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December 21, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME & WORSHIP!

Our faith community welcomes you! St. Joseph Community was established over 150 years ago, and it continues to be a growing and thriving community which over 1,700 families call their faith home. Throughout our website (www.stjosephcommunity.org) you will find information about programs, outreach, prayer, leadership, our 150+ years of history, and so much more.

For Padre's Pondering see page # 7

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
5:00pm
Sunday
7:00am, 8:30am,
10:30am

WEEKDAY

Monday
8:30am
Wednesday
8:30am
Thursday
8:30am
Friday
8:30am

PRAYER & REFLECTION

ADORATION

Tuesday
9:00am - 10:00am
First Friday of the Month
9:00am - 4:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:30pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

DIVINE MERCY

3rd Sunday of the Month
After 7:00 & 8:30am Masses

ROSARY

Monday - Friday
7:55am

WORD & COMMUNION

Tuesday
8:30am

VOCATION VIEWS

Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are a lucky as Joseph, who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 12/21
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

MONDAY, 12/22
1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

TUESDAY, 12/23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

WEDNESDAY, 12/24
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

THURSDAY, 12/25
Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

FRIDAY, 12/26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

SATURDAY, 12/27
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/28
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 12/20
5:00pm + John Lorentz

SUNDAY, 12/21
8:30am + Matt Wallace
10:30am + Wes & Dianne Rolfing

MONDAY, 12/22
8:30am + Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, 12/23
8:30am Word & Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, 12/24
8:30am The St. Joseph Community

THURSDAY, 12/25
8:30am The St. Joseph Community

FRIDAY, 12/26
8:30am The St. Joseph Community

SATURDAY, 12/27
5:00pm + Cora Kertis

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Council Chair - Oscar Medina | 954.604.5826
Seeking New Members

Staff email addresses are formatted as follows:
First Name.Last Name@StJosephCommunity.org

WE'RE HIRING!

Administrative Assistant Communications

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Jordan Ecker, Director of Engagement & Communications

jordan.ecker@stjosephcommunity.org

https://careers.archspm.org/job/administrative-assistant-communications-4/

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STEWARDSHIP - YEAR TO DATE

As of November 30, 2025

Time Period	Actual	Budget	Variance Amount	Variance %	Prior Fiscal Year Actual	Variance from prior Fiscal Year	Variance % from prior Fiscal Year
Month	$95,369	$87,415	$7,954	9.1%	$81,677	$13,692	16.8%
Year to Date	$427,040	$435,441	-$8,401	-1.9%	$421,400	$5,640	1.3%

To learn about convenient & consistent ways to help St. Joe's grow SCAN HERE:

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, 12/22
8:30 am Mass, Church
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Rm 017
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

TUESDAY, 12/23
7:00 am Cursillo Women's Group, Off-site
8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church
9:00 am Holy Hour of Adoration, Church

WEDNESDAY, 12/24
1:00 pm Divine Mercy, Off-site
4:00 pm Mass, Church
6:00 pm Mass, Church
10:00 pm Mass, Church

THURSDAY, 12/25
8:30 am Mass, Church

FRIDAY, 12/26
8:30 am Mass, Church
10:00 am Funeral, Church

SATURDAY, 12/27
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Mass, Church

SUNDAY, 12/28
7:00 am Mass, Church
8:30 am Mass, Church
10:15 am Nursery, Rm 115
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word, Rm 101
10:30 am Mass, Church

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
Christmas Morning Masses: 8:30am, 10:30am

Celebrate Christmas with our Community!

COME LET US ADORE HIM!

HOW DO I KNOW WHETHER CHURCH WILL BE . . .

CLOSED

St. Joseph Church and School follow District 196 decisions regarding weather-related schedule changes. Decisions regarding building closure and evening event cancellation can be found at District196.org.

REMINDER

The Church Office will be Closed on . . .

Wednesday, December 24th
Thursday, December 25th
Friday, December 26th
Wednesday, December 31st at noon
Thursday, January 1st

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Donut Sunday
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To host at 8-10a and/or 10a-12:30p

Month's we currently have available are . . .
February March April

Sign up or learn more by contacting Jordan at . . .
651-313-8462 or Jordan.Ecker@StJosephCommunity.org

NO Experience needed!
Training will be provided.

Church Environment Coordinator
Share your passion and creativity by taking the lead on coordinating the liturgical environment in our worship and gather areas. This includes leading volunteers through decorating for Christmas & Easter, changing colored drapes for the liturgical seasons and miscellaneous tasks like watering flowers & plants throughout the year.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Honor God by helping to distribute the Holy Eucharist at Masses.

Sacristan
Serve our Church Community by preparing the altar and worship space for Masses.

Contact Lisetta at 651-313-8485 or
lisetta.coppa@stjosephcommunity.org

Adult Volunteers needed!
To sign-up CLICK or
SCAN HERE

January 10, 2026 at 8:30am
at St. Joseph School - Gym
Girls & Boys, Ages 9-14 as of 1/1/26
Prize: Basketball to top finisher in each age & gender category

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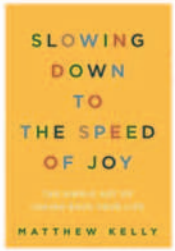
For more info, please contact Mark at mark.determan@rosemountknights.com



ADVENT GIFT
Free Book

Pick up in Gather Space after Masses on 12/20 & 12/21

Generous Gift Courtesy of Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council # 5569

SAVE - THE - DATE

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, January 17th
from 5:30 to 7:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to sign up scan HERE:
or visit:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AACAC2DA1FC1-60746888-kcspaghetti#/

80% of Proceeds to benefit St. Joe's Youth Ministry

Cana Dinner

Let's Celebrate Marriage

FEBRUARY 7, 2026
6:00 to 9:00pm
at St. Joseph Church

Delicious meal by Giuseppe's Restaurant
$40/person - Menu shared on Ticket page
&
Keynote by Estelle Nester

To buy Tickets scan QR Code

Questions?
Contact Pete at PHforJC@msn.com

Nursery OPEN!

All Sundays in December 2025

During 10:30am Mass

Ages: 12 months - 4 years

Drop off in Rm 115 at 10:15am

Questions may be directed to Jordan Ecker at 651-313-8462 or jordan.ecker@StJosephCommunity.org

Baptism Plans ???

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10:30 am Mass.

Please contact the parish at 651-423-4402 to learn about the Baptism prep class and schedule this special day for your child.

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Christmas Flower Fund & Memorial Donations

Donations may be made any time before Dec. 21st and Memorials will be shared in a special book displayed in the Gather Space throughout the Christmas Season. Please place you donation in an envelope labeled "Christmas Memorial Flowers" & include the names of those you wish to remember. Please place envelopes in the collection basket or deliver to the parish office.

Your Name: _____

In Memory or Honor of: _____

ADULT & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The 2026 OCIA Class at St. Joseph Church welcomed 15 Candidates and Catechumens who accepted their formation duties from now until Holy Saturday.

Please keep these students of faith in your prayers as they learn to grow in the totality of the Christian faith - becoming Catholic!

Amy Baker * Matthew Berntsen * Julie Crone
Halle Garcia * Harold Gooch * Ellen Grossman
Maheen Khatoon * Dawson Matthews
Kristin Meyer * Andrew Miller * Hannah Ness
Abbigail Prins * Justin Schulz * Cameron Torres
& Doug West

ADULT STUDIES

Coming March 2026!!!
Adult Bible Study

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance by Jeff Cavins & Thomas Smith

Thursdays, beginning 3/5/26 through 4/30/26

Choose a session:
Morning from 9:15 to 11:00am
or
Evening from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Fee: $40 Book from Ascension
St. Joe's Room # 101

Scan or Click Here

Adult Book Study
Screwtape Letters
by C.S Lewis

A satirical and thought-provoking exploration of temptation, sin and human nature.

Every Thursday starting 1/8/26
From 9:00 to 10:00am
Fee: $15 Book from Amazon
In Room # 101

Scan or Click Here

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Age Youth are invited...
Games, Small Group, & Prayer

YouthMinistry
TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

When: 1st Wednesday of each month
Time: 7:30 - 8:45pm
Fee: FREE
Where: St. Joseph Social Hall A

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Bible Study

Resuming January 5th

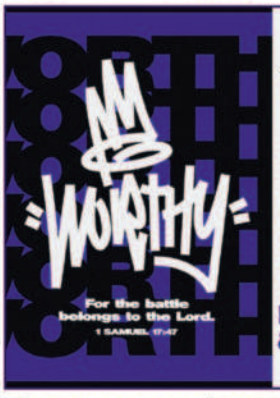
Every Monday
From 7:00 to 9:00 PM
At St. Joseph Gathering Space

High School students are invited to join Lisetta for food, fellowship, & games while diving deeper into selected Scripture passages.

High School Age Youth are invited...
Games, Small Group, & Prayer

YouthMinistry
TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Time: 7:30 - 8:45pm
Fee: FREE
Where: St. Joseph Social Hall A



Steubenville 2026
Youth Conference
for 9th-12th Graders
JULY 24TH - 26TH

Graduated Seniors are welcome too!

For more info & Registration, scan HERE:

For any questions about about our Middle & High School Youth Programming, please contact Lisetta Coppa at 651-313-8485 or Lisetta.Coppa@StJosephCommunity.org.

Thank You!

St Joseph SCHOOL

Because of you, the SJS Give to the Max campaign was a great success! We surpassed our goal and are very thankful to each and every one of our supporters.

Amount Raised:
$33,078

PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Seeing the Light of Jesus in the Darkness

With the outbreak of World War I, and the incredible loss of life with no end seemingly in sight, as Christmas approached in 1914 it seemed there was very little to hope for.

Yet deep down, there was also an understanding that this was not how things were meant to be. And so occurred the "Christmas truce."

On Christmas Eve, 1914, German troops began decorating the area around their trenches. They placed candles on them and on the trees, and started singing Christmas carols to each other. Not to be outdone the British responded by singing carols of their own. The two sides continued to greet each other. Not too long after this, some troops started entering the "No Man's Land," where no one ventured because of the trench warfare out of fear of being instantly gunned down. But one by one, the soldiers came out, and exchanged small gifts, including food, tobacco, alcohol and hats and buttons. There was no artillery that night. This upset the top brass; a British general was irate and issued strict orders there was to be no association with the enemy. But that didn't stop the troops from making it happen. One soldier wrote to his mother: "After breakfast we had a game of football at the back of our trenches! We've had a few Germans over to see us this morning. They also sent a party over to bury a sniper we shot in the week ... About 10.30 we had a short church parade the morning service etc. held in the trench ... Our dinner party started off with fried bacon and dip-bread: followed by hot Xmas Pudding. I had a mascot in my piece. Next item on the menu was muscatels and almonds, oranges, bananas, chocolate etc. followed by cocoa and smokes. Just before dinner I had the pleasure of shaking hands with several Germans ... I exchanged one of my balaclavas for a hat. I've also got a button off one of their tunics. We also exchanged smokes etc. and had a decent chat. They say they won't fire tomorrow if we don't so I suppose we shall get a bit of a holiday - perhaps ... We can hardly believe that we've been firing at them ... it all seems so strange." In the midst of a horrific war, two sides that had been going after one another in fierce battle decided to stop and share the common bond that they had as Christians, and nothing was going to get in the way. The joy and peace of Christmas broke through the darkness.

This week, our Advent wreath is fully lit, symbolizing how Christmas is closer and the light of Jesus coming closer. So in the midst of a life that can be like trench warfare at times, how can we see the light of Gods love and also bring it to one another?

In terms of the light in our darkness, daily we can strive to see God through finding Him; by making Mass a priority as a time where we can re-connect to God; by finding time for prayer and meditation; by finding time for silence; or by looking at the manger scene in your home or the crucifix on your wall and remembering even if you were the only person in the world, Jesus still would have come into this world just for you.

And with that, we all face tough situations in the world. Darkness and be difficult. People suffer in silence; sometimes through self-inflicted wounds or things out of their control. It can be easy to ignore people, or tear one another down, but just opening our eyes we can bring such joy and light to one another. A conversation. A phone call. Time spent together as a family. A compliment. Listening to someone and showing empathy. Or reaching out to forgive.

It was said that the English troops first saw a Christmas tree when a German soldier brought one out into No Man's Land; now we have them in our homes, the lights bringing brightness at a dark time of year. When we feel as if we're in the trenches of life, may our eyes be open to seeing the presence of Jesus who comes to us too, giving us the courage to bring His light to one another.

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Paul

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