
1st
Sunday
OF ADVENT
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Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	$3,425.00
Weekly collection 11/15/26	$3,127.00
Difference	$298.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	$30,986.00
Pledges to date	$27,145.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOSEPH CHURCH!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction will continue through Advent on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, and each Sunday evening, up to and including, Sunday, December 20th. All are welcome.

Advent Penance Services

Wednesday, Dec. 09 @ 6:30 pm	Holy Rosary Church
Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 2:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Monday, Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday, Dec. 16 @ 6:30 pm	St. Leo Church
Thursday, Dec. 17 @ 6:30 pm	Queen of the World
Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 2:00 pm	St. Joseph Church

Thank you for the generous donations of food and money that were collected during the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. All donations will be delivered to the St. Marys Food Bank.

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 6th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. $10 for adults; $5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!

Parenting Pointers: The Friday after Thanksgiving is the biggest buying day of the year. Try buying yourself some time by spending time as a family today - and this doesn't mean shopping. Try a little time travelling back to the days of the Pilgrims. See if you can live for a day without electricity or automobiles, much less computers and cell phones.

What is Eschatology? *The Last Things* (Part 2)

HEAVEN Imagine the most perfect day. Some would say this is **Heaven**. Imagine being totally free from worries, or being at your best in serving others with your gifts and talents. This is **Heaven** too.

Now, imagine a world where everyone is at peace with each other. No more wars, violence, and poverty. Everyone is completely healed of their ills, sickness, and inabilities. Everyone is happy and knows and loves God and each other. Most would say this is **Heaven**. Maybe all of the above is **Heaven**. I will conclude this message with glorious teachings of Heaven.

HELL We have always been told that this is the place where nobody wants to end up when we die. Why? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "this is the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed..." (CCC 1033) A person in **Hell** is cut off for all eternity from God's Love and Presence and the presence of others.

The most important thing we need to know is how to avoid Hell before we pass away from this life.

1. Live the Ten Commandments daily

2. Live Jesus' Commandment of love the best you can.

3. Confess mortal and deadly sins when they are committed: pride, anger, envy, avarice, greed, lust, and sloth.

4. Grow in your knowledge of God's Will.

5. Meet the needs of the poor, ill, and the needy the best your are able.

PURGATORY "All who die in God's Grace and Friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven." (CCC 1030)

The Church gives the name **Purgatory** to this final purification of souls. Most souls are probably in **Purgatory** before their preparation of **Heaven**. Striving for holiness and living Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) may help avoid **Purgatory**.

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 30, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Gen Zambanini	sisters: Rita, Dorothy, and Bonnie	Saint Andrew, Apostle	Rom 10: 9-18 Mt 4: 18-22 (684)
Tuesday, December 01, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Raymond & Victoria Gornati wedding anniversary	Family	Advent Weekday	Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24 (176)
Wednesday,December 02, 2026 **No a.m. Mass**			Advent Weekday	Is 25: 6-10a Mt 15: 29-37 (177)
Thursday, December 03, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Ann Michelini anniversary	children and grandchildren	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27 (178)
Friday, December 04, 2026 **8:30 am Mass**	Don Asti	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Advent Weekday *Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*	Is 29: 17-24 Mt 9: 27-31 (179)
Saturday, December 05, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Irene Gregori	Robert & Theresa Reese	Advent Weekday	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt 9: 35 -- 10: 1, 5a, 6-8 (180)
Saturday, December 05, 2026 **5:30 p.m. Mass**	Donald Abe Kentoski and daughter Laurie	Family	**Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent**	(see below)
Sunday, December 06, 2026 **9:15 a.m. Mass**	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1: 1-8 (5)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

THE HOPE OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

1042 At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. After the universal judgment, the righteous will reign for ever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The universe itself will be renewed:
The Church...will receive her perfection only in the glory of heaven, when will come the time of the renewal of all things. At that time, together with the human race, the universe itself, which is so closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly re-established in Christ. paragraph 631

1043 Sacred Scripture calls this mysterious renewal, which will transform humanity and the world, "new heavens and a new earth." paragraph 632 It will be the definitive realization of God's Plan to bring under a single head "all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth." paragraph 633

1044 In this new universe, the heavely Jerusalem, God will have his dwelling among men. paragraph 634 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." paragraph 635