

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **12/02/2018** **St. Joseph Parish** **Paris, AR 72855**
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Confessions: Saturday 4:30PM & Sunday 8:30AM *formed.org* **parish code** 28WKVW
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM & Sunday 9:00AM
Weekday Masses: 7:30PM Tuesday, 8:00AM Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Novena

Mass Intentions

12/03	Monday	NO MASS	
12/04	7:30pm Tuesday	+ Herman & Theresa Schwartz	Betty & Walt Kreutzer
12/05	8:00am Wednesday	+ Frieda Schmalz	Rose Tolbert
12/06	8:00am Thursday	+ Rose Mary Cauthron	Steve & Rhonda Forst
12/07	5:00pm Friday	+ Joe Becker	Ricky & Patty Hixson
12/08	9:00am Saturday	+ Vera Zeiler	Gary & Katie Simmons
12/08	5:00pm Saturday	+ Irene Schluterman	Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
12/09	9:00am Sunday	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Eugene

SECOND SUNDAY: DECEMBER 8 & 9:

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLES:

Saturday 5:00PM **Racine & Mary Beth Nehus family**
Sunday 9:00AM **Rob & Susan Cope family**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Deacon Tom Pohlmeier, Tom & Paulette Spivey
Sunday 9:00AM Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Jana Stengel

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00PM Joyce Koch
Sunday 9:00AM Carl Stengel

ORGANIST & CANTOR:

Saturday 5:00PM Randy Edelhuber, Debbie Rainwater
Sunday 9:00AM Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Brooke, Luke & Lainey Rainwater
Sunday 9:00AM Madeline & Timothy Stengel, Caleb Molton

USHERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Mike & Jane Koehler, Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
Sunday 9:00AM Bill & Theresa Naegle, Joey Naegle, Raymond Sharum

GIFT BEARERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Hilda & Steve Elsken, Janet Schluterman
Sunday 9:00AM James & Dena Huck family

ROSARY:

Saturday 5:00PM Mary Martin
Sunday 9:00AM Carl & Jana Stengel

COFFEE AND DONUTS next Sunday: December 9: Betty Maddox (Laverne picks up donuts)

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS SUNDAY MORNING SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SUPPORT OUR CYM BY ATTENDING THE Sausage Breakfast AFTER MASS TODAY, 8-11AM IN THE HALL. Please come out to support our youth!!

Feast Days This Week: 12/3 – St. Francis Xavier; 12/4 – St. John Damascene; 12/6 – St. Nicholas; 12/7 – St. Ambrose (First Friday);

12/8 – **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – Holyday of Obligation

December 1&2:	Monthly collection for our school
December 2:	CYM SAUSAGE BREAKFAST, 8-11am, in the hall
December 3:	RCIA at 6:30
December 5:	Religious Education classes for grades 2-12 at 6:30
December 7:	5pm Mass for the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception holyday of obligation – <u>NO 8am MASS!!</u>
December 8:	9am Mass for the Immaculate Conception
December 8&9:	Annual collection for Retired Religious
December 12:	Religious Education classes for grades 2-12 Last class before Christmas -Resume on Jan. 9
December 16:	Christmas Brunch Potluck after Mass sponsored by the Mother's Society

NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be Friday at 5pm and Saturday at 9am.

Saturday evening 5pm Mass does NOT fulfill the obligation for both the holyday and The First Sunday of Advent. They are two completely separate feasts.

MINISTERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 5PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Joyce Koch **Lector:** James Nehus
Servers & Advent Candle Lighters: Brooke, Luke & Lainey Rainwater **Gifts:** Bret & Mary Sullivan
Music: Beth Ullrich, Debbie Rainwater **Ushers:** M&J Koehler, J&C Fletcher

MINISTERS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 9AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl & Jana Stengel, Leigh Ann Askins **Lector:** Karen Binz
Servers & Advent Candle Lighters: Madeline & Timothy Stengel **Gifts:** Ed & Martha Ullrich
Music: Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery **Ushers:** J&H Thias, H&A Schluterman

St. Joseph School News

St. Joseph School Student Council is currently sponsoring a **Winter Wear Drive** to benefit COS. Scarves, gloves, caps, coat, jackets & sweaters are being accepted. They may be new or gently used. Please make sure they are clean and in good repair. A **Toy Drive** is being conducted as well.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by to see the St. Joseph School Christmas Tree on the north side of the Square.

Please remember to clip Box Tops for Education, Best Choice UPCs, and save used ink cartridges for us.

A REMINDER – **Boxtops have expiration dates on them!!**, we are required to turn in **Best Choice UPCs** in batches of 1000, so if you have some you haven't turned in.....it will gain us a "free" \$60!!

Campbell Soup no longer has their label program, so we will not be collecting those any more.

"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."
Roy T. Bennett

The Mother's Society is sponsoring a **Christmas Brunch Potluck** in the hall on Sun, Dec.16, after Mass. All parishioners are invited to come and bring a dish or two to share. Donations will be accepted to benefit those who come to the church door needing assistance. Please come even if you are not able to make a donation.

The Mother's Society is once again selling **Christmas Poinsettias** in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone special. You may call Frances at 963-3945 or Charlotte at 438-2743 to place your order. These poinsettias are used around the altar during the Christmas Season.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Gene Davis/injuries from a fall; Katie Simmons/hip replacement surgery; Kenneth Vines/cancer surgery; Roman Gack/pneumonia/in hospital

"We would like to take this time to say thank you to our St. Joseph's families who extended their kindness and love to us during the passing of our mother. From the cards, prayers, Mass offerings, food, to the representation of the school children at the funeral, your thoughtfulness touched us deeply. We love and appreciate you all!"

Marcus, Debbie, Brayden, Brooke, Luke & Lainey Rainwater, Janet Schluterman & Steve Elsken, and all the Irene Schluterman family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Roman Gack, Teresa Schluterman, Martha Ullrich, Regina Ahrns, and Gary Schluterman.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Ralph & Alice Cooper.

DECEMBER BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Charlotte Koenigseder, Patty Hixson, Michelle Howard, Dena Huck, Jaclyn Hughes, Peggy Ingle, Jaime Jackson, Shirley Kiefer, Jane Koehler, Holly Komp, Marilyn Koch

Please remember that any time there is a funeral dinner, everyone is encouraged to bring a dish whether you are on the current month's list or not.

DECEMBER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find in their dialogue with culture a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Nov. 25 Collection: Adult env (50) \$1673. Children: \$33. Loose: \$300. Total: \$2006.

Miscellaneous Income: Donation: \$100. Mass stipend: \$10. Votive candles: \$38.

November School Collection: \$815. Diocese: CCHD: \$429. All Saints Day: \$325. Cemetery: \$2047.

Taking time to rest is not a waste of time. Give yourself a break today – from chores, from worries. It doesn't take long to rest. Take your cue from God, your Creator, who rested on the 7th day.

What have you done for your marriage today? www.foryourmarriage.org

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Thank you to the Stewards who continue working with the youth of our parish, taking them on retreats, to conferences, helping earn money for these trips by providing services like the Sunday morning breakfast this week. These things don't just "happen." These adults selflessly give of their time and talent over and over and over again. God bless each of you for the good works you do!!

The First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

THIS PROMISE IS FOR REAL!!

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made."

(Jeremiah 33:14-16)