

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE C | DECEMBER 23RD, 2018

Mass and Communion Service Schedule:

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph 6:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes

8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

TUESDAY

9:00 am Communion Service at St. Joseph 9:00 am Communion Service at Our Lady of the Lakes

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph **THURSDAY**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes **FRIDAY**

9:00 am Communion Service at St. Joseph

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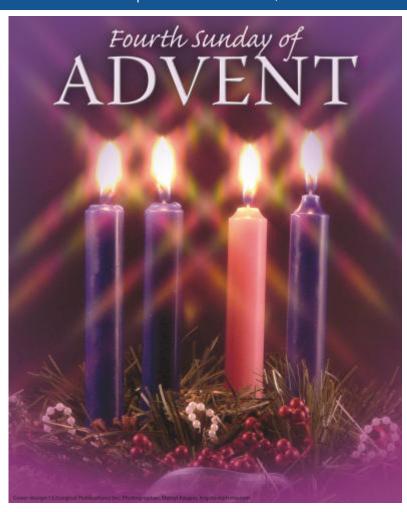
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St. Joseph Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Faith Community of St. Joseph Church In Amery, Wisconsin declare our parish mission is to know God, to love Him and to serve Him in this world. We pursue this mission by celebrating the Eucharist and sharing our faith, love, time, talents, and treasures with our families, our communities and the world.

Our Lady of the Lakes Mission Statement

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Lakes in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin is a people of multiple ethnic and cultural traditions called to instill the teachings and love of Jesus Christ through proclamation of the Gospel, celebration of the sacraments, and by our works and actions in our parish community, and our civic community.

Diocese of Superior Mission Statement

The Catholic Diocese of Superior is a people of diverse ethnic and cultural traditions called in unity by the love of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service in Northern Wisconsin and throughout the world.

		MASS	INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	December 22	4:00 pm	† Jean Goossen by Terrance Wallace	SJ
		6:00 pm	Joan Carr Family by Pat Davis	OLL
SUNDAY	December 23	8:30 am	† John Ruck by Matt & AnnMarie Campeau	OLL
		10:30 am	† Caron Fellner by Mark Fellner	SJ
MONDAY	December 24	4:00 pm	† For the Parish Cluster	SJ
		6:00 pm	† Wally Davis by Pat Davis	OLL
TUESDAY	December 25	8:30 am	† Susan Peterson Tiger by Carl & Audrey Peterson	OLL
		10:30 am	† Frank Birken by the Beaudette Family	SJ
WEDNESDAY	December 26	9:00 am	Communion Service/Rosary	SJ
THURSDAY	December 27	9:00 am	Communion Service/Rosary	OLL
FRIDAY	December 28	9:00 am	Communion Service/Rosary	SJ
SATURDAY	December 29	4:00 pm	† Schneider/Frank/Demel/Mugerauer Families	SJ
		6:00 pm	† For the Parish Cluster	OLL
SUNDAY	December 30	8:30 am	† Charles Eldredge by Marion Eldredge	OLL
		10:30 am	† Dennis & Sandra Losness by the Losness Family	SJ

Key:				
† Deceased,				
SJ - St. Joseph Church,				
OLL - Our Lady of the				
Lakes Church,				
WR - Willow Ridge, Amery				
GAM - Golden Age Manor,				
AMC—Amery Memory				
Care Unit. Please note:				
Requested dates for Mass				
intentions are subject to				
change based on the Mass				
schedule. ***Prayer Lists:				
Please contact the SJ or				
OLL Office to add names				
to the prayer list. Names				
stay on the list for 4				
months and are then				
removed unless the of-				
fice is notified that they				
should remain.				

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SJ: Angela DeLapp, Austin Finch, Ben Derrick, Bonnie Hegg, Brooke Lawrence, Carolyn Anderson, Charlotte Skidmore, Darlene Kearns, David Mueller, Dorothy Fredrick, Gabriel Bauer, Gordon DeLong, Jack Linehan, Jean Bazille, Jen Amell, Jim Chevalier, Joanie Derrick, John Grund, Jon Otto, Karen Hampton, Larry Blaylock, Larry Wensmann, Laurie Evans, Leroy Lodermeier, Levi Stephens, Libby Henrikson, Logan Traynor, Lydia Armbruster, Lyle Kearns, Lynn Ream, Marlene Davis, Mary Losness, Mary Nevala, Michelle Pinkston, Nolan Melberg, Pat Sabelko, Pierce Steen, Robert Fredrick, Rosemary Myers, Shannon Niccum, Sherry Effertz, Sue Fowler, Violet Hahn, our Military Personnel ***

OLL: Alice Berestka, Anne Davenport, Anne Yourchuck, Becky Zahler, Ben Buck, Bob Schwartz, Bob Thompson, Cher Wirth-Thompson, Chris Manke, Dave Markert, Dean Yourchuck, Dolores Chartrand, Dorothy Wells, Eugene Ince, Fred Schmit, Gloria Breault, Georgette Murphy, Jacqui Bibeau, Jean Thompson, Joan Manke, John Harren, John Thompson, Judy Markert, Judy Spencer, Julie Bibeau, Karen Bjornson, Kathy Harder, Kathy Larsin, Kathy Long, Kelly Mcmall, Kurt Mayer, Loraine Manke, Margaret Maier, Mary Jo Walker, Mike Kelly, Mike Thompson, Monica Kelly, Nona Bader, Ozzie Thompson, Pat Standing, Pat Williams, Peg Stary, Rich Kotval, Sharon Franz, Sharon Johnson, Sylvia Beck, Tom Mueller, Ty Spencer, our Military Personnel***

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Call Melissa @ SJ 715-268-7717 or Sally @ OLL 715-405-2253 for information regarding getting Baptized. Baptism class required for first child.

Reconciliation

Confessions heard:

St. Joseph: Sat. 3-3:30 pm or by appointment.

Our Lady of the Lakes: Sundays 8-8:15 am; 2nd Thurs. after 9 am Mass or by appointment.

Marriage

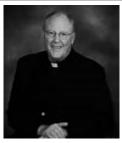
Preparation is required at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Call the church as soon as possible after engagement for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized and would like to receive communion or anointing, please call the parish office. *Due to patient privacy laws, no one can visit unless the patient or family requests it.*

SJ December Calendar Raffle Winners				
13th	\$20	#1405	Kate Kalista	Erie, PA
14th	\$20	#2539	Andy Schad	Amery, WI
15th	\$25	#2786	Austin Mankey	Wheat Ridge, CO
16th	\$75	#1562	Rosceal Johnson	Cumberland, WI
17th	\$20	#1730	Trent Dado	Amery, WI
18th	\$20	#1882	Agnes Caudy	Amery, WI
19th	\$20	#2308	Peter McMullin	Osseo, MN

Pastor's Notes



Today's reading from Hebrews invites us to think about the Trinity's own Christmas planning session. Perhaps the best visual image we have for this comes from the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev. His famous icon, usually described as the Trinity or the "Hospitality of Abraham," depicts three

figures seated together at table, gently but deeply involved in one another. Let this be in the back of your mind as you listen to Christ talking about the plan of the incarnation. Christ looks to the Father and says, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire." That may be fine as a discussion point in heaven, but it throws a mighty wrench into humanity's religious practices! From the Genesis story on, humans have used all sorts of sacrifices to make the gods or their God happy with them. Of course, God's rationale here may have something to do with the fact that the first sacrifice Adam's children offered led to murder. As if to be sure that we in the audience hear the message clearly, Christ repeated the same message in other words: "In holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." That debunked centuries of religious practice. It undermined the entire economy of the Temple. It separated Christ and his followers from all religious traditions based on trying to buy God's favor. Fr Gene

Stewardship

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St. Joseph Parish	Monthly Income		YTD Income		
General Fund	Nov. 2017	Nov. 2018	FY 17/18	FY18/19	
Actual Income	\$26,158.78	\$27,778.68	\$164,418.26	\$141,342.67	
Actual Expenses	\$28,172.54	\$34,589.85	\$163,879.23	\$167,336.78	
Difference	-\$2,013.76	-\$6,811.17	\$539.03	-\$25,994.11	
Children's Collection		\$127.97			
Mortgage Balance	\$354,989.30	Mortgage Contributions		\$1,913	
CSA Assessment:	\$32,577 Pledges		to Date:	\$16,510	
Our Lady of the Lakes General	November		Fiscal YTD		
Fund	Nov 2017	Nov 2018	Last	Current	
Actual Income	\$28,178.42	\$15,652.26	\$181,341.75	\$164.596.61	
Actual Expenses	\$14,798.25	\$18,376.72	\$114,179.21	\$88,783.09	
Difference	\$13,380.17	-\$2,724.46	\$67,162.54	\$75,813.52	
Dec. MTD	\$8,819.95	Mortgage Balance		\$451,869.40	
CSA Assessment:	A Assessment: \$30,432.00 Pledges to Date:		to Date:	\$11,055	

Catholic Services Appeal

Each year the Diocese of Superior has a CSA. All parishes are required to support the appeal. This year the assessment @ SJ is \$32,577. Pledges to date are \$16,510 leaving a balance of \$16,067. OLL has an assessment of \$30,432. Pledges to date are \$11,055 leaving a balance of \$19,377.

Readings for Week

Sunday, December 23

MI 5:1-4A/HEB 10:5-10/ LK 1:39-45

Monday, December 24

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16/

LK 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25

IS 52:7-10/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26

ACTS 6:8-10: 7:54-59/

MT 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27

1 JN 1:1-4/JN 20:1A AND 2-8

Friday, December 28

1 JN 1:5—2:2/MT 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29

1 JN 2:3-11/LK 2:22-35

Liturgical Roles

Mon., Dec. 24th - 4:00 pm @ SJ

Reader: Brian & Jonny Byrnes

Ushers: Jay & Beth Monson Family

Servers: Jaclyn Andersen, Megan Andersen

Music: Arlene and Choir

Tues., Dec. 25th - 10:30 am @ SJ

Reader: Marv Nevala & Ruth Mugerauer

Ushers: Bobbie Griffith, Lois Peper, Stan Proden Reader: Gary Hines

Servers: Alex Edwards

Music: Cindy Morton

Sat., Dec. 29th - 4:00 pm @ SJ

Reader: Gwen Dado

Ushers: Bette Adams, Pat Mueller, Bobbie

Griffith, Volunteer

Servers: Sally Suckut

Music: Sheeran & Volunteers

Sun., Dec. 30th - 10:30 am @ SJ

Reader: Larry Wojchik & Ralph Weber

Ushers: Brett & Renee Catts Family,

Jay & Beth Monson Family

Servers: Maverick & Mason Goulet,

Karl Kobernick

Music: Gary & Arlene Dado

Mon., Dec, 24th- 6:00 pm @ OLL

Sign up Sheet

Tues., Dec. 25th - 8:30 am @ OLL

Sign up Sheet

Sat., Dec, 29th- 6:00 pm @ OLL

EMC: Shelley Hines, Susan Kellogg Ushers: Jim Beistle, Veronica Soper

Servers: Blake Frokjer, Ron Frokjer

Cantor: Rita Shoquist Sacristan: Pat Davis

Sun., Dec. 30th - 8:30 am @ OLL

Reader: MacKenzie Anderson, Mary Chartrand EMC: Susan Ammann, Cindy Kreft, Juanita

Koeppen, Ardis Miller

Ushers: Dick Tourville, John Kreft

Servers: Madison Anderson, Kenny Lepak

Cantor: Ron Lepak Sacristan: Rita Creuzer

Hospitality: John & Cindy Kreft

Faith Formation

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Date	Time	Event
12/23	NO FF	
12/26	NO FF @ S	J or OLL
12/30	NO FF	
1/2	5:30 pm	Social Hour @ OLL & SJ
	6:30 pm	Classes Gr. K-11 @ OLL
	6:30 pm	Classes Gr. 6-11 @ SJ
1/6	9:00 am	Classes Gr. PrK-5 @ SJ
	Confirmatio	n Enrollment Masses @ SJ & OLL
1/9	5:30 pm	Social Hour @ OLL & SJ
	6:30 pm	Classes Gr. K-11 @ OLL
	6:30 pm	Classes Gr. 6-11 @ SJ
	6:30 pm	Extreme Faith Camp Parent Meeting @ SJ

Extreme Faith Camp

Extreme Faith Camp is a Catholic summer camp for middle school students who have completed 6th-8th grade by the summer of 2019. The camp is led by an EXTREME TEAM of youth ministers, adults, and senior high youth from participating parishes. Extreme Faith Camp is full of exciting adventures like rock climbing, ropes courses, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, mountain biking, and camp wide games; as well as powerful engaging talks, music and a wide variety of prayer experiences including Mass, adoration, Confession, the Liturgy of the Hours and more. There are two different opportunities: June 10-14th at CrossWoods Camp in Mason, WI and June 17-21 at Crescent Lake Camp in Rhinelander, WI. Cost for the camp is \$400, includes camp activities, lodging and food. Pre-registration and deposit of \$100 is due by Feb. 15th. Contact your parish office for more information.

Cluster Calendar

Sunday, December 23rd

Decorating for Christmas after Mass @ SJ & OLL

December 24th and 25th

Offices Closed

Monday, December 24th

Mass 4 pm @ SJ Mass 6 pm @ OLL

Tuesday, December 25th

Mass 8:30 am OLL Mass 10:30 am @ SJ

Wednesday, December 26th

Communion Service instead of Mass @ 9 am

No Stump the Chump

Thursday, December 27th

Communion Service instead of Mass @ 9 am

No Stump the Chump

December 31st & January 1st

Offices Closed

Monday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass 4 pm @ SJ

Tuesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mass 9 am @ OLL

Wednesday, January 2nd

Communion Service instead of Mass @ 9 am

Thursday, January 3rd

Communion Service instead of Mass @ 9 am

Saturday, January 5th

Little Flowers girls group 10 am @ SJ

Tuesday, January 8th

RCIA 6 pm @ SJ

Cluster Happenings

Ice Fishing /Chicken Dinner @ SJ

The 55th Annual St. Joseph Ice Fishing Contest & Chicken Dinner will take place Sunday, January 27th. Ice Fishing is on North Twin Lake. Chicken Dinner is at St. Joseph Church. We are excited about this year's events and raffle prizes which include a Polaris Ranger UTV, \$500 cash, \$500 cash, \$250 cash, \$250 gift card, plus door prizes given on the ice! Chicken Dinner is served from 11-2:30. Adult tickets are \$9.00 and children's tickets are \$5.00.

The Ice Fishing Committee is asking for a donation of a used camper trailer or an enclosed trailer for the annual Ice Fishing Contest. Please let the parish office know if you have something they could use.

GriefShare @ SJ

St Joseph Church is conducting another 13 week GriefShare program to help hurting people find help, hope and healing. The program, led by Rosemary Kephart, will begin on Thursday, January 10th from 6:30 – 8 pm at SJ. A typical meeting will include a video, group discussion and a personal workbook exercise. All denominations are welcome and encouraged to attend. You may join in at any time during the 13 week program. Please register by calling the SJ church office at 715-268-7717.

Sign up to be a Bell Ringer

The Salvation Army is in great need for Bell ringers for the rest of the holiday season. Bell ringing will go to December 30th. To sign up call 715-485-1221 or go to www.registertoring.com. Thank you.

Backpack Fundraiser @ SJ

The Salvation Army sends backpacks home with personal hygiene products to students in need. For the month of December we will collect Deodorant. We will have a basket by the bulletin board in the gathering area.

Cluster Happenings

Balancing Acts Women's Retreat

February 15, 2019 - February 16, 2019 at Crosswoods Camp (Mason, WI). Cost: \$50. Registration: Due February 1st, 2019. Content designed for women ages 25-55 to focus on the challenges of balancing family life, careers, and a life of committed discipleship.

Dynamic and engaging talks by Kris Kranenberg, an Adult Formation and RCIA Director at a parish in the Diocese of Madison. Times for personal prayer and reflection. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Spiritual. Direction with priests.

Fellowship with other Catholic women from around the diocese. To sign up please contact Grace Geisler at ggeis-ler@catholicdos.org or 715-234-5044.

Into the Deep Men's Retreat

March 22, 2019 - March 24, 2019 at Crosswoods Camp (Mason, WI). Cost: \$60. Registration Due February 15, 2019. Content designed for men ages 25-55 to focus on the challenges of balancing family life, careers, and a life of committed discipleship.

A series talks on the need for a life of deep prayer and conversion by Fr. Timothy Ekaitis, a priest of the Diocese of Marquette. Ample time for personal prayer and reflection. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction.

Fellowship with other Catholic men from around the diocese To sign up please contact Grace Geisler at ggeis-ler@catholicdos.org or 715-234-5044.

OLL Knights of Columbus

Congratulations & Merry Christmas goes out to all our OLL members in achieving the Star Council Award. This will be our first time of such recognition. Sincere thanks for a job well done. During this season of giving please remember the families of our fallen brothers. It is always a hard time for their families especially their wives. Lets all welcome back Roger Swanson to our council and greet and welcome Larry Agne. A 4th degree brother from Texas. Looking forward to working with all of them for years to come. This month is 5th Sunday Rosary month we will pray for all our Parish families since it falls on the Feast of the Holy Family. Please join us at this special time. As your Grand Knight I'm asking all my brothers to take the time this month to pray the Rosary with the intention of asking our Lord to inspired a fellow brother to become our new Youth Director. Fraternally Yours,

Grand Knight Fred Koslowski Deputy Grand Knight Dave Horejsi

Annual Community Christmas Day Dinner

Indianhead Supper Club, 11:00am - 2:00pm, Dec. 25th Everyone is Invite to come and enjoy a great meal.

Catered by Tinucci's - Free-will Offering
We will be accepting non-perishable items for food shelf.



OLL Ladies Christmas Brunch 2018

Fr. Gene thanks Dwain & Mary Kasel & Judy Foeller for their ministry in providing everything for the ladies luncheon the past 12 years. It is a wonderful gathering which brings many women together for great food, fun and friendship.

9 Days for Life: January 14-22, 2019

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different prayer intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join.

SJ Television Mass Holiday Schedule

Mass on Channel 6 in Amery will televised on December 26th and January 2nd at 11 am and 3 pm instead of the regularly scheduled December 25th and January 1st.

Parish Information

St. Joseph Church - Amery

Mass is televised on Local Cable Channel 6 Tuesdays at 9:00 am & 1:00 pm. 1050 Keller Avenue N, Amery, WI 54001;

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