

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Rosary - 30 minutes before weekend Masses.  
Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer begins at  
7:50AM before daily Masses.  
Confessions will be heard at 3PM before the 4PM  
Mass at St. Joseph's on Saturdays and 7:15AM  
before the 8AM Mass at St. Patrick's on Sundays.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

4PM - (St. J.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

8AM - (St. P.)

- For Doris M. Rueger by Barry & Cathy Gates

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Mark Rosinski by His Mother and Father

Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Fred Wiczerak by Mike, Travis, & Zoey Pruckno

Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

10:30AM - (Sunset Nursing & Rehab. Center)

- For Joann F. Muller by The Family

Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM - (St. P.)

- For Arlene McNally

Thur., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For John Haile by Gail Haile

Fri., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Ann Nuffer by Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Bourgeois

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

4PM - (St. J.)

- For Richard, Bradley, & Kaylee Croniser by  
The Family

Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

8AM - (St. P.)

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

9:30AM - (St. J.)

- For Edward Moonan by Betty & Family

**Reading God's Word** for the 2019 Church Year are available at the church entrances and the Parish Office for a suggested donation of \$20. They include the weekend and daily Mass readings for the entire church year. Please place your donation in a marked envelope in the weekend collection or bring to the Parish Office.

## We remember in our prayers...

Craig Carr, Eileen Pruckno,  
Newcomb VanAtta, Charles Mooney,  
Frances Miller, Theda Montgomery,  
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt,  
Lorraine King, Walt Belewich, Sr., Ann Lash,  
Mary Heaverin, Pauly Hartness, Jim White,  
Dick Bartelotte, Roberta Wilson, John Bailey,  
Cretia Carpenter, Amanda Stinebrickner Meyer,  
Greg Ritter, Mary Pruckno, Rylee Yauger,  
Candace Schaffer, Susan Compo, Gale Scouten,  
David Hoffman, Steven Stooks, & Al Rosinski

#### Lectors:

St. Joseph's R. Fitts 12/15	St. Joseph's W. Muller 12/16	St. Patrick's D. Romeo 12/16
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#### Eucharistic Ministers:

12/15 SJ J. Satterly M. Daskiewich L. Czajka	12/16 SJ L. Fallon M. Emery G. Poppleton	12/16 SP S. Stephenson P. Bathrick M. Smith
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#### Altar Servers:

12/15 SJ S. Scheve	12/16 SJ K. Muller J. Muller	12/16 SP M. Bathrick
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*Last Week's Collection: \$2,302*

*This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the  
Cathedraticum and Christmas Flowers.*

**Rosary Making:** Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, after Daily Mass,  
open to all, Gill Hall.

**RCIA Meeting:** Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, Gill Hall

**Catholic Women's Club Christmas Party:** Wed.,  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 12PM, Gill Hall

**Confessions:** Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30PM,  
St. Joseph Church

**Discernment of Spirits:** Thur., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM,  
Gill Hall

**The Light is On For You Confessions:** Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7PM, St. Joseph Church

**Catechist Meeting:** Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, Gill Hall

#### Christmas Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help decorate  
St. Joseph Church for Christmas on an  
upcoming Sunday or Monday to be  
determined. If you are able to help out, please  
call the Parish Office to sign up!

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### Family Faith Formation

**Parish Office - (315) 942-4618**

**AMPLIFIED meets Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at  
10:30AM in Gill Hall for a special  
showing of *The Star*, a Sony Pictures  
Animated Christmas movie about the  
first Christmas! Join us for fun and  
advent activities. If you have an advent  
craft you would like to share with the  
group, please call the Parish Office and  
let us know!**

### Catholic Women's Club News

The Catholic Women's Club of Christ Our  
Hope will be holding their annual  
Christmas Party on Weds., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at  
Noon at Gill Hall, Charles St. in Boonville.  
The meal is being catered by Luigi's and  
will include lasagna, antipasto, baked  
chicken, greens, sausage and peppers, and  
dessert. There will be a \$10 charge and  
the CWC will pay the rest. For those  
wishing to participate, there will be a gift  
exchange with a suggested \$10 limit.  
Please make reservations by calling Gerry  
Ritter (315) 392-3856 or Cathy Gates at  
(315) 942-2181 by Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Collection Envelopes

The 2019 contribution envelopes have  
arrived and are available for pick up in the  
Parish Office. Any envelopes not picked  
up directly will be available at the church  
entrances between Christmas and New  
Year's. If you want to begin receiving  
envelopes this year, please call the Parish  
Office to sign up.

Dear friends in Christ

In the second reading this weekend, St. Paul explains to the Philippians the intention of his prayers for them: ***And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...***

Advent is a season when we prepare not just to celebrate the birth of our Savior, but we are also invited to look forward to ***the day of Christ***. In other words, we must make every effort to be prepared for His second coming: ***Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour*** (Matthew 25:13).

In fact, in the time of Jesus' coming to be born of the Virgin, it was the practice for a particular city or town to prepare for the coming of a King, if one were to visit, by clearing the roads, making them wider, smoother and free of obstacles. Therefore, we hear of how John the Baptist, fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

***Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.***

In truth, it is the sacrifice of the cross and the graces that flow from it, that make possible such preparation. It is the mercy of the sacrament of Reconciliation that fills in the valley of our sin, humbles the mountains of our pride and smooths the way that hearts may be open to God's great love and the coming of Christ our King.

Grace be with you all,

*Rev. Thomas J. Ward*

***EWTN Winter Programming Highlights are available by the church entrances if you'd like a copy to bring home this season.***

The Town Hall Theater in Lowville is offering a free screening of ***It's a Wonderful Life*** on Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM with a donation of one canned good per person. If you are interested in going and need a ride, please call Sheri Sweeney at 942-4550.

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 9, 2018

Baruch 5:1-9  
*Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.*

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
*Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation  
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

Luke 3:1-6  
*All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

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