

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66  
**Tuesday** Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Gospel: Luke 2:1-14  
**Wednesday** Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-18  
**Thursday** Acts 6:8-10- 7:54-59; Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22  
**Friday** 1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a & 2-8  
**Saturday** 1 John 1:5—2:2; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18  
**Sunday** Micah 5:1-4a(12C); Hebrews 10:5-1; Gospel Luke 1:39-45



In your charity please pray for the soul of **Carl Asbury**, husband of **Sally Asbury** who passed away this week. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends and ask God’s love to bring them peace and consolation.

The 2025 **Mass Intention Book for Saint Joseph Church** is now open to schedule your Mass Intentions for your loved ones. Please stop by or call the parish office with your requests. We are also accepting requests for the Sanctuary Candles in memory of a loved one. Thank you!

**Decorating the Church for Christmas**

**This Sunday, December 22nd at 1pm** we will decorate our church for Christmas. We are planning to set up the trees, the Nativity, the Christmas swag in back of the church, and the door wreaths. All are welcome to come to help and we need many volunteers to make quick work of it. We especially need strong men to help with the lifting! Thank you for taking time to make this special season beautiful! **The poinsettias arrive Monday morning. Volunteers to help with the placing of the flowers will meet Monday morning at 10am.** Thanks to all our volunteers!

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF  
**Jeff and Charlotte Zaffino by Cindy and Holly**

*St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering-December 15th*  
 Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$7145.10  
 Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering —\$688.00  
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**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

**Lector**

**EMHC/Sacristan, Greeters/  
 Usher, DOG Ministry**

**December 24th**

4:00pm Traci Abplanalp  
 Lettie Pearson  
 Joey Fanelli

EMHC-Carrie Pearson, Claire Fanelli,  
 Judy Anderson, Denise Pusateri,  
 Roy & Betsy Williams, Volunteer  
 Altar Servers— Jahzara Hunter,  
 Ruth Abplanalp, Mary Bennett  
 Greeters— Fanelli Family, Bennett Family

7:00pm Mary Donahue  
 (St Luke)

EMHC—Annette Hutley  
 Usher—Mary Beth Riggie

10:00pm Max Harrison

EMHC — Victor & Kathy Amsdell  
 Ron Osche  
 Altar Servers—Leo & Josh Westover  
 Greeters—Volunteers needed

**December 25th**

10:00am Volunteer Needed

EMHC— John Rickert, Pat Bailey  
 Carmen Bevacqua  
 Altar Servers needed  
 Greeters—Volunteers needed

**December 28th**

5:30pm Roy Williams

EMHC—Roy Williams, \*Pat Bailey,  
 Patty Lobdell  
 Altar Servers—Brody Alexander, Jahzara Hunter  
 Greeters—Mike & Barb McAvoy

**December 29th**

8am Janet Peters or Sue Uhron  
 (St Luke)

EHMC -M. Skerda/ Mary Donahue  
 Usher—Bob Jaffy

10:45am Dena Pearson

EHMC—Patty & Ron Osche,  
 Carrie Pearson  
 Altar Servers—Lara & Alice Pearson  
 Greeters—Sharon Persing, Susan Olson  
 NO DOG - Disciples of God Ministry

\*Homebound Holy Communion

**Sign Up for Liturgical Ministries:** Volunteers are needed for Christmas and New Year Masses. If you are available, please sign up on the lists in the vestibule of the church. Altar servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Ushers are needed.

**Helping Hands Ministry Food Items Needed**

Saint Joseph Church —January

**Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Items**

Saint Luke Church—December

**Beef Stew, Canned Soup, Hamburger Helper, Beef-a-Roni**

Items will be taken to Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry

**LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**PARISH NEWS**

<b>Sunday, 12/22</b> (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> For the People of St. Luke and St. Joseph Linda Lawrence by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Monday, 12/23</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> Dr. Ramon Elvir by Sue, Mary, & Tanya
<b>Tuesday, 12/24</b> <b>St Joseph 4pm</b> <b>St Luke 7pm</b> <b>St Joseph 10pm</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)</b> Living and Deceased Members of St Luke & St Joseph <b>Denise Dorrión by Jim &amp; Mary Beth Riggle</b> Claude J. Luvison by Family
<b>Wednesday, 12/25</b> St Joseph 10am	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> Troy Patrick Albaugh by Family
<b>Thursday, 12/26</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b> Peter & Helen Lucia by Family
<b>Friday, 12/27</b>	<b>Saint John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> Special Intention of Thanksgiving for Rory Makielski by Barb & Mike
<b>Saturday, 12/28</b> (St Joseph)	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> Theresa Ressler by Terry & Janice
<b>Sunday, 12/29</b> (St Luke) (St. Joseph)	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</b> John & Martha Seleni by the Martin Family Robert E. Lasecki by Mary Ann Lasecki

**Pizza Night-** Save Saturday January 13 for the return of our homemade pizza night after the 5:30 Mass. More details to come.

**Saint Joseph School Employment Opportunities**

St. Joseph Catholic School is looking for classroom (K-6) and substitute teachers. Both positions require a bachelor's degree, teachers should have a degree in education with a certification, preferred but not required. Full time teachers receive paid time off, health benefits, and 401K options. Daily substitute rate is \$125. Please contact Carrie Pearson, principal at 814-723-2030 .

**CCY LIFE NIGHT CHRISTMAS**

Join Mr. Mark Hovan and others for a fun evening of Spike Ball, Pizza and Prayer! All 9th grade through college aged young people are welcome. Enjoy Christian fellowship, breaking bread together and sharing God's Word, plus a super fun Spike Ball tourney of sorts. Join us on Sunday, December 22nd from 7:00- 8:30 pm. Don't miss this fun Christmas get-together and bring your friends!

**MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00am	Mass at St Luke
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph DOG (Disciples of God)
11:50-12:20	Gospel Pageant Practice
1:00pm	Christmas Decorating the Church
<b>Monday, December 23</b>	<b>Parish Office will close at noon</b>
9:00am	Daily Mass
10:00am	Placing the Poinsettias on Altar
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	
9:30-10:30	St Joseph Soup Kitchen take out lunches
4:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at St Joseph
7:00pm	Christmas Mass at St Luke
9:30pm	Christmas Eve Prelude
10:00pm	Christmas Night Mass at St Joseph
<b>Wednesday, December 25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b>
10:00am	Christmas Morning Mass
<b>Thursday, December 26</b>	<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>
9:00am	Daily Mass
<b>Friday, December 27</b>	<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>
9:00am	Daily Mass
<b>Saturday, December 28</b>	
4:30-5:15pm	Confessions at St Joseph Church
5:30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph</b>
8:00am	Mass at St Luke
10:45am	Mass at St. Joseph
	<b>NO DOG (Disciples of God)</b>

**SAVE THE DATE for an awesome EPIPHANY!** January 5th the faith formation team will present KINGS and CAMELS. Beginning at the 8:15 am Mass, three kings will present the gifts at Mass. Following Mass, the three kings and two camels will be present for faith formation activities and fun. All are welcome, please rsvp to [jenniferwortman7400@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferwortman7400@gmail.com) if you are not enrolled in faith formation. At 10:00, all are welcome to process through town with the kings and camels to Saint Joseph Church, where the kings and camels will be greeting folks for the 10:45 am Mass and where the kings will again present the gifts. This is a tremendous opportunity to remember that the Christmas season is not over on December 26th and to be reminded that we are all called, like the wisemen, to seek Him, to be overwhelmed and awe struck by Him and to share that with the world. Please make sharing this morning a priority for your family!

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN**

We are looking for three volunteers to dress up as the three wisemen and to be a part of our faith formation celebration of the Epiphany. The volunteers must be willing to wear a costume; must be able to walk across town and must be available from 8:15-11:45 am on Sunday, January 5th. Please text Jennifer Wortman at 814-688-3842 if you are willing and able! It is going to be a fantastic morning- come join us!

**Christmas Food Baskets-** An enormous thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Food Basket Ministry a success! Thank you to those who prayed, provided cereal, dental hygiene items, paper products, money, time and effort to make deliveries, without you, we could not have accomplished all that we did. The recipients expressed gratitude, and relief that many of the basics had been provided them to make their Christmas special. Thank you to our Catholic community, you are the hands and feet of Christ! Christmas blessings to you!



**Cookies, Crafts and Cocoa-** What a night we had! So many cheerful families spending an evening together enjoying the spirit of Christmas. Thank you to the Hospitality committee for putting on a spectacular night!