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Advent  
 Week 4

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## December 23, 2018 / 4th Sunday of Advent

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**MASS TIMES**

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.; Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
 Weekdays: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays: 12:05 p.m.  
 Check bulletin for Holy Day Schedules.

St. Joseph Parish is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System  
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**CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENTS:**

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.  
 Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.  
 Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.  
 Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

## Fr Jim's Jottings

A few years ago I shared this story with you. I think it's worth a repeat.

One day a dear friend gave me a rock. I graciously accepted this rock, not giving it much thought...but I wondered why she gave me such an item. Not knowing what to do with this unimpressive gift, I placed it in the upper drawer of my dresser. I kept the rock for fear that someday I might be asked about it.

Well, years passed and I had nearly forgotten the rock because my life had taken on lots of troubles. I had no idea how I would make ends meet. I had reached a point that, at that time, seemed impossible to resolve.

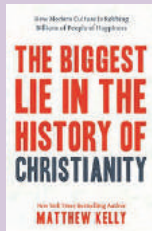
"Well, at least you have the rock", the voice of my friend spoke on the other end of the phone. ("What in the world does a rock have to do with solving my finances", I thought quietly.) Tell me you have it...tell me you didn't throw it away. Oh, Lord, do you still have it?"

"Dear one", I said, "of course I still have the rock; I simply haven't found a special use for it as of yet." Silence deadened the line that connected us. "Why didn't you ever ask me about it? I thought you knew...find it, take it to a jeweler and don't leave until you have an answer!"

To my embarrassment, this rock was more than it appeared to be. The secret identity of the rock was revealed as the jeweler exposed the most magnificent diamond entombed within! I was ashamed that I thought so little about the worth of the rock my friend had given.

*In many ways we too might be guilty of not seeing the real gift of Christmas: Jesus, the Son of God, is born in our world to save us. Sadly that is often lost or forgotten, as we excitedly focus on other presents wrapped in shiny wrapping paper and pretty bows.*

## CHRISTMAS GIFT



Thanks to the generosity of a parish family, we have a thousand books to give away this Christmas. **"The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity"** is written by Matthew Kelly. It explains how modern culture is robbing billions of people of happiness. We hope that every parish family and any visitors who are with us will take the book and read it. After reading it, please pass it on to others who can appreciate it. Thanks again to the generous family that donated these books.

### Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners!

- December 9: Estate of Joseph P. Verhyen - \$25.00
- December 10: Gerard Gierl— \$25.00
- December 11: Colleen Hanson - \$25.00
- December 12: Sarada Amani - \$25.00
- December 13: Estate of Dolores Curtis— \$25.00
- December 14: Jeff Catlin - \$25.00
- December 15: Virginia Baumruk— \$25.00

## Please Pray for...

Please pray for all parishioners who are ill:

**Rick Rohde, Joe Martin, Barb Meyer,**

**Curt Gloude mans, John Sipple**

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died.



## CONTRIBUTIONS up to date?

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we invite you to look at your contributions to St Joe's. Do you think your giving is where you want it to be? There are three weeks to "catch up" if that's what you need to do. If anyone needs to know the amount they've given this year, simply call the Parish Office at 734-7195.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE

We're coming to the final days of buying/selling our Raffle Calendars. The deadline is midnight New Year's Eve! Thanks to many of you who have bought or sold your raffle calendars. **So far we have collected close to \$24,120.00. Our expenses for the raffle are \$12,000 so we have profited almost \$12,120.**

If you have not picked up raffle calendars, there are many on the radiators in back of church and in our parish office.

Again, thanks to everyone who has sold their three calendars. If you can sell more, we are always grateful. You realize that our calendars make great Christmas gifts. They last for an entire year. You can win multiple times on just one calendar.

Please remember that the money from sold calendars needs to be turned in by the end of the year. Thanks, everyone, for your help.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

It's been a while since our two main windows have been missing. Well, a week ago they were returned and are finally in place. Now the lower west windows have all been taken for repair and cleaning. The plastic has a certain charm about it, don't you think? In the spring **Staige Glass** will paint the frames and replace the protective glass. So, this project will take us into the summer. Thanks, everyone, for your patience!

## Got Wedding Plans???

Just a reminder to anyone who has become engaged and are thinking of celebrating their wedding day at St Joe's. It's important to contact the parish early as you plan. To begin, contact Fr Jim (419-8738) to see if your planned date is available and to start the process of marriage preparation.



# DECEMBER 23, 2018 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Upcoming events here at St. Joseph Parish in 2019:

**January 1: Mass of Obligation: 9 a.m. here**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**ALPHA Launch Weekend: January 5 & 6**

**Engaged Couple Retreat at St. Joseph Parish Center:**

Sat., Jan. 12: 9 am—5 pm



Xavier Catholic Schools: **“Celebrate”**  
at Red Lion Paper Valley: Sat., Jan. 26, 2019

**Catholic Schools Week:**

St. Francis Xavier School System: Jan. 27– February 2, 2019

**Diocesan Bishop’s Appeal begins Weekend**

**of February 2, 2019**

**TWINNING: “Warm Hearts Bake & Jewelry Sale”**

*February 9 & 10, 2019*

**St. Joe’s celebrates Mardi Gras:**

Saturday, March 2 — 4 pm Mass with social to follow

**Seniors’ Mass & Mardi Gras Celebration:**

Tuesday, March 5—12:05 pm Mass

**ASH WEDNESDAY: March 6**

**Masses with Distribution of Ashes**

12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Church

6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish



**Stations of the Cross with Soup Supper:**

5:30 pm on **Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11**

**Place to be determined, check bulletins**



May the blessings of the Christ Child fill your life throughout this holy season and upcoming new year.

*Fr Jim, St. Joe’s & IPRF Staffs*

## Financial News

Tithing Needed.....	\$17,480.00
Last Week’s Tithing.....	\$17,429.73
Auto Withdrawal.....	\$705.00
Children’s Collection.....	\$63.00

*Thank You!*

Your special offering to help keep us on target would be appreciated.

## Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]

Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: VIGIL: Is 62:1-5

Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

MIDNIGHT: Is 9:1-6

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

DAWN: Is 62:11-12

Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12

Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

DAY: Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]

Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]

Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]

Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

### Xavier Catholic Schools Corner SPOTLIGHT on XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Xavier Family-

Advent is upon us! It seems like we were just turning the calendar to 2018 and yet here we are, ready to begin another Christmas season. There are so many things that this time of year bring to mind, but I would like to focus on how Advent and Christmas connect us to this month's pillar of our Xavier "Profile of a Graduate:"

A Xavier graduate embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ as a moral compass for making decisions. What can we learn from the story of Jesus' birth?

Be prepared. One never knows when one will be called upon to sacrifice and serve. The innkeepers certainly did not wake up expecting to have a chance to lodge the Messiah and his family. They were not ready to do the right thing when the moment came. Each of us will be faced with chances to reach out to the lonely, forgive those who have wronged us, and serve one another during the weeks ahead. Will we answer the call?

☑ Hold a special place for those less fortunate. It should not be overlooked that God invited the poor shepherds to the stable on the night of Jesus's birth. What can we do to bring someone into experience with Jesus this year? Can we support a needy family through our parish? Is there an elderly person who needs companionship? Can we sacrifice some of what we have to help the hungry or the homeless?

Patiently accept the differences of others. It is, perhaps, natural to bemoan the overly enthusiastic neighbor whose yard looks like it was decorated by Buddy the Elf or to scream at the driver who is going too slow, too fast, or just happens to be where

you would like to be. I find myself wondering why everyone around me just can't act the way I act. Then I stop to think about who Jesus was and how he loved. No one around him was anything close to who he was, but he loved them anyway. They probably talked too loud and said the wrong things at the wrong time. Let me model Christ in the way that I love this Advent.

Do the right thing, even when it's difficult. Think of the wise men. They had to risk their lives by not returning to King Herod to report the birth of Jesus. Their lives changed forever on that day. Consider the courage of Joseph as he stood beside Mary despite a pregnancy that would have stretched his understanding and his faith. We all have those moments when the right thing is there to be done. It requires role models like Jesus and the others in the Nativity scene. We are called to be role models for others, to bring the Christmas story to the modern world.

When our young people graduate, I know that they will be academically prepared to succeed. I am confident that we will have supported them in their talents and passions so that they can more completely become who God created them to be. All of us pray that they will be young people of character, people who preach the Gospel by their choices. We work each day to provide them with Christian examples, solid moral foundations, and an active prayer life to inspire them to grow in relationship with God. This Advent, join me in praying for our young people. May their every decision be made as if standing before a Bethlehem manger.

Merry and Blessed Christmas,  
Mike Mauthe  
Principal

### IPRF NEWS! *No IPRF Classes December 26th, January 2nd and 9th.*

#### 2nd GRADE PARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:

2nd grade parents, both IPRF and Catholic Day School, are expected to attend one of our First Communion Parent Meetings. It is offered twice; choose the meeting that is most convenient for you:

**Tuesday, January 8, 6:30-7:30 PM – St. Joseph, Holly Hall** OR **Thursday, January 10, 6:30-7:30 PM – St. Mary, Community Room**

Parent First Communion Materials for home study with their children will be distributed at this meeting.



#### Courtesy Announcements:

You're invited to an Evening of Prayer sponsored by the Appleton Catholic Adult Education Committee. Presentation will be given by international speaker and author Deacon Keith Strohm who has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the gospel message and encounter the mercy, love, and power of Jesus Christ. The Evening of Prayer will be held at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald St. Appleton on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please register online at [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) call 920-739-0331, or at the door on January 11<sup>th</sup>. No charge to attend.

Discipleship Formation Seminar II, Follow Jesus, will be held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 am – 3:30 pm at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald St. Appleton. This seminar will introduce Jesus's methods of discipleship, the habits of discipleship, and the necessity of focusing on healing within the Missionary Discipleship process. Please contact your parish office by January 7<sup>th</sup> to register. There will be a \$10 fee for those that choose to include lunch.

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## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Dec. Lisa Kampf  
6:30 pm Dec Members of the James DeGroot Family  
10:00 pm Dec. Brendan Kohlbeck

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am Living & Deceased members of the Bill & Geri Hoffmann and Gary Bayness families

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen, the first martyr

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 St John, Apostle/Evangelist

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:05 pm Dec. Edwin & Margaret Hoersch

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

4:00 pm Dec. Josephine Larabell

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 am Deceased Ginny & Pete Kolosso  
10:00 am Dec. Florence R. Popp  
6:30 pm Dec. Mike Horn

## THIS WEEK in OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

No IPRF Classes

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life is often unfair. Sadly, life's inequity usually occurs at our hands. The world's systems - economic, political, and environmental - do not always serve the best interests of the people. We create situations that tip the scales by profiting a few and reducing the quality of life for many. We look at all of the injustices in our world, people being hurt and exploited, and wonder why God has abandoned us or why He won't fix what is happening. God did fix it. He sent his Son into the world as our just ruler and the one who will bring peace. The problem is we still turn away and think that we can do better. The Son of Justice has come into the world. We can work for change and be the voice of justice. We can dream and do things differently. Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Parish Office will close at noon on Mon., December 24.
- 2) See schedule below for Christmas masses.
- 3) Bring in your Calendar Raffles by December 31st. Thank you if you have already purchased your calendars.
- 4) All Contributions for 2018 must be in the Parish Office by the end of the day on Monday, December 31st. The office is open until 4:30 pm that day. IF you are mailing in a contribution, it needs to be postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify as a 2018 contribution.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th:

**4:00** - Come early and listen to Christmas music by our chime choir and women's quartet.

**6:30** - Children's Christmas program.

**10:00** - Our adult choir members will provide a Christmas music celebration 25 minutes before Mass begins



### Christmas Morning—Tues. December 25th

**9:00** - Come early and listen to traditional Christmas carols before Mass begins.

### New Year's Day—Tuesday January 1

9 am Mass

## 2018 IRS CONTRIBUTION LAWS

We are thankful for your financial gifts. As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are bound by IRS laws.

The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE December 31, 2018 to qualify for your 2018 deductions.

### Please note:

The Parish Office is open 9:00 am—4:30 pm

Monday, December 31.

Checks intended for 2019 MUST be dated 1-1-2019 or after.  
Thank you for your support.

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