of the Four **ADVENT CANDLES**. According to dynamiccatholic.com, "The Third Week of Advent - Candle Name: *the Shepherd's Candle*, Represents: *Joy*, Candle Color: *Pink*. This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus." *Let us light our two purple and the pink candles!*

St. Joe TIDBITS: Please pick up your **POTS & PANS** from the Parish Hall! Those unclaimed will be sold. Let us continue to offer the **GIFT OF MASS** for our dearly departed. For **MASS INTENTION** requests, especially during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, there are special **ENVELOPES** available in the information wall unit located at the back of the church. You may drop them in the collection basket or give them to Father Uriel. **MAGNIFICAT BOOKLETS** are available for daily inspirational readings! Please pick one up along with your **2024 CALENDAR** today.

St. Joe will be **DECORATING for CHRISTMAS** (with the trees and manger) Tuesday, December 19, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join in the fun of getting our Church ready for this special season. *All hands appreciated!*



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of ADVENT

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Patty Flamm, Sherry Haddick

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:00 a.m.

EM: Debbie Russell, Luisa Vercide

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION: Wednesday & Friday after Mass and by appointment



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 02 Chris Stadelbacher

Dec. 02 John Winzenburger

Dec. 05 Fr. Uriel Ordination

Dec. 07 Valerie Palmer

Dec. 10 Gwen Lehr

Dec. 16 Ken Flamm

Dec. 18 Brenda Masden

Dec. 21 Daniel Pineau

Dec. 23 Savannah Eck

Dec. 23 Clayton Eck

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The deadline to submit an announcement for the BULLETIN is Thursday evening. You may email it to: stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 3, 2023
December 10, 2023

Will be posted next week.

Thank you for supporting St. Joe!

PRAYERS OF PETITION

Those in the Military (Active Duty): Scott Bourne, Aaron Cerny, Katie Eck, John Russell, Lauren Sweitzer, Devin Vitt

Those in Need of Healing: Barbara Alstat, Alan & EJ Anderson, Bob Antill, Paulette Aronson, Cade Cohen, Ted Ernst, Diane Essner, Michelle Fisher, Larry Flamm, Regina Fuse, Shawn Knupp, Cari Hatley Marx, Diane McClelland, Stan McGee, Liz Moore, Yvonne Murray, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty, Hannah Perez, Cliff Phillips, Stephanie Poletti, Zetta Ramsey, Clayton Richardson, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Shari Vandersluis, David Villareal, Jun Yting, Sandy Zamora

Those in Nursing Homes: Jo Cerny, Judy Flamm

To update the List after four weeks, please call or text Luisa at 618-967-4452.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SOUP LUNCH** successful: our Bazaar and raffle donors, the hall and kitchen volunteers and, especially, all who came out to support this event during the Christmas in the Village. We had many delicious food items donated, as well as lovely craft items. Raffle winners are: 1. *Large Quilt – Minnie benefield*, 2. *Breakfasr Basket – Laura Mueller*, 3. *Nativity Set and Creche – Virginia Flamm*, 4. *Jewelry Set – Kenny Flamm*, 5. *Watercolor Art – Kim Harvel*, 6. *Framed Embroidery – Becky Morgan*, 7. *Car Detailing – Tony Cerny & Geof Skinner*. Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you for your generous response to the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project. A total of **TWENTY-EIGHT (28) BOXES** full of love and goodies, twelve (12) of which came from our PSR youth who decorated each box wonderfully, have been sent to SAMARITAN'S PURSE and are on their way to the children. *Thank you for spreading God's love at Christmastime!*

From Mark and Sherry Haddick: "After much prayer and several discussions, we have come to the difficult decision to step away from the first and third Wednesday **FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS** which we have done for the last 18 months. We will do the distribution on December 20th, and hope that someone in the parish will feel the call to PICK UP where we are leaving off. We will be willing to do the January distributions with whoever takes on this ministry, to show them what we do. *This is really a two-person ministry, with the necessity of having (or having access to) a 12'-16' trailer with a vehicle able to tow about a ton of food. The time commitment for this task is about 6-8 hours twice a month. Also must be able to lift 40-50 pounds.* If you are interested in taking this on, please contact Mark or Sherry for more information on what is required. We hate to see this ministry come to an end, as there is definitely a need for it, but we are just getting to where we cannot do the job." Volunteers for December 20 are Dan Cirilla and Becky Morgan.

From the Diocese: The **CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL** Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools, and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total 17 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your GIFT to this year's CSMA.

An **ADVENT PRAYER** for the Family:

"Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen."

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