



St. Joseph Parish

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Mission: Together in faith, we celebrate Christ through prayer and service.



ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 12-19

- Sunday, November 12
11:30 a.m.—Baptism Class after Mass
- Monday, November 13, **Parish Office Closed**
11/26/17 Bulletin Deadline
7:00 p.m.—Holy Hour for Families
- Tuesday, November 14, **Parish Office Closed**
6:30 p.m.—RCIA
- Wednesday, November 15, **Parish Office Closed**
4:15 p.m.—CCD at St. Joseph Parish
6:00 p.m.—Confirmation at St. Peter Parish
6:30 p.m.—CCD at St. Stephen Parish
6:30 p.m.—TYME at St. Peter Parish
- Thursday, November 16, **Parish Office Closed**
12:00 p.m.—PCS Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m.—Pastoral Council Meeting
- Friday, November 17, **Parish Office Closed**
11:00 a.m.—Senior Trip to the Clauson’s Show
- Saturday, November 18, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Racine Kringle Sale after Mass
- Sunday, November 19, Advent Sale after Mass
Poinsettia Sale after Mass
Racine Kringle Sale after Mass
Parish Family Life Meeting after Mass

PARISH

Parish Office will be closed beginning Monday, November 13, through Tuesday, November 21. Renée will be on a leave at this time. The office will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, November 23 and 24. Please note on your calendars.



Holy Hour for Families, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1170, is Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Parish. The includes Exposition, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, prayer and Confession. All are welcome.

Advent Sale—After the Masses on November 18-19 and November 25-26, the parish Education Committee will have their annual Advent Sale in the Parish Family Center. You will find Advent Wreaths, daily Advent devotionals, religious ornaments, Christmas books and much, much more. Stop by and help support this parish fundraiser. Thank you.

“Lend a Helping Hand!” The Parish Education Committee needs help to set up the Advent Sale on Friday, November 17, at 9:15 a.m. Help is needed with sales the weekends of November 18-19 and November 25-26 after each of the Masses. Call Pat Wenzl at 715-344-3906 or email p_wenzl@charter.net if you would like to help.



Poinsettia Sale—The Decorating Committee will be taking orders to purchase Christmas Poinsettias for the church for this holy season. If you wish to order a plant in memory of loved ones, a committee member will be in the Gathering Space after each Mass the weekends of November 18-19 and November 25-26. Thank you for your support in helping to make our church beautiful each year!

Totals are the same due to early bulletin deadline.
Special Collections 10/30/17
\$15.00—Milk Can Fund
\$80.00—Building Fund
\$300.00—Keeping Our Father’s House
\$210.00—World Mission Sunday

Envelopes/Basket Summary—10/30/17	
Weekly Giving	\$5,724
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$110,825
Budgeted to Date	\$127,728

DAA 2018 GOAL	
Weekly Pledges Received	\$
Total Pledges Received	\$25,157
Total Payments Received	\$19,354
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$0,000



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
8:00 a.m. †Living & Deceased Members of
the Fisher Family

TUESDAY, November 14
8:15 a.m. *School Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 15, St. Albert the Great
8:00 a.m. †Nicole Nowak

THURSDAY, November 16, St. Margaret of Scotland &
St. Gertrude
8:00 a.m. *St. Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:00 a.m. †Ted, Terry & Dora Nolan

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 18, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
4:00 p.m. †Lorraine & Sylvester Disterhaft
†Raymond & Agnes Sampson

SUNDAY, November 19
10:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members
of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

Liturgical Ministers for November 18-19

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Adult Servers
Hospitality Ministers:
Mike Bablitch Val Omernick Virginia Zakoski (w)
Steve Brazzale Maurice Stoltz
Reader: Mary Davidson
Eucharistic Ministers:
Kim Boden Jan Boursier Dolly McKay
Rich Boden Charisse Fogarty Rich Mrozinski
Gift Card Sellers: Mary Stroik

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jacob Cornell, Cheyenne Cornell, and
Andrew Pisarski
Hospitality Ministers:
Rosalie Chojnacki Kathy Hansel Chris Sekerka
Don Dehlinger, Luke Wachowiak, Jeanette Koziczowski (w)
Readers: Jeanne Groos & Terry Miller
Eucharistic Ministers:
Paul Banz Sally Dehlinger
Mike or Michelle Cornell Michelle Poeschel
Mary Pat Dean Brian Zimmerman
Gift Card Sellers: Leah & Kevin Shibilski

PARISH

Operation Bootstrap—During the holiday months of November and December, the parish will continue to support Operation Bootstrap. Whatever you are able to donate during the holiday months is greatly appreciated.

Bulletin Deadline—The last deadline which has been moved up due to the Thanksgiving Holiday is:
Nov. 25/26 Articles Due 11/13

St. Joseph Parish Senior Day Trip—The trip to the Clausons’ “Christmas on the Farm,” is this coming Friday, November 17. The bus will promptly leave St. Joseph Parish parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m.

Custodial Position—St. Joseph Parish is actively seeking a part-time custodian (30 hours per week). Job responsibilities include all cleaning of parish buildings, care of grounds, and general light maintenance of parish facilities. Responsible applicants will be expected to be self-directed and this highly motivated individual will take pride in the position and be attentive to the needs of St. Joseph’s Parish. Interested individuals can contact Renée Schneeberg at St. Joseph Parish office for more information, 715-341-1617 x101. For the duties and responsibilities see *the insert* in this weekend’s bulletin.



Thanksgiving Mass & Food

Collection on November 23 is at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we give thanks as a parish community for the many blessings in our lives at our annual

Thanksgiving Liturgy. As you are able, please bring a donation of a nonperishable food item(s) to be blessed and distributed to Operation Bootstrap. If you are not able to join us but still wish to donate, you may place your donation in the grocery carts the weekend of November 18-19.

Congratulations to Fr. Todd Mlsna on the 19th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. St. Joseph Parish thanks you for answering God’s call and serving our parish and community. Health and happiness to you in the upcoming year.

Baptism Class Schedule—If you are planning to bring a child for Baptism, be sure to call the parish office at 715-341-1617 x101 to register for one of the preparation classes. Please note the following future class dates: January 21, March 11 and June 10.



St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner—

Please pray for the health of Gerrie Quimby. If you would like your name placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Renée at 715-341-1617 x101, or send an email to: rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

PARISH

Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of November 13-19:



Jim & Char Harvath, 47 years
 Bob & Bonnie Rutta, 49 years
 Chris & Beth Sekerka, 15 years
 Edward & Kathleen Lukaszewicz, 45 years
 Bob & Mary Rosek, 38 years
 John & Cindy Hawley, 45 years
 David & Cindy McCabe, 22 years
 John & Lucille Herman, 62 years

May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

A Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Server Coordinators Jeanne Groos and Brian Formella. Thank you for your faithful devotion and service to our parish. We are sincerely grateful.

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to use your gifts for our community?

Adult Education Opportunities—Join parishioners in learning about and discussing the many aspects of the Catholic faith and Catholic Church. Meetings are in the Family Center on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Church History: 11/21 and 11/28, 12/5 and 12/12

Morality: 1/9, 1/16 and 1/23

The Bible: 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20

Sacraments: 2/27, 3/6 and 3/13

Don't miss these great opportunities to learn more. For questions, call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112.

Calling All Crafters! Looking for a place to work on your crafts and some time to do it? We have the answer! Join us for our Crafting Fundraiser event at St. Joseph Parish Center on Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity. If you register by December 15, cost per person is \$35.00. Cost between December 15-29 is \$40.00. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. For digital scrappers there is internet access, so come and join us. (This is not a class, just time for crafting and getting the creative juices flowing!) For details and the registration form, please go to the parish website at togetherinfaith.org and click on "Stewardship Opportunities." You will see all the details of the day and a link to the registration form. All registration forms and payments must be sent to the St. Joseph Parish office by **December 29, 2017**. We hope you can join us! *Please see the insert in this bulletin for all the details and registration form.*

28th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk—It doesn't seem possible but Cookie Walk is right around the corner! Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. until sold out. This event is a joint effort between St. Anne's Society and the Parish. To continue our success, we need many volunteers. There are several ways you can be involved; bake at home or come and join with others who bake at church; come just for decorating the many cutouts and gingerbread people; donate money toward expenses and, of course, we invite all to come on the day of the sale to purchase some tempting cookies. Baking at church will begin Monday, November 27, through Thursday, November 30. Monday baking is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; the remaining days baking is from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We welcome help from male, female, Cookie Walk veterans as well as "newbies." Mark your calendars and watch for our mailing coming the week before Thanksgiving as well as future bulletin items. If you have questions, please call either Aggie at 715-344-2276 or Adrian at 715-344-3025.



St. Stephen Home and School will be selling delicious Racine Kringles after Masses at St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes on November 18 and November 19. There will be several flavors to choose from. Kringles will sell for \$10.00 each. All proceeds will go to the benefit of the children at St. Stephen School. Thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools!

Capitol Campaign Update—Asbestos removal is complete in Ehr Hall. The next step is to decide on new flooring to place in the hall. The hall *and* the restrooms will remain closed at this time.

Weekly Reflections—The parable of the bridesmaids may seem strange. After all, are we not to share what we have? But the point is preparedness. Everyday we need to live as if it were our last (for one day it will be). There are no holidays, sick days or vacation time for true disciples. We need to be attentive to the inspiration of the Spirit and to treat everyone with love and compassion. Consider this: How can you keep yourself prepared?

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. —Psalm 63:4

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Franciscans Downtown—The next movie, *12 Angry Men*, is Wednesday, November 15, at 1:00 p.m.

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St. Peter Parish Harvest Fest is November 18, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and November 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in Kolbe Hall. The Fest features homemade soups, holiday breads, pies and a rummage sale of household items and holiday decorations.

Centennial Concert Series—Holy Spirit parish celebrates the centennial of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church with a series of concerts. “Open Borders,” a concert featuring Syrian composer and instrumentalist Wassim Ibrahim, will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 17, at St. Stanislaus Church. The concert also will feature Viterbo University music faculty members Jonathan Borja, flute, and Mary Ellen Haupt, piano. The program will include a premiere of Ibrahim’s 2017 composition “Trauma and Silence.” All are welcome to this public celebration. The Centennial Concert Series will continue monthly through the spring.

Knights of Columbus, Council 1170, Breakfast—Join the Knights for their monthly breakfast on Sunday, November 26, serving from 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. The menu is delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage/ham, famous fried red potatoes, desserts and beverage. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children. The Knights are having a special bake sale with proceeds supporting their various charity programs.

34th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is November 23, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at St. Bronislava Parish. The dinner is free for those residing in the Plover and Stevens Point communities. Sponsors are St. Bronislava Parish, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Springs Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed along with donations of food items. Donations may include homemade desserts such as pies, breads, cakes, etc., which can be dropped off on Wednesday morning or by 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at St. Bronislava. Sign up at www.volunteersrock.org to volunteer. To volunteer to drive people to the dinner and back, call Good Shepherd Lutheran at 715-341-6122. Monetary donations can be sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Drive, Plover, 54467.

DIocese/WIDER CHURCH

Holy Father’s Intentions for November—That **Christians in Asia**, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

The **Vienna Boys Choir** will perform at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse, on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be purchased through the Viterbo Fine Arts Center at www.viterbo.edu/fac. For details call 608-782-0322.

“Share the Journey”—Pope Francis has launched a two-year “Share the Journey” campaign aimed to encourage Catholics to learn about and encounter migrants and refugees, breaking down barriers of fear and building bridges. You can learn more by visiting www.dioc.org/social-concerns.

Send a Prayer Intention to Bishop Callahan—On Thursday, December 7, Bishop Callahan will be inviting you to share a prayer intention via an automated phone message. If you have a particular intention for which you would like him to pray, follow the prompts at the end of his message. If you miss the call or would like to leave an intention at a later date, call 608-352-9565 or visit the diocesan website at www.dioc.org/pray to submit your prayer intention on line.

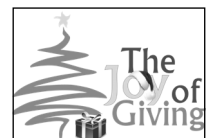
Advocate for Pending Pro-Life Legislation on both the state and federal level by visiting www.dioc.org/respect-life to learn how.

ST. ANTHONY SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Retreat for Women, “Promptings of the Spirit,” November 17-18. On this opening weekend of hunting season, the retreat will focus on discovering more cues to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Cost is \$90.00 For details/registration, call 715-443-2236 or go to www.sarcenter.com.

COMMUNITY

Holiday Basket Project—Support of the Holiday Basket project by people in Portage County has been outstanding. This project matches basket sponsors with people who have many needs at the holiday time. Last year 1,186 families/singles received baskets. Please consider becoming a sponsor as a family or with friends. Sponsors are needed to make the holidays a happier time for those less fortunate. If you are interested or have any questions, call the Holiday Basket office at 715-344-9950. If circumstances for you and your family are such that you would like information regarding the qualifications necessary to receive a basket, please call the office at 715-344-9950.





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Office Hours: Wed., 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

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and Service.



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish—to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not currently a member of a local church, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Visit our Parish Office to sign up, ask questions or receive more information about our parish. We're glad you're here and hope you become involved in our parish family. Our website is www.togetherinfaith.org.

Remember St. Joseph Parish in your Legacy. St. Joseph Parish has seen a decline in giving over the past year, while at the same time expenses have gone up. The Parish would like to continue with expansion of many worthwhile programs and projects successfully. Please, ask Fr. Jerzy how you can help by giving to St. Joseph Parish General Fund.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for detailed information on infant Baptism, as parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation program. The Baptism will be scheduled after completion of the class.

Marriage: Marriage is celebrated for couples who are active and registered members in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) months prior to the requested wedding date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the evening Mass, or you may call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Funeral: Please contact the funeral home director who will assist in making arrangements. The funeral director will then contact the Parish Office.

Services

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due Thursday by 12:00 p.m. Drop off the articles at the Parish Office, or send by email to bulletin@togetherinfaith.org, with a copy to rschnee@togetherinfaith.org.