

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Dec. 9	7:30 AM	* Communion Service
Tue. Dec. 10	7:15 AM	† John Kostella
Wed. Dec. 11	7:15 AM	† Brad & Helen Reynolds
Thu. Dec. 12	7:15 AM	† Helen Reynolds
Fri. Dec. 13	7:15 AM	† Joseph & Mary Jakupcak
Sat. Dec. 14	6:00 PM	† Lori Napier/John & Sue Baudino
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 AM	† Renee Adler

LITURGICAL ROLES

Altar Servers

Sat. Dec. 14	6:00 PM	Julianna Graves Natalie Dettmann
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 AM	Bernadette Dittmer Taylor Schaefer

Lectors/Minister

Sat. Dec. 14	6:00 PM	Rose Rogalla
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 AM	Yolanda Magana

CONTRIBUTIONS December 1, 2019

\$ 3,280.00	Regular Sunday (76 envelopes)
168.45	Loose Cash
30.00	Immaculate Conception
10.00	Christmas Collection
\$ 3,488.45	

Doesn't stay with parish:

\$ 85.00	Food Pantry
\$ 10.00	Seminarian Appeal
\$ 25.00	Retirement for Religious Life

Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,297

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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Mary Olson - Owner
815-433-4233

Be in-FORMED

Register at Formed.org

"Presence" discussion questions, Watch: Session 2, The story of the Eucharist

1. What was one thing from the video that you heard for the first time or that was an "aha" moment for you?
2. What are some of the connections between Passover and the Eucharist? What does this teach us about the Eucharist?
3. In the celebration of the Mass, how do we participate in offering the perfect sacrifice of Christ?
4. In what ways is the Eucharist the fruit of the Tree of Life? What implications does this have for your own life?

PRAIRIE SINGERS

32nd Annual Christmas Concert Series

This year marks Prairie Singers 32nd Christmas concert series. We invite you to hear us at various locations. The Prairie Singers have selected carols that reflect the joys and beliefs of the Holiday season. Come and enjoy "Hallelujah, I Believe" with the Singers.

First United Methodist, Streator, December 14, 7pm
 St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seneca, December 15, 2pm

The Dwight Public Library concert is open to the public and free of charge. The church concerts will have a free will offering.

GIVING TREE

This year, St. Joseph's is sponsoring five families with 12 children. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and bring the wrapped present back to the church by Friday, December 20, for a December 21 pickup. Thank you for all the wonderful help that you have given these families.



MASS REQUESTS

The Mass Intention Book is open for 2020. Only **four** Saturday or Sunday Masses and **five** daily Masses may be requested at this time. You may offer more Masses at a later date, when all parishioners have a chance to have their special Mass times filled.



Many openings in January and February for daily mass are available.

Call the office at 795-2240, email stjoetorino@gmail.com, or put your requests in the Sunday collection basket with your phone # on it to

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 8th - Breakfast with Santa
 Tues. Dec. 10th - Altar & Rosary Christmas Party
 Thrs. Dec. 12th - Bible Study with Fr. Kassa
 Sun. Dec. 15th - Church Decorating

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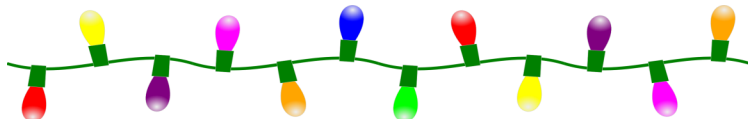
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December News:

- *December 11, Confirmation Class Test (First 50 questions)
- *December 18, Christmas class parties, Grade 1-8
- *Grade 1-8 Start Christmas vacation after class on the 18th and return to class January 8, 2020.
- *Students that volunteered to take part in our Christmas Eve 4pm Mass will dress in costumes of Mary, Joseph, Shepherd boy, stable animals & angels.

CHURCH DECORATING

Volunteers needed after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15th to help decorate! Men, women and children are needed to set up the 4 trees, Nativity Set and decorate the Church. After decorating we invite you to join us in the hall for Subway sandwiches & chips. The more volunteers, the shorter the work time. Any help is greatly appreciated!



SEEKING MONEY COUNTERS



There is a desperate need for 2 new money counters as soon as possible, as well as a substitute. If you are willing to donate 45 minutes of your time 12 or 13 times a year, please contact Becky Tabor 815-762-2362 or the parish office at 815-795-2240. Counting takes place immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Monday, December 9, 2019

Immaculate Conception

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019.* The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



	Dec. 24th	Dec. 25th	Dec. 31st	Jan 1st
St. Theresa	4:00pm	8:00am	4:00pm	8:00am
St. Mary	5:30pm	10:30am	5:30pm	10:30am
St. Joseph	4:00pm	10:30am	6:00pm	10:30am
St. Patrick, Ransom	6:30pm	7:30am	6:30pm	7:30am
St. Patrick, Seneca	4&9 pm	9:00am	4:00pm	9:00am

ALTAR & ROSARY

Money collected from the votive candles for the month of November was \$204.00. Thank you for your support! God Bless all of you and may you have a blessed Christmas

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

The Altar & Rosary Society will be handling the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund. Please help us decorate our altar and church for Christmas by a donation of **\$10** to the Memorial Flower Fund. To make a donation, please fill out the slip below and include payment (cash or check **payable to St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society**). Place your slip and payment of \$10 in the envelope provided in your church envelope packet or a regular envelope marked "Altar & Rosary Flower Fund" and put it in the collection basket. Orders should be placed by **December 15th**, so that the names of your loved ones can be put in the bulletin. We will be using our artificial poinsettia that we have, plus we would like to order some live poinsettia to mix with the artificial and 2 live flower arrangements with evergreens. Thank you for your support.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please print the names clearly