

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Our Catholic Life

### December 21st, 2025



**Saint Vincent de Paul Parish**  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155



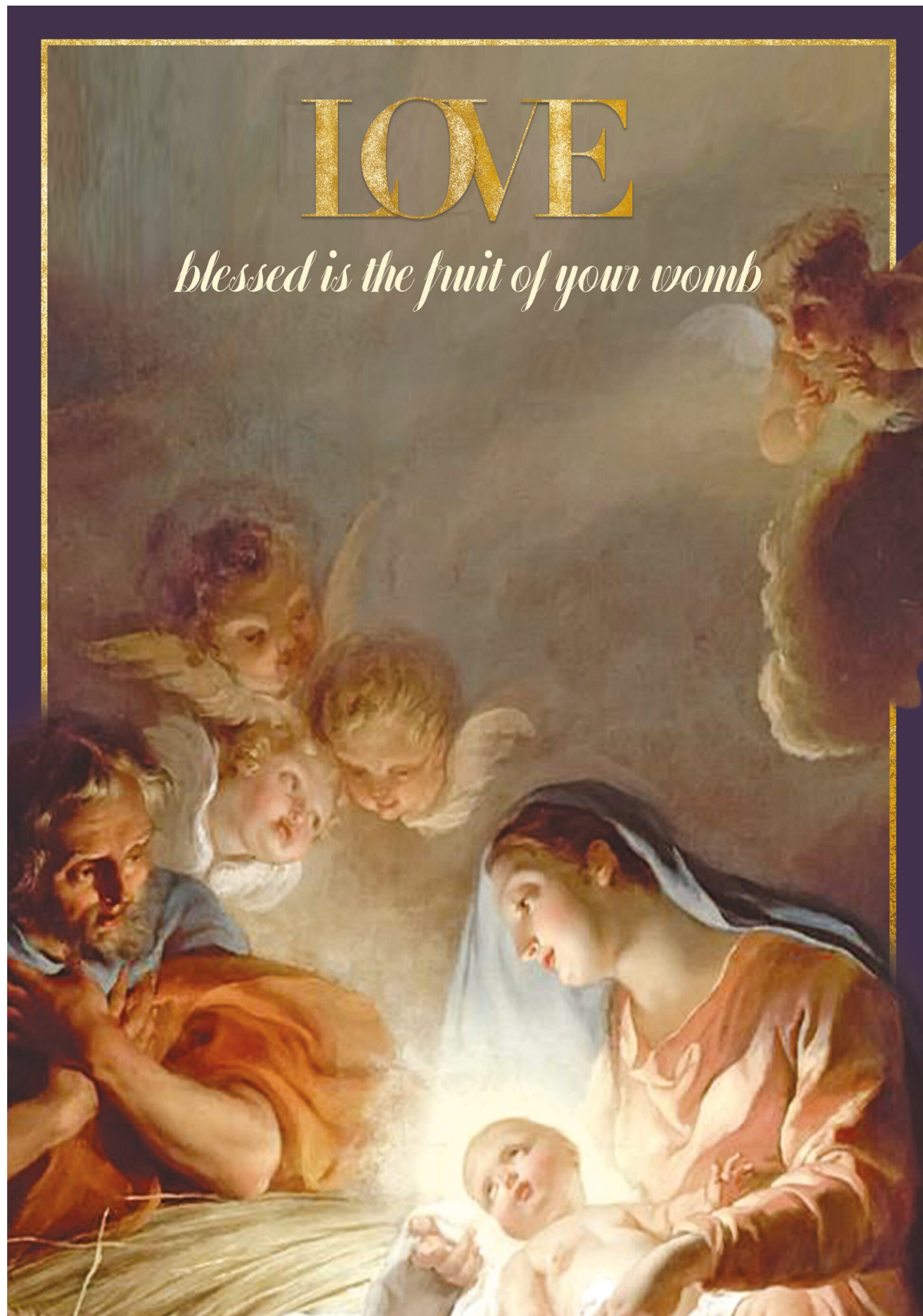
**Mater Dolorosa Parish**  
302 East Main Street  
Paden City, WV 26159



**Saint Joseph Mission**  
64 Frohnafel Lane  
Proctor, WV 26055



**Holy Rosary Mission**  
519 Main Street  
Sistersville, WV 26175



## **HOLY MASS**

### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

**5:00 PM**

### **SUNDAY**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

**12:30 PM**

### **TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY**

**8:30 AM & 6:00 PM**

## **ADORATION**

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

### **THURSDAY**

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**



## **OUR PARISH OFFICE**

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

#### **Pastor:**

**Fr. Joseph Abraham VC**

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**Phone: (304) 435-9709**

#### **Deacon:**

**Rev. William Klug**

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#### **Office Manager:**

**Ms. Jennifer**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

#### **Monday—Friday**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### **OTHER STAFF**

**Maintenance: Fred Emch**

**Phone: (304) 455-4615**

**Catholic Charities:**

**Phone: (304) 455-4615**

**Community Resources:**

**Zoey Dotson**

**Phone: (304) 455-0120**

**CCD: Debra Freeland & Wendy Slider**

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**OCIA: Deacon Klug**

**Phone: (304) 596-1337**

**From the Office of Safe Environment:** To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at (800) 352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact the Diocese at (888) 434.6237 or (304) 233.0880.

Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# Liturgy Schedule

December 21st to December 28th, 2025

SUN  
21st

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm (Sat) Mater Dolorosa Confession  
5:00pm Vigil Mass † Teresa Blatt Martin

8:00am Mass at St. Joseph People of the Parish  
10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Sister Rose Ann Krantz  
12:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary Monsignor Samuel Sacus

MON  
22nd

No Mass

TUE  
23rd

8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Joseph Domalik  
5:00pm Adoration/Confession St. Joseph  
6:00pm Mass at St. Joseph † John Weigand

WED  
24th

## Christmas Eve, The Nativity of the Lord, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

4:00pm Mass at Holy Rosary † Margie Rymer  
6:00pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa † Nicole Schoolcraft &  
Zachary Fitzsimmons  
8:00pm Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Leo M. Herrick  
10:30pm Mass at St. Joseph Ken Janiszewski

THU  
25th

## Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Ricerado &  
Rosario Suyao

FRI  
26th

## Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

No Morning Mass  
Funeral Mass Schedule  
Mater Dolorosa from 5:00 to 6:00pm  
Bereavement dinner following Mass

SAT  
27th

## Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

No Morning Mass

SUN  
28th

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00pm (Sat) Mater Dolorosa Confession  
5:00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish  
8:00am Mass at St. Joseph Marsha Klug  
10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Doris Herrick  
12:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary † Regina Howard, † Bill &  
Susan Sutton & Fr. Joseph's Ordination Anniversary

# Scripture Readings

December 21st to December 28th, 2025

## THIS SUNDAY

Is 35:1-6a, 10;  
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;  
Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

## MONDAY

1 Sm 1:24-28;  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

## TUESDAY

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

## WEDNESDAY

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

### Mass during the Night:

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;  
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79



## THURSDAY

### Mass during the Day:

Is 52:7-10;  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;  
Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

## FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAY

1 Jn 1:14;  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

## NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14;  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23





### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome, new members, to Our Parishes. To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please call the Parish Office at (304) 455-4615.

### BAPTISM

For infant Baptism, please contact Father Joseph Abraham. Pre-Baptism sessions are required and will be arranged with Father Joseph.

### MARRIAGE

The couple *cannot set a date until you have met with* Fr. Joseph Abraham at least **SIX months** in advance, to begin preparation requirements.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

Sat. 4 to 5pm & Wed. 5-6pm Mater Dolorosa in Padon City; Tuesday 5-6pm St. Joseph in Proctor; Thur. 5-6pm at St. Vincent de Paul, New Martinsville, or you call the office to schedule an appointment.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the Parish Cluster Office at (304) 455-4615 to be placed on our Communion & Visitation list. In an emergency or for the Sacrament Anointing of the Sick, please Contact Fr Joseph at (304)435-9709.

### HOUSE BLESSING

Anyone may request this blessing by calling the Office at (304)455-4615 to setup a time. Fr. Joseph Abraham is available for you any time of the day or night spiritual assistance.

If you need him please call, (304) 455-4615,  
for emergencies only: (304) 435-9709 or  
You may also contact Deacon Klug (304) 596-1337

**Funeral Arrangements**  
**office: (304)455-4615**

### The Fourth Week of Advent Good St. Joseph

I confess that I struggle with a large ego. I want to be seen and acknowledged and validated. I simultaneously struggle with low self confidence. In this generation so many families fail due to prioritizing our individual needs above all else. Often unconsciously, we seek status and wealth, a common human flaw. We frequently seek more attention, particularly in what is supposed to be our safe haven, our own household.

In today's Gospel, we get a glimpse into the heart of Joseph, the righteous and honorable man chosen to help raise the Son of God. We see his holiness, his desire to respect others, and his obedience to God.

St. Joseph, as a descendent of King David, you knew your identity. You knew your littleness but recognized that you were protected always in the arms of God. You understood that God is with us. Looking to you as an example, we can also have faith that we will prevail despite any earthly struggle. From family uncertainty to having to flee from your homeland, you trusted God with a steadfastness I hope to emulate. Faithful and virtuous, your commitment to others came before your own needs.

St. Joseph, patron saint of families, help me to be like you. Help me to be humble, to be at peace within my heart. Teach me that love is above all, sacrificing in order to place other's needs before my own. Show me how to be meek, poor in spirit, a peacemaker - as your beloved Child taught - as this is true richness. Help me to be quiet, to reflect, to listen - not cry out - to be reflective rather than reactive. Create in me a spirit of contentment and soften my heart so that I can make room for my Lord Jesus to have a home. By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



## **Holy Rosary**

**December 14th, 2025**

Envelopes... \$1405.00  
Loose...\$0.00  
Maintenance...\$20.00  
Retirement Fund\$10.00  
Christmas Flowers.\$35.00  
Immaculate Con.\$104.00

## **St. Joseph**

**December 14th, 2025**

Will be in Next Weeks  
Bulletin

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

**December 14th, 2025**

Envelopes...\$518.00  
Loose...\$246.00  
Maintenance...\$55.00  
Christmas Flowers...\$110.00  
Retirement Fund..\$437.00

## **Mater Dolorosa**

**December 14th, 2025**

Envelopes...\$135.00  
Loose...\$337.00  
Maintenance...\$5.00  
Diocese Priests Ret.\$20.00  
Christmas Flowers.\$30.00

## **Happy Anniversary!**

December

22nd-Barbara and Charlie Racer  
28th-10th Ordination Anniversary  
for Fr. Joseph

## **Happy Birthday!**



### **December**

Carol Burnside-22nd  
Paul Feldmeier-22nd  
Anna Claire Koontz-22nd  
Cynthia Sweeney-22nd  
Margaret Mysliwiec-23rd  
Gerry Young 23rd  
Charles Eastham-24th  
Jim Bowen-24th  
Waylon-25th

### **December**

Keith Frum-25th  
William Nice-26th  
Patricia Racer-26th  
Tracy Wade 26th  
Kathy Hoffman-27th  
Michael Estep-28th  
Linda Franklin-31st  
Amanda Rymer-31st  
Jim Cavezza-31st

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Love*



**MAY GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

Bernice and Ralph Baker, Dave Beckett,  
Joan Block, Nanci Bowen, Hayden Butler, Dutton Chichick,  
Dominic Cipriani, Kathy Hawkins-Clegg, Bill Cline,  
Butch Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham, Fr. Kent Durig,  
Bill Estep, Jack Estep, Jim Eubanks, Gail Fagertt,  
Deacon Rod Fagert, Ruby Fratt, Yvonne Simera-Ferrera,  
Joey & Lisa Feronti, Cecile Fiest, Barbara Frum,  
Keith Frum, Beri Fox, Jeff Fox, Dr. Dominick Galluzzo, Jr.,  
Marino Galluzzo, Sandy Grandstaff, Barry Helms,  
Jim Herrick, Keith Herrick, Mike Hickman,  
Charlie Johnson, Logan Johnson, Tommy Kacor,  
Sharon Kastigar, Dave King, Kay Klug,  
Brian and Joan Leary, Jennifer McCardle, Jim Melott,  
John & Tulane Mensore, Jeri Miller, Landon Miller,  
Patty Meyers, Baby Nash, Bernadette Ortiz,  
Karen Richmond, Jim Richthammer, Bertha Schrader,  
Diana Smith, Mike Snyder, Nancy Stender, Becky Sutton,  
Elsie Taylor, Angie Vancamp, Rose Marie Young,  
Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore, Ike Willey  
All Shut-Ins

**To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact**  
**the Cluster Office 304-455-4615**  
**or email [office@svdpm.org](mailto:office@svdpm.org)**

*Hope Peace  
Joy Love*



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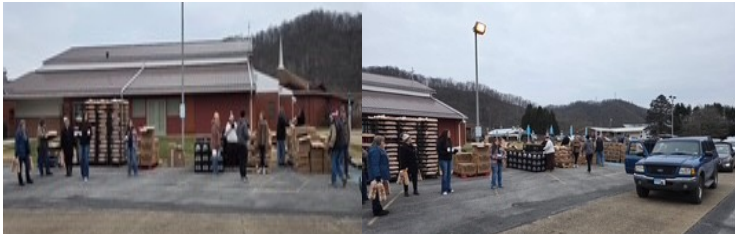
Esther Crumbly

When I pulled into work this morning to all the cars lined up around the buildings, it made me realize just how many families are touched. None of this would have happened if you didn't volunteer your time. Thank you so very much for standing in the cold to make sure everyone has a Christmas dinner. It reminded me of the boy with the bread in the Bible, Jesus feeding the 5,000. His act of sharing his small meal of five barley loaves and two fish with Jesus demonstrates faith and obedience. Jesus, in response to the boy's offer, performed a miracle that fed the entire crowd, highlighting the theme of God using the humble to accomplish great things. This event is a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and the miraculous nature of God's provisions.



**Our Next Food Giveaway  
will be in January**

Volunteers start gathering at 9:30  
distribution time begins 9:30-10:30am.



**We ask that you kindly think of the food pantry  
or donating what you can!**

**The Food Pantry will be closed until the New Year.**

**Volunteer at the Food Pantry,  
CLOSED**

**Food Pantry Team  
(304) 455-9740**

**Carol Buck, Kate Wright, Cecilia Wetzel  
Marlene Rodriguez, Theresa Schoolcraft,**



**OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY**

**Saturdays @ 4:30p**

**Rosary and Pamphlets will be provided.**

**Rosary Leaders for December 20th @ 4:30 pm  
Dick Stender, Kay Pierpoint, Judy Yeager**

**Rosary Leaders for December 28th @ 4:30 pm  
Judy Yeater, Betty Jochum, Nanci Bowen**

**Ministers for December 20th @ 5pm**

**Lector: Joanna Casto**

**Gifts: Chuck & Cecile Fiest**

**Eucharistic Minister: Kay Pierpoint**

**Ministers for December 27th @ 5pm**

**Lector: Kay Pierpoint**

**Gifts: Ensinger Family**

**Eucharistic Minister: Ron Casto**

**Parish Council:** (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski,  
Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle,  
(LF) Marianne Balcerek, Pat Lilkendey

**Finance Council:** Matt Herrick, Judy Grace,  
Debra Freeland

**Parish Council:** Rod Fagert, Carolyn Hizer,  
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer  
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Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer



Holy Rosary Mission  
519 Main Street  
Sistersville, WV 26175



**Lector: 12/21/2025 - Eric Peters**  
**Lector: 12/24/2025 - Patrick Rymer**  
**Lector: 12/28/2025 - Charlene Galluzzo**

ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAY BEFORE 12:30 MASS ,  
LED BY DONNA PETER.

Thank you to those who came out to help with the brass cleaning!

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Brothers and Sisters, today's Gospel centers on God's immense love leading to the Incarnation ([Matthew 1:18-24](#)), focusing on Joseph's faith, the prophecy of Immanuel (God with us), and how this divine promise calls us to embrace humility, trust, and the active role of bringing Christ's love to the world through our own lives and service, mirroring Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's recognition of Jesus. It's a call to move beyond mere preparation to experiencing God's presence in everyday actions and to live out the promise of salvation. So often prayer only means petition to us. We tend to overlook another important purpose of prayer: to help us see and be responsive to the many great acts that God has already done.

1. Color the four Advent candles. 3 purple & 1 pink
  2. Write a word on each candle. See list below.
  3. Make a Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath.
- We light the Jesus Christ Candle on Christmas Eve to celebrate Baby Jesus' birth.



Activity sheet by Alison Faison, Director of Children and Family Ministries, Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. 2023

**Parish Council:** Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore,  
Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen  
**Finance Council:** Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo,  
Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen

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Thank you for coming out and braving the weather for our Christmas Party! Santa always loves giving gifts!



## Advent Wreath

Q	J	A	P	T	F	N	T	N	E	V	D	A	E	E	K	J
Z	H	T	H	J	X	E	U	U	C	W	Z	M	I	Q	M	F
S	W	G	B	S	U	P	L	D	W	H	M	H	M	G	R	G
D	I	V	K	N	U	A	T	D	N	A	R	H	O	C	C	L
L	U	E	B	E	O	W	Z	R	N	O	Z	I	Q	P	R	P
C	I	Z	K	E	L	D	F	U	E	A	O	P	S	E	E	B
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R	Z	Y	V	G	D	L	S	O	N	G	H	A	I	A	S	I
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S	R	Y	M	E	O	E	L	E	S	U	S	E	J	N	R	E
T	O	A	E	V	N	S	E	R	A	P	E	R	P	E	C	L
M	I	D	S	E	F	S	N	A	S	A	A	J	O	E	X	E
A	V	N	S	W	R	E	A	T	H	N	V	V	U	R	S	B
S	A	U	I	B	O	J	V	G	G	N	Z	N	T	G	O	R
V	S	A	A	W	V	K	E	E	D	V	Z	A	Z	B	L	A
F	V	X	H	R	K	C	L	C	I	Y	L	P	G	O	D	T
I	H	M	T	B	Y	U	V	K	G	U	L	F	H	O	Z	E

emmanuel	jesse	bethlehem	angel	light
hope	green	evergreens	god	candle
wreath	sunday	celebrate	savior	christ
christmas	messiah	isaiah	prepare	jesus
advent				



St. Joseph  
Women's Club  
December 21st @ 11 am

**Parish Council:** Alana Fox, Abel Frohnapfel,  
Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle  
**Finance Council:** Clem Frohnapfel, Lee Ann Kirkland,  
Mark Miller