

December 16th, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent



REFLECTIONS ON THE READING In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account.

Question of the Week: Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?



We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church!

Parish Information

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8 am – Noon and 1:00 – 4:00pm

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For marriage preparation, contact Father at least six months in advance

For Baptism preparation, if you are expecting or need information about Baptism. Classes will be offered only once a quarter. Please contact Father or office ASAP

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December 18th-RCIA @ 7 Pm

December 18th-Penance in Hannibal @ 7 PM

December 19th-Penance in Bowling Green @ 7 PM

December 20th-Penance in Palmyra @ 7 PM

December 21st-Delivery of Adopt a Family Gifts-Thanks to St. Joseph Families for Generous Donations!!!



Mass Intentions for Dec. 18th-Dec 23rd

Tues	6:00 p.m.	Faye Dames+
Wed	8:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goodwin+
Thu	No Mass	Penance Service @ 7 PM
Fri	10:00 a.m.	Phil Bohne+
Sat	5:30 a.m.	Herman Hudson+
Sun	7:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church+
Sun	10:30 a.m.	Jimmy Zak+

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before mass starts on the weekends

PARISH SUPPORT -Adult Env. \$4591; Loose Cash \$311.57; Children's Collection \$3, Immaculate Conception \$1176.40

SECURING OUR FUTURE – St. Joseph Capital Campaign

Total pledged \$259,035.00 Total Received as of 12/10/18 \$251,700



CSA 2019 So far our has raised \$14,046 of our parish goal of \$15,000, with a total of 59 parishioners participating. Thank you to all who have donated! Currently, we are at 93.64% of our parish goal!

SAVE THE DATES:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS @ 4:00 PM & 10 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS @ 9 AM

New Years Eve Mass @ 5:30 PM & New Years Day Mass @ 8:00 AM

Upcoming Penance Services:

December 18th @ Hannibal,

and December 20th @ Palmyra

All services start at 7 PM

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS -Memorial donations are now being accepted for flowers and other Christmas decorations. Place your donation in an envelope marked "In memory of (name) from (name of donor)" bring it by the church office. All donations must be received in the office by Monday, December 20th. The list of donations will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

CCD - Class on December 16th from 9 AM-10:15 AM
 No Class on December 23rd, December 30th
 Class will resume on January 6th at 9 AM-10:15 AM



HIGH SCHOOL 9th-12th Grade Youth Group –

lunch after 10:30 AM Mass from 11:30-12:30 PM on Sunday, December 16th

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH Sunday, December 16th from 4:30-6 PM Christmas Party and Adopt A Family Fun!

***If you or a family member are in the hospital FOR ANY REASON please call Fr. Basil or the office. ***



Florence Fohey, Arlene Veit, Jim Veit, Bonnie Slates, Joe Slates, Dwayne Goodwin Sr., Martha Hudson, Beverly Bunten, Barb Merkel, Michelle Richardson, Rhonda Dodd, Michael J. Rothweiler, John Paul Bigelow, John O’Heren, Eric Baker, Teresa Hettinger, Timothy Axton, Jack Lewis, Janet Barnes, Bob Wolfmeyer, David Herman, Kenny & Judy Hardsock, Rob Murphy, Audrey Dent, Susan Berti, Drake Hill, Stephen Lawrence, Mark Hirner, Pauline Jones, Paul Quinn, & Annie Akright Killion

Prayers for the soul of David Clayton of Hannibal who passed away on Saturday, December 8th. Please continue to pray for his wife Allison Clayton and in-laws Tim & Ruth Ann Wright of our parish.

Please pray for strength and healing in the days to come.

The Holy Father’s intention for November: 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.

Bishop McKnight’s intention for November: For the blessing of family life; that as community we may safeguard this basic cell of society in public policy, and as Church we may support those struggling to provide a home filled with faith, hope, and love.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

Katie Bross December 16	Luke Mahsman.. . . . December 17	Jennifer Murphy.. . . . December 20
Sydney Hudson.. . . . December 16	Kara Dames December 18	Isaac Krekemeyer December 20
Tina Baxter. December 17	Tiffany Hultz December 18	Jim Veit December 21
Mary Creger... December 17	Olivia Pruett December 18	Eddison Brown December 21
	Nicole Neisen December 19	

Be a Soldier for the Corporal Works of Mercy

This month we are collecting: (toothpaste, deodorant, body soap, bar soap, etc.?)
 Please put your donations in the box provided in church

Remember the holidays - nonperishable items for holiday meals would be appreciated.



Adopt-A -Child Helping Bring Jesus to families in need in our communities Thank you for your support for Adopt-A-Child. Please wrap your gifts and place the ornament on the outside of the package and return to the back of church ASAP. Thank you for supporting our community with your generous donations. All Donations must be back to the church by December 16th!

CHOIR PRACTICE - If you are interested in singing with the choir at the Christmas Eve masses which are scheduled Monday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. (Youth Mass) and 10:00 p.m. (Adult choir), please see the below practice schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Chambers at 573-822-5784 or Pauline Jones, home 769-3576, cell 573-248-7751. Come help make joyous music at this most blessed season.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 16th @ 8:45-10 a.m. ; Tuesday, December 18th @ 6:30-8 p.m.

