



St. Joseph Parish

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



ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 7

Monday, January 1, Parish Office Closed
Mary Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 3
No Religious Ed Programs
6:00 p.m.—Catechist In-service

Thursday, January 4
12:00 p.m.—1/13/18 Bulletin Deadline
6:00 p.m.—Sacred Worship Meeting

Sunday, January 7
9:00 a.m.—Call to Justice Meeting

PARISH

Thank You—St. Joseph Parish wishes to thank Pastoral Council President, Rich Boden. Rich has served the parish in this capacity for the past 7 years and has stepped away from the council after the closing of the December Council meeting. Throughout his time as President, Rich has brought a calm and reassuring face to the Pastoral Council. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the council to a new awareness of parish needs. We are truly grateful for all his guidance, support and endless hours of time used to serve St. Joseph Parish. God Bless you, Rich!

Thank You to all who graciously thought of me during the Christmas Season. I am touched that so many parishioners found time to send their good wishes during their own busy lives. The cards, letters, gifts and prayers were greatly appreciated and filled my heart! May God bless you as you enter into the New Year!

Fr. Jerzy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christmas has come once more. During this joyful season we celebrate the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ who came into the world to love us and bring us closer to God. This is also a wonderful time to say thank you for all you give to the church and to our parish. I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for all the wonderful gifts, cards, Christmas wishes and prayers that you have sent my way. Words cannot describe the thankfulness I feel in my heart for every one of them. I appreciate them very much. I also appreciate very much the opportunity to serve as associate pastor at St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes. As you begin 2018, may God bless your New Year and make it holy. I pray that your Christmas and New Year will be filled with an abundance of God's blessings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Yours in Christ,
Fr. Todd Mlsna, Associate Pastor

The numbers are the same due to the Christmas Holy Day.

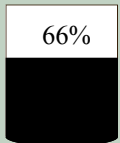
Special Collections 12/18/17

Milk Can Fund	\$26.00
Building Fund	\$210.00
Keeping Our Father's House	\$100.00
Retirement for Religious	\$2,671.00

Envelopes/Basket Summary—12/18/17

Weekly Giving	\$12,139
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$163,715
Budgeted to Date	\$177,400

DAA 2017/2018 GOAL	\$50,565
Weekly Pledges Received	\$113
Total Pledges Received	\$33,505
Total Payments Received	\$27,422
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$200



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 8:00 a.m. †Theresa Cisewski

TUESDAY, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 8:15 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, January 3,
 8:00 a.m. †Eileen Busa

THURSDAY, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, January 5, St. John Neumann
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher Family

The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 6,
 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

SUNDAY, January 7
 10:30 a.m. †Bill & Virginia Harris

Liturgical Ministers for January 6-7

4:00 p.m. — Saturday

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jim Krueger & Mary Davidson
Hospitality Ministers:
 Barb Bartkowiak Virginia Zakoski (w)
 Joan Misiewicz David Sroda Dale Tetzloff
Readers: Leo Jacoby & Judy S. K. Moore
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Kim Boden Charisse Fogarty Phyllis Ziaya
 Rich Boden Michelle Poeschel
Gift Card Sellers: Jean Bablitch

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Deb Peltier
Altar Servers: Ian Ekstrand Emmanuel Fogliazza
 Matthew Tippel
Hospitality Ministers:
 John Droske Rick Kennedy Tari Wallner
 Mary Hale (w) Bill Wallner
Readers: Carolyn Sauer & Mary Droske
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Diane Dietsche Mitzi Hlavac Deb Peltier
 Tom Ekstrand Jane Kennedy Brian Zimmerman
Gift Card Sellers: Leah Shibilski

PARISH

Operation Bootstrap—The parish will collect cans of soup for Operation Bootstrap during the month of January. Anything you wish is donate will be gratefully accepted.

Thank You—The decorating committee would like to thank ALL who helped make this Christmas season at St. Joseph Parish beautiful! The large trees were donated by the Holy Name Society and a generous anonymous donor. The beautiful trees around the crèche were donated by the St. Anne's Society. The "fluffing" and lights of the large trees were done by Mike Daniels and Brian Zimmerman. Boy Scout Troop 297 helped with some HEAVY lifting and tree decorating. Many people donated poinsettias in memory of their loved ones. Countless volunteer hours were spent behind the scenes by cleaners, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers, committees, and of course, our awesome decorating committee (including some very nice husbands) to keep this church running and beautiful. It takes our St. Joseph community coming "Together in Faith" to make it all happen. Thank you. Thank you...THANK YOU!



Meal of Hope Thank You—The St. Joseph Parish Call to Justice Committee would like to express our appreciation to all of the individuals, families, and groups who have helped with the Meal of Hope. Our monthly Meal of Hope regularly has more than fifty people who come for the meal and fellowship. We especially want to thank the following who shopped for, cooked, and/or provided financial support for one or more of the monthly meals:

- St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council
- St. Joseph Parish Finance Council
- St. Joseph Parish St. Anne's Society
- St. Joseph Parish Holy Name Society
- Father Jerzy and friends
- Knights of Columbus
- Thrivent Financial
- Kurszewski, Mrozinski, Swenson and Wallner Circle of Faith
- St. Joseph Parish Discussion Group
- St. Joseph Parish Family Life Committee
- St. Joseph Parish RCIA Program
- St. Joseph Parish Call to Justice Committee
- St. Joseph Parish Folk Choir
- St. Joseph Parish Sacred Worship Committee
- The Martin and Stoltz Families
- Joann Kronebusch for making homemade rolls for many of the meals
- Beth Sekerka and Amy Formella for organizing student volunteers

And the many volunteers who helped greet our guests, donated baked goods, helped with setup or cleanup, and in so many other ways! Thank you for answering the call to serve those in need!

PARISH

Congratulations to our parishioners who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary the week of January 1-7:



Randy & Amy Worzalla, 17 years
May God bless and grant you many years of happiness.

Year-End Giving—Contributions are to be applied in the year received. The last collection for the 2017 calendar year is the weekend of December 30-31. If contributions are mailed, the envelope must be post-marked before the end of the year in order to be applied to this year.

Fr. Jerzy will be away the month of January. Please pray for his safe travel and that his time away will be spiritually uplifting. While Fr. Jerzy is away, please contact Fr. Todd Mlsna, 715-252-8157, for emergencies only. Thank you!

Monday Morning 8:00 a.m. Mass will continue at St Joseph Parish through Monday March 26, 2018.

Mass Schedule Change: Fr. Jerzy and Fr. Lindner will both be away during the week of January 8-12. St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parish will not have morning Mass from January 10 through January 12 and parishioners are asked to attend Mass at Holy Spirit Parish with Fr. Todd during this time. Here is the Mass schedule for that week:

Mon., 1/8	8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Joseph
Tues., 1/9	8:15 a.m. School Mass	St. Stephen
Wed., 1/10	8:15 a.m. Mass	Holy Spirit
Thur., 1/11	8:15 a.m. Mass	Holy Spirit
Fri., 1/-12	8:15 a.m. Mass	Holy Spirit

We thank you for your patience during this time.

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.

School Building Update—Altmann Construction arrived this past Monday to start work on the demolition of the school building. The estimated time to take down the building is six weeks, bringing us to the end of January. The first few weeks will be spent taking items out of the building and preparing it for the demolition. Courtyard doors will be closed during demolition. Please use other doors. Thank you.

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner—Please pray for the health of Sally Nash. 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.

St. Anne's/PCCW—*Ladies Group 5* will be responsible for the month of January. These ladies are asked to help with any funeral dinners.

Kathryn Bemowski Linda Losinski
Cynthia Hawley Mary Ann Russell
Sharon Hutnik Kathy Schlice
Co-Chairs Barbara Bartkowiak and Lucille Lutz

Adult Education Opportunity—RCIA will be discussing Catholic morality on January 9, 16 and 23. All are welcome to join. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112 if you have any questions.

Gift Card Seller is needed after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the fourth Saturday of the month. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jacob Stiemann, 715-341-1617 x102.

Thank You—On behalf of the students, teachers, families and staff, thank you for your support of Pacelli Catholic Schools! Your generous gift of \$100.00 toward Pacelli High School's Service Club is a significant factor in continuing to provide the highest Catholic education program in the state. Your gift directly benefits our students and continues to spread the important message of the faith-based, family-centered education provided by Pacelli Catholic Schools. With sincere appreciation,

Gregg Hansel, Director of Education PCS

Advent Tree & Wreath Project—Donations are due on January 1. Christ came to show us how to love one another unconditionally, without passing judgement. Please return the items unwrapped to one of the boxes labeled for each charity in the Gathering Space. Remember to use PCS gift cards when possible. Thank you for your generosity.



Ehr Hall Update—Updates and work in the hall are ongoing. The kitchen has been painted and a contract for the new floor has been sent to the diocese. We will continue to update you on the progress of this project in future bulletins. The bathrooms remain closed during this time.

PARISH

A Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth the “Cookie Walk” coordinators Aggie Kobishop and Adrian Mitch and all the volunteers who helped make this event the most successful one ever. Thank you for all the time spent in organizing, baking and selling the delicious treats.

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

Holiday Light Fundraiser—Bring in your broken or worn out holiday lights and extension cords. The parish will turn them in for recycling and be paid for the copper inside the lights and cords. This fundraiser goes until January 15, 2018. Items may be placed in the red box in the Gathering Space.

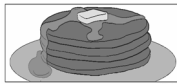


Weekly Reflections—Each child is born with potential. They have natural qualities and gifts as well as handicaps and weaknesses. Parents have the awesome task of providing a foundation that will help their child grow and reach their potential. It is not just a matter of providing food and clothing and sending them off to school and church. Parents teach by example. What they value is shown by what they make time for and what they do without. They have a major role in helping their child discover and develop their gifts as well as acknowledging and controlling their weaknesses. The good news is that God works with us both as a child and as a parent.

*The child grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him .—
Luke: 2:40*

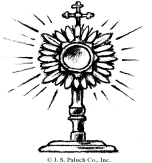
AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, January 7, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. See the flyer on the Gathering Space bulletin board.



Holy Hour For Families—As we begin the new year of 2018, family is a very important part of the celebration. The Holy Hour is a great way to pray together as God’s family. Council 1170 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to sponsor the Holy Hour for Families, which will be on Monday, January 8, St. Joseph Parish, 7:00 p.m. The hour includes Exposition, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, prayer and Confession.

Label Collection for Pacelli Catholic Schools—Campbell Soup labels will no longer be accepted by Pacelli Catholic Schools. The Campbell program is set to expire in early January. With the relocation of the Pacelli Early Childhood Program, St. Joseph Parish will no longer be a drop off point for the collection of milk labels or box tops. Those wishing to donate these items should take them directly to the PCS Office, St. Stephen, St. Peter or Holy Spirit schools.



Pacelli Catholic High School will be having Eucharistic Adoration on the First Thursday of every month from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. while school is in session. The dates are as follows: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3. You may sign up for Adoration on a Thursday by following this link: <http://bit.ly/Dec72017>. Thank you for spending time with the Lord!

DIocese/WIDER CHURCH

Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner will be held January 13 at the KC Hall in Chippewa Falls from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Twelve Ukrainian dishes and classic Ukrainian garb and music make this annual Christmas dinner a festive delight. Valentyna Pavsukova and guests will speak about the recent Medical Mission to Ukraine. Come enjoy an amazing evening and benefit the loving work of Chalice of Mercy. Adults \$30, Children under 10 free, Table of 8 for \$200.

Help End Exploitation of Aborted Fetal Tissue in Wisconsin—Two bills that would end the trade of aborted fetal tissue (Senate Bill 423) and promote ethical fetal tissue research (Senate Bill 424) have received a public hearing, but continue to languish in the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety chaired by Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine). To learn what you can do to help, visit www.hearlwitoutharm.org.

National Migration Week January 7-14 is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees, children, and human trafficking survivors. This year’s theme “Many Journeys, One Family,” will draw attention to the fact that all of our families have a migration story: some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we come from, we are called to live in solidarity with one another.



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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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through Prayer
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.

Share Your Legacy! Have you made a will? Have you included your Parish Family? Support the work of faith within the community of St. Joseph! Estate contributions assist our annual income and help the growth of St. Joseph Parish Stevens Point Endowment Trust. Leave a legacy to the Parish that reflects your connection to your parish. Give thanks to the Lord always! As you desired in life, tithe with your estate.

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.