

# Liturgical Schedule

**Sunday - Dec 15 - III Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

**Altar Servers:**

7:30 M Sharpe, S Tomaszyski  
10:00 am  
MC L Kalil  
TH S Simmerer  
AC1 V Cauley  
AC2 B Simmerer  
CB M Amesse  
BB W Hable  
TB N Senior, C Muntean, K  
Coulston, B Sharpe

*Second Collection: The Academy*

**6:45 am** Confessions  
**7:30 am** Low Mass  
**9:15 am** Confessions  
**10:00 am** High Mass

**Monday - Dec 16 - St. Eusebius (Feast)**

**Altar Servers:**

8:00 AM (church) D. Schy  
11:15 AM (priory) T.B.D.  
**8:00 am** Low Mass  
**11:15 am** Priory Mass

**Tuesday - Dec 17 - Tuesday after III Sunday of Advent**

**Altar Servers:**

7:15 AM (priory) T.B.D.  
7:15 AM (church) S. Simmerer B.  
Simmerer  
8:00 AM (church) D. Amesse D.  
Flores and TBD  
**7:15 am** Priory Mass  
**7:15 am** Low Mass  
**8:00 am** School Mass (Requiem High  
Mass)

**Wednesday - Dec 18 - Ember Wednesday in Advent**

**Altar Servers:**

7:15 AM (priory) S. Hetrick  
7:15 AM (church) I. Garno  
8:00 AM (church) D. Schy  
**7:15 am** Priory Mass  
**7:15 am** Low Mass  
**8:00 am** Low Mass

**Thursday - Dec 19 - Thursday after III Sunday of Advent**

**Altar Servers:**

7:15 AM (church) Main Altar V.  
Cauley  
7:15 AM (church) Side Altar M.  
Amesse  
8:00 AM (church) W. Hable D.  
Hetrick  
7:00 PM Benediction MC R. Flores  
N. Huddleston  
**7:15 am** Low Mass  
**8:00 am** School Mass  
**7:00 pm** Benediction  
**7:00 pm** Confessions (Fr. Kimball)

**Friday - Dec 20 - Ember Friday in Advent**

**Altar Servers:**

7:15 AM (church) X. Garno  
8:00 AM (church) M. Hohmann A.  
Flores  
11:15 AM (priory) M. Medovsky  
**7:15 am** Low Mass  
**8:00 am** Low Mass  
**11:15 am** Priory Mass

**Saturday - Dec 21 - St. Thomas (Feast)**

**Altar Servers:**

8:00 AM (church) R. Flores C. Hable  
8:00 AM (priory) N. Huddleston  
**7:15 am** Confessions  
**8:00 am** Low Mass  
**8:00 am** Priory Mass

**Sunday - Dec 22 - IV Sunday of Advent**

**Altar Servers:**

7:30 AM M. Sharpe S. Tomaszyski  
10:00 AM  
MC V. Cauley  
TH I. Garno  
AC1 S. Simmerer  
AC2 C. Muntean  
CB K. Coulston  
BB N. Werick  
TB B. Simmerer Ci. Quain B. Garno  
C. Amesse

*Second Collection: Building Fund*

**6:45 am** Confessions  
**7:30 am** Low Mass  
**9:15 am** Confessions  
**10:00 am** High Mass



# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent

**December 15 - 22, 2019**

The First Coming: In the same way that St. John the Baptist prepared the Jews for the coming of the Messias, so he prepares us for the union, closer every year, which our Lord forms with our souls at Christmas.



“Make straight the way of the Lord,” cried the forerunner of Christ. So let us make straight the way into our hearts, that our Savior may enter and give us his graces of life and freedom.

The Second Coming. It is to our Lord's coming at the end of the world that St. Gregory alludes in his explanation of the Gospel: “John,” he says, “the forerunner of the Redeemer, goes before our Lord in the spirit and power of Elias who will be the forerunner of Christ as Judge. So also in the Introit and Epistle, the allusion is our

Lord's coming for the Judgment. If we feel great joy at the approach of the Christmas feast, reminding us once more of the lowly Infant in the Manger, how much more should the thought of His Coming in all the splendor of His power and majesty fill us with a holy sense of triumph, since only then will our redemption be fully accomplished.

St. Paul writes: “Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice ... The Lord is nigh.” The rose color of the vestments used this day is a paler kind of violet; it expresses some relaxation in penance, owing to the joy of the heavenly Jerusalem into which our Lord will lead us, “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, with great joy, for there shall come unto thee a Savior”. Let us greatly desire this coming which the Apostle tells us is near. We should long with a holy impatience that it may quickly come to pass. “Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us.” (Alleluia).

— *Source: Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, OSB, 1945, adapted and abridged.*

## Welcome!

*Welcome to Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish, one of the few in Michigan to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Latin, according to the Tridentine Rite. As part of the Society of Saint Pius X, Saint Joseph's seeks to draw souls closer to Christ primarily through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our mission is apostolic: to preserve and to teach the eternal truths of the Catholic Faith and to nourish souls with the seven Sacraments.*

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Phone hours: 9:00 am - noon, 2:00 - 5:15 pm, and 8:00 - 8:25 pm. Emergency calls only outside these times.

# Announcements

## Schedule of Christmas Masses:

### Christmas Eve:

10:00 pm Confessions

11:00 pm Martyrology, Rosary, and Carols

11:45 pm Blessing of the Christmas Crib

12:00 am Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day:

9:00 am Mass (with holy communion)

Another Mass will follow immediately (without holy communion)

### Rosary Leaders for December:

15th: R. Denis / P. Kalil

22th: B. James / J. Slobodnik

29th: K. Cinpinski / T. Senior

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for December:

#### *Blessed Virgin Mary:*

15th: The Miller & Metalski families

22th: Harry J. Shubert RIP

29th: Special Intention

#### *St. Joseph:*

15th: Jeannette Huddleston

22th: Clarissa Simmerer

29th: Ormrod family & Kyle Ormrod RIP

### December Meetings:

Archconfraternity of St. Stephen

Saturday, December 21st. The meeting will begin with Holy Mass at 8 am and will end at 10:30 am. All members and

postulants are required to attend.

### New Eucharistic Crusade Meeting Times

The meetings for the Eucharistic Crusade will, from now on, be held on First Saturdays. This allows the children an easy means of fulfilling the First Saturday requirements at Mass and Benediction; we call this the “Key to Heaven” project. Not only does it help children reach heaven, but parents as well. If their children make it to heaven, how much more is their own salvation assured! The meetings will be from 8 am-12 pm; the next meeting will be Saturday, January 4. See poster or website for schedule.

### Eucharistic Crusade Intention for December

For the Conversion of Sinners

### Diamond Winter Gala for Gals

The “Diamond Winter Gala for Gals” raised a record breaking profit of \$20,600 due to the very generous monetary donors as well as donors of all the beautiful items that were auctioned and raffle off during the event. The unconditional devotion of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to present a wonderful event is not to be overlooked. Thanks to all and to Sts. Joseph and Philomena for their intercession on our behalf.

### Ride Needed to Mass

An elderly couple from North Branch is in need of a driver to bring them to Mass on Sundays. Mr. & Mrs. Place used to attend St. Joseph’s Church but can no longer drive themselves to Mass. Please call the office if you are available for this work of mercy. Thank you.

### Give a Gift to St. Joseph’s Academy This Christmas!

St. Joseph’s Academy has compiled a list of items which would enrich the students experience at SJA. If you would like to help the Academy this Christmas, please check our “Christmas Wish List” posted in the breezeway and purchase some items which will help with the education of our Academy students. Please drop gifts off at the office during the month of December. Thank you for your generous support!

### St. Joseph’s Academy Christmas Concert

You are all cordially invited to the Academy Christmas Concert on Wed. Dec. 18 at 7 PM in St. Philomena Hall.

### Please Pray for the Sick Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church:

Rosemary Shubert, Karen Shubert, Joanne Skuras, Wayne Coulston, Larry Germain, Angelo DiAngelo, Anne Clary, Michael Slobodnik, Tonia Slobodnik, Al Meduvsky, Bernardita Shomaker, Mary Tschirhart, Patricia Dacey, John Shomaker, Nada Zetouna, Joseph Kanarek, Mark Orlando, Ron Sangster, Jim Fox, Ruth Fox, Ron Winkel, Lisa Sheffield, Maryann DeGentenaar, Marianne Hilla, Joseph Lendway, Jean Lendway, Phil Orłowski, Ken Cenci

### Please Pray for Our Sick Friends and Family Members:

Kevin Tschirhart, James Orłowski, Karen Shardy, Harlen Huber, Jim Kimball, John Rydholm, Shirleyann Tietze, Jeanie Van Eyck, Michael Rebar, Judith Rebar, Melissa Schaible, Andrew Place, Michael O’Conner, William Dustin, Debbie Grimmer, Robin Slayton, Delores Bosman, Robert Bosman, Madelin Croy, Sophie Grimett, Jean Mettler, Pamela Leander, Jordan Zetouna, Joe Whitenight, Randy Lahr, Lucas Martinez, Gregory Redding, Joan Grieb, Shawn Jubelt, Dale Partlo, Bill Partlo, Basil Loi, James Greaney, Sadie Trout, William Bradshaw, Joel Hable, Tom & Helen Dalmer, Josie Farris, The Hardy family, Laura (Bondi) Carchia

### Regular Parish Devotions

**Benediction & Rosary:** Each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. except Thursday before a First Friday

**Confessions:** During most Thursday Benedictions and Holy Hours; 45 minutes before Sunday Masses

**Holy Hours:** On Thursday before each First Friday at 7:00 pm

**St. Monica Rosary:** Each Thursday evening during and after Benediction

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Each 1st Saturday after the 8 am Mass

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Religious articles are blessed after each Mass on the first Sunday of the month at the communion rail.