

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**St Joseph the Worker**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you and your family with joyful hearts to our church. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please see an ushers or Fr. Julius.

Or call the office at (423) 442-7273.

## Pastoral Staff

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R.C.I.A.	<b>Mike Huffor</b>
Coordinator of Youth Ministry (CYM)	
Director of Music	<b>Jodi Swiderek</b>
Knights of Columbus	<b>Ed Harless</b>
Women's Group	<b>Barbara Callan</b>

## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>4 pm</b>
Sunday (English)	<b>8 am and 10 am</b>
Sunday (Spanish)	<b>12:00 pm</b>
Daily Mass (Tue -Fri)	<b>9 am</b>

## Holy Days of Obligation

Mass at **9 am and 7 pm** (Bilingual)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday **9:30 am – 1 pm**  
 Bulletin items due Tuesday before **12:30 pm**

## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation is required for parents who desire their baby / child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms and information are available in the office.

## Sacrament of Penance due to covid pls call

Saturday **3pm** Sunday **9:15 – 9:45 am** or upon request  
 Domingo **12:00 pm** Spanish

## Sacrament of the Sick

If one is seriously ill or having surgery, please call the parish office or the rectory for Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will administer Holy Communion on a weekly basis to shut ins.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Pastor a minimum of **six (6)** months in advance. Dates may **not** be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires that couples attend an Engaged Encounter or Picture of Love Weekend.

## Mass Intentions and Schedule

**Monday, November 29-** no church

**Tuesday, November 30-** 9 am Mass Dr.Herman Miller  
 By: FFL

**Wednesday, December 1-** 9 am Mass † James Heinemann  
 By: his big brother

**9:30am-** Rosary

**Thursday, December 2-** 9 am Mass Ed Galante  
 By: Galante

**7 pm-** Rosary (MH)

**Friday, December 3-** 9 am Mass † Alexander M. May  
 By: Jim & Dolores Daniel

**Adoration-** 9:30 am - Noon

**Saturday, December 4-** 4 pm † Alexander M. May  
 By: Jim & Dolores Daniel

**Sunday, December 5-** Second Sunday of Advent

**8 am Mass** Nadine Hanken  
 By: Renee Hertz

**10 am Mass** † James Heinemann  
 By: his big brother

**12:30 pm Mass (Spanish)** *People of the Parish*  
 By:

If you wish to have a Mass said for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, complete a Mass Intentions information form or contact the office. Thank you.

Saturday/Sunday			December 4/5
	4pm	8am	10am
Ushers	Donna T Steve/Cami	Frank U Gary K	Mike Huffor
Server	Conrad K Michael M	Katie E Ashton H	James L Andrew H Raeleigh T
Reader	Barb C	Eric E Dottie E	Marvin D Teri S
EMHC	Please check with Fr Julius before Mass		
	Church Cleaning Mon. Dec 6 – Chris C & Tami W		
Counters:	Marlene	Mike	

## **ONLINE GIVING**

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 Click on the "DONATE NOW" button

First gathering: Sept. 16, 1992 Blessing of Building: May 25, 2001  
 Consecration of Altar & Church January 12, 2003  
 Canonically erected Parish May 1, 2006 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

**November 20-21, 2021      Week 21**

Attendance: 328      weekly Need: \$ 4063

Offering	Online	week +/-	YTD
4060	\$815	+812	+ 7793

Capital Exp. \$10      Capital Build Fund\$ 6 0

Good Shepherd \$201      Feed My Sheep \$125

Thanks to all who give so generously. God Bless you!

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***Pray for the Sick  
of our Parish***

Dale Bauer	Mary Cornejo	Charles Downs
Ron Eyd	Maria Figueroa	Raymond Hinkle
Jeanne Huffor	Alvaro Pina	Karen Ruggiero
Susie Ryan	Hugo Schielke	Patty Swatzell
Dennis Wilson		

Any parishioner who is sick or having surgery, notify Fr. Julius or the office (privacy extended to those who request it).

**Event of Death:** notify the office if you would like the Parish to share your grief if a family member dies. Mass can be offered immediately or at a date convenient to the family.

**Happy Birthday –** Hector Abrego, Mia Barr, Maria Castillo, Martin Castro, Yardi Cortez, Jen Carlos Fernandez, Maximo Frutos, Kimberly Gonzalez-Corona, Guadalupe Jimenez, Melani Lopez-Baeza, Maria Magana, Alfonso Mora, Xiomora Ramirez

**Happy Anniversary –** Gary & Barbara Lewinski, Warren & Indra Husted, Lauriano & Gloria Almanza

To add or remove a name from the list, please contact the office.



**Our Blessed Mother** has asked us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us to say the rosary together at **7:00 PM on Thurs. at the grotto.**



**Coffee & Donuts** in the parish hall after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. All are welcome to join us.

**Thought for the Week:**

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world."

**Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger).**

"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited." **Thomas Merton**

**SJTW Penance Service:**

**December 7 at 7:00 PM**



**December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation-** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (bilingual).



**The Good Shepherd Center** serves Monroe County by distributing free food and clothing to needy citizens. **The Good Shepherd Center is having a Lottery** to raise funds for its many activities. Tickets are \$50 each and only 600 tickets will be sold. The prizes are \$5000, \$3000, and \$1500. Get your tickets from Margaret Cummings (423-884-3882), Bill Marquardt (423-884-7227), or Jodi Swiderek (423-420-6609).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious:** The National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held on December 12. This collection assists religious institutes in providing for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs. Please be generous in helping to care for our priests and religious who dedicated their lives to caring for us and who are now in need of your support.

**FREE!** The books on the table in the parish hall are FREE for the taking.



Our Parish is now collecting money for Christmas Flowers for the Altar. Please put your contributions in a separate envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and

put the words "Christmas Flowers" in the memo section of your check. If you wish, there will be a special envelope for flowers in your December packet of church envelopes. We will publish a list of those who gave to this fund in the bulletin at Christmas. Thank you in advance for your special "gift" to enhance our celebration of the birth of Jesus.



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is

the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn. Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at

Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that use ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

#### **Advent Wreaths:**

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

**Nativity Scenes:** In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche/manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

More information is available on the USCCB website