

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Schedule

December 9- Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- 8:15 am- SSPP

December 18- Penance Service 6:30 pm

December 22- Penance Service 2:00 pm- SSPP

Christmas Masses

December 24

St. Joseph- 4:00pm

SSPP- 5:00 pm (with Fr. Gormley)

Clifton City- 6:00 pm

SSPP- 8:30 pm

December 25

Clear Creek- 8:00 am

SSPP- 10:00 am

St. John's Cemetery Association would like to invite everyone to our monthly prayer service on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. St. John's Church. We will be praying a Christmas Rosary and praying for our community.

This year, we will not be holding a second collection for Christmas flowers. However, if you would like to help cover the cost of flowers, please place your contribution in the collection basket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Church Cleaning Crew for the Week

We extend our gratitude to the following individuals for volunteering to clean the Lord's House this week: **Sally Ellebracht-Gerke and Molly Gerke**. Thank you for helping keep our worship space clean and welcoming!

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Bulletin Items Deadline - Noon Wednesday

Please contact the office for those you wish to add to the prayer list.

Avery Beach, Patrick Gerke, Alexis Reuter, The Schupp family, Martha Gerling, Virgil Kraus, Ray Quick, Juanita Gerke, Bonnie Salmon, Heidi Twenter, Shirley Schuster, Brian Fahrendorf and the family of Beckham Kraus

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession offered 20 minutes before each Mass and by appointment.

The Rosary is prayed before all weekday and weekend Masses. Please join us.

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM: For the People

Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM: Margie Kiesling and
Nelson & Elizabeth Kirsch

Tuesday, December 10

8:05 AM: Bob Felten

Thursday, December 12

8:05 AM: Trudy Twenter

Saturday, December 14

4:00 PM: Fred Lammers & Christy Watring

Sunday, December 15

8:30AM: Mark Gerke

GIFTS AND GIVING REPORT

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| ENVELOPES | \$4284.00 |
| LOOSE | 62.00 |
| SCHOOL SUPPORT | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4,446.00 |

We will not be ordering any more Scrip cards once these have been sold.

| Card | \$ amt | # in stock |
|-------------------|--------|------------|
| Bath & Body Works | \$25 | 2 |
| Barnes & Noble | \$5 | 1 |
| C&R | \$50 | 6 |
| HyVee | \$10 | 4 |
| HyVee | \$50 | 4 |
| HyVee | \$100 | 2 |
| JCPenney | \$25 | 3 |
| Regal Cinemas | \$25 | 2 |
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Advent Week 2: The candle is purple and represents PEACE

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the “Bethlehem Candle,” the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.

St. Joseph Monthly Financial Summary

Dec. 2 - \$4,446.00
 Dec. 9 -
 Dec. 16-
 Dec. 23-
 Dec. 30

Total for month: \$4,446.00



SCHOOL NEWS

Principal - Mrs. Nichole Watring
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Mass Schedule

Next week Mass will be on Tuesday and Thursday. The 1st & 2nd grades will have Mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!

Christmas Program

Please join us on December 19th for our annual Christmas program. Performances will be at 1:30 and 6:30.

“Let The Children Come” Update

Current Checking Balance: \$273,598.04
 Pledged from Home & School Auction: \$164,776
Fundraising Total: \$438,374.04

Let the Children Come
 A Home & School Auction
 Fund-A-Need

St. JOSEPH Catholic School

Raising money to expand our growing school

- Adding Classrooms
- Remodeling Bathrooms
- Maintenance on current buildings
- Making space for more of God’s smallest Disciples

For information at <http://www.stjosephcougars.com/let-the-children-come.html>

Upcoming Events

12/11- PSR
 12/19- Christmas Program
 12/20- Early out - 12:00pm
 12/21- 1/6- Christmas Break