

## December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph (SJ) and St. Patrick (SP) Weekly Mass Schedule						
Date			Place	Time	Mass Intention	Sacred Scriptures
Mon	Dec	20			No Mass	Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38
Tues	Dec	21	SJ	6:15 PM	+ Don Hermanstorfer	St. Peter Canisius: Song of Songs: 2:8-14; Luke 1: 39-45
Wed	Dec	22	SJ	8:00 AM	+ Samuel Kasap	1 Samuel 1: 24-28; Luke 1: 46-56
Thurs	Dec.	23	SP	5:45 PM	+ Josephine Ann Oujiri	Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24; Luke 1: 57-66
Fri	Dec	24	SP	4:00 PM	For Our Parish	Christmas: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18
Fri	Dec	24	SJ	6:00 PM	+ Phil & Barb Corkrean	Christmas: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18
Sat	Dec	25	SJ	10:00 AM	+ Vincent Dooley	Christmas: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18
Sun	Dec	26	SP	8:00 AM	+ Dave Demuth	Holy Family: 1 Sam. 1: 20-28:1 John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2: 41-52
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**Prayer Chain:** Kerri Axelson, Nellie Bindel, Shirley Bittinger, Maxine Brunsmann, Patty Burgus, Bob Casper, Kellen Casper, Pam Coffey, Danille Eivins, Gary Emmert, Jay Eveler, Therese Fath, Dr. Joe Johll, Kathleen Kordick, Terry Morris, Joesetta Mulvihill, Joanne Nichols, Amy Nolan, Mary Kay Polashek, Clare Ritchie, Kerry Sanders, Sue Schmidt, Mickie Sieren, Linda Sullivan, Kristen Swalve. If you would like to be added to our parish prayer chain, please email Terri Sullivan @ stmnsully@gmail.com or call Patricia Corkrean or Rosemary Stuchel .

**St. Patrick Irish Settlement :** AUCTION RESULTS: The shopping is done, and thanks to your generosity we were able to buy gifts for 33 children and to provide their families with Fareway gift cards to provide food for their holidays. Thanks to all- you are a wonderful parish!

**Churchville Christmas Masses:** We know our neighboring parishes will be having Christmas eve services. There will be Mass at Assumption Shrine in Churchville on Christmas eve at 4:30 and also at midnight and would like to welcome anyone who is interested in coming to Mass at Churchville.

**That Man is you!** First Semester is over. Sessions resume in February.

**Epiphany Brunch:** We will have a Potluck Brunch on Sunday January 2 after the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Joe. Please bring a dish to share and join us as we gather for the first time in many months. Thanks!

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule for December 26 2021			
Ministry	St. Joe's Sat. 9:00 AM	St. Pat's Sun. 8 am	St. Joe's Sun. 10 am
Lector		Pete Svec	Gary Barker
Extra Com.		Bob Mulvihill	Jim Sparks
Gifts		Timon & Sandy Oujiri	
Servers			
Ushers		Michael King, Frank Hawk	
Greeter		Carol Banks	
Coffee & Rolls			Barker Family & Mary Kordick

**Staff Column by Ayden Pugh:** When we tithe or give a donation to the Church it's not really about keeping the lights on, or funding a mission trip, or supporting missionaries around the world, or even giving to the poor. When we give our money and talents to the Church, we give of our means directly to Jesus Christ through His Bride, the Church, for His Mission on Earth. Catholics don't really need lights anyway. We have candles.

God gives us many opportunities to give our means to His will. It's what He desires for us. He calls us at the perfect moments to give in extraordinary ways, but He also calls us to give in consistent and manageable ways; week after week, month after month, year after year. The First reason for this is to give back to God the gifts He gives us so that we can participate in His Divine Will. The Second is to teach us how to manage wealth. Why have wealth without having a heart inclined towards generosity? The Third is because it's a deeper form of prayer with a tactile cause and effect. "God, I don't just want to give You my heart. I want to give you my food, my clothing, my money, my house, my time."

Have you ever heard the phrase, "If you don't use it, you lose it?" We practice giving on a regular basis, especially when it's hard, because one day there may be someone in incredible need, and God may call upon you to encounter that person. It will probably be hard to give what God is calling you to give, but if it is truly what God is calling you to do, don't you want to be able to rise to the occasion? And it'll be easier to do it when the time comes because you've already been practicing giving to God, even when it's hard.

So, whether you give your time, talents, money, food, or clothing, know that it's not about you, or the parish, or even about the needy. We give to God so we can participate in His will. Because in the end, He will fulfill every need, comfort every sorrow, and right every wrong.

If you would like to read what the Bible says about these things, check out Matthew Chapter 25 (1-40).  
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**Confession Times:** St. Pat's 7:15 am on Sundays; St. Joe's 3:30pm on Saturdays. During Advent after Masses.

**Eucharist Adoration:** at St. Joe's: on Tues from 11 am to 6 pm. St. Pat's on Thurs from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** Christmas Eve 4pm St. Patrick's, 6pm St. Joseph's; Christmas Day 10am St. Joseph's. There will be **NO 5pm** Mass on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope this helps you as you make plans for your Family's Christmas.

**FORMED:** we have a subscription to Formed. Go to formed.org click on "I belong.." type in Winterset's zip code 50273 and find all the wonderful faith inspiring talks, movies and shows.

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** St. Joseph's is looking for an individual to lead the Faith Formation program. This paid position oversees Adult Faith Formation, Family R.E. and Bible Studies. Contact the parish office or Fr. Dooley for more details.

**Catholic Youth Camp, Summer 2022:** registration is open for CYC for students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through Graduates of 22. Go to STMCENTER.COM to register

**St. Gabriel's Ministry:** We are looking for individuals, who not afraid of technology, to run our living streaming equipment for the 10 am Mass on Sunday. Training will be provided. This is a growing ministry to the home-bound and sick parishioners. Contact Aiden Pugh or the parish office if you would like to help out.

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** "Hail, Guardian of the redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."