



“GOOD SEEDS”

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

“Sharing Our Gifts.”

The target for our Diocesan Annual Appeal is \$51,628 with an additional goal of \$3,000. Have you returned your pledge card? Please be generous with a contribution to assist the needs of the diocesan and local church. Please remember that the overage will continue our support of Food for the Poor and provide a starter for roof shingles on our church for monies collected beyond our Diocesan target. Please pray for the success of this Appeal at St. Joseph Parish!

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What's New With The Mass?

- Nov. 12 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13 8:30 a.m.-1:00p.m.
- Nov. 14 4:00-6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 16 3:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Parish Family Center

Have you heard that the Mass has new words? It's true. Beginning with the 1st Sunday of Advent, many of the prayers and

responses of the Mass will be different. While the language will change, the essence of the Mass will not. To assist parents in exploring the Mass with their children, Lynn Meyer from St. Joseph Parish and Bonnie Bauman from the Newman University Parish have prepared an interactive workshop.

Although many of the activities are designed for parents and children, youth and adults will also find this workshop interesting and informative. Through Power-Point displays, hand-outs, activities and a DVD, you will gain a new view of the Mass. Plan now to visit the



St. Joseph Parish Logo

stations during one of the times listed above.

Save the Date!

Thursday, December 8, soap opera star Frank Runyeon will be performing "The 3½ Stories of Christmas" in Stevens Point. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD parish Cost: Free will offering. Sponsored by St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes.

SPECIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION:

- ◆ November 24, 9:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Mass

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION MASSES:

- November 1, Feast of All Saints: 6:45 a.m. - St. Stephen Parish, 6:15 p.m. St. Joseph Parish.
- December 8, the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Vigil, December 7, both

parishes is 6:30 p.m. On December 8, 6:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. (Mass for school children) at St. Stephen Parish and 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish.



- **Christmas,**
 - December 24, 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at

St. Joseph Parish. 5:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish.

- December 25, 8:30 a.m., St. Stephen Parish and 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Parish



- January 1, Mary, Mother of God, regular weekend schedule



Memorial Mass

November 5 - 9:00 AM

In remembrance of the faithful departed from our parish over the last year, a special Mass will be held which will include a candle lighting service. Fellowship with a continental breakfast will follow in the Parish Family Center.

Food for the Poor in Haiti and Church Tuck Pointing Fund

Reminder: all monies exceeding the Diocesan Appeal goal will go to the above listed organization and fund.

Holy Name Breakfasts December 11 & January 18

Special Menu: Coffee (regular & decaf), Juice, Milk, Fruit Cup, Toast, Eggs, Ham, Potatoes and, of course, our Fresh Cinnamon Rolls.

Come bring your friends. Socialize and enjoy a great meal and no dishes to wash. The December breakfast will have a Christmas theme.

50/50 Raffle
Door Prizes



Thanksgiving Mass November 24, 9:00 AM

Come join the parish family and bring along dry or canned food items to fill shelves for the those in need of assistance.



Worship Time for our Youngest Members

*“Let the little children
come to me.”*

St. Joseph Parish offers two Sunday worship experiences for our youngest parishioners during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Children in grades K-4 may participate in *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*. They begin in church. Just before the readings, Fr. Jerzy calls them forward and the group moves to a room in the Center where a child’s version of the readings and gospel are proclaimed. A leader then helps the children connect God’s message to daily life. The children return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children *in grades 5 and up* are asked to remain in Mass.

Children ages 3 through grade K may attend *Wee Worship Too*. This bible story hour is held in Ehr Hall, the church basement. Leaders and preschoolers explore the gospel message through crafts, games and other activities. A snack is provided. These children stay in Wee Worship during the entire Mass. No registration is required, but children must be potty-trained.

2011 Advent Sale November 19-20 November 26-27 after every Mass

CCD will again sponsor the annual Advent Sale. Candles, wreaths, calendars, devotional books, count-down aids, story & activity books, Christmas stocking stuffers & crafts, ornaments, and traditional religious items will be available.

This year a special item was donated to the sale: a used outdoor nativity set with wooden crèche and illuminated figures.

How will you prepare the way of the Lord this Advent?

Saints Wax Museum

Wednesday, November 30
6:45-7:45 p.m.

The 5th grade CCD children are busy learning about the lives of the saints. As a culminating activity, they will stage a Saints Wax Museum in the Center. Be sure to stop in and see their efforts.

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holiday Weeks

The weeks of *Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years* require that all bulletin articles be in the Parish Office by **8:30 a.m. on Monday**. Mail, email your articles (bulletin@togetherinfaith.org) or drop off at the Parish Office prior to Monday.

Giving Tree

Have you noticed that the Giving Tree is back up in the Gathering Space in the Parish Family Center? It has a variety of items to choose from. Stop by and check it out. You may find something that you would like to purchase for our parish! The Giving Tree will be up until Memorial Day weekend.



Parish Advent Schedule

Weekend Worship:

Saturday evening: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Private Confessions in Advent:

3:30 p.m. every Saturday

Area Reconciliation Services:

Dec. 13 – 3:00—7:00 p.m.,

open confession

St. Stanislaus Parish

December 13, 7:00 p.m.

St. Bronislava Parish

December 15—6:30 p.m.

Newman Parish

St. Joseph Convent Chapel

December 18 – 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish

December 19 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Parish

December 20 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter Parish



Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m. until sold out

Can you believe it? Our Annual Cookie Walk is just around the corner

This St. Anne's/St. Joseph Parish sponsored event invites all parishioners to bake a batch or two of their favorite holiday cookies to donate to this parish fundraiser.

Cookies may be dropped off in the Parish Family Center, Friday, December 2, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Help is needed in the Parish Family Center kitchen the week prior to the sale:

Baking & Decorating cookies:

Monday, November 28, through Thursday, December 1, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Set Up for the sale:

Friday, December 2, starting 8:30 a.m.

Working for the sale:

Saturday, December 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

We need your help both baking at home and here in the parish kitchen. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Aggie at 344-2276 or Adrian at 344-3025.

**St. Anne's Society/
St. Joseph PCCW**

The first meeting this fall was held on September 19. Installation of officers took place with Fr. Jerzy officiating. General business meeting followed. The ladies from St. Stephen Parish were invited to join St. Anne's as St. Stephen Parish never established a rosary society. Information was given to the ladies at meetings held on September 8 and 26. Women of St. Stephen Parish have graciously accepted the invitation to join St. Anne's Society. St. Stephen Parish women were invited to the October 10 meeting which included a potluck supper. Seven ladies from St. Stephen Parish were in attendance. The women of St. Anne's welcomed them and were very happy to have the women join. The women of both parishes look forward to meeting together and working together.

The speaker at the meeting was Amy Cisewski a social worker from Portage County. She talked about what services Portage County has to offer those who need assistance. These services are not just for the elderly or disabled but even for young members of the community who may need assistance due to health issues. Amy did a fantastic job and was thanked for her presentation. Ladies, if you are new to St. Joseph Parish or if you have been a long time member and would like to join St. Anne's, please call Deb Peltier 715-344-4664 or Jean Brazzale 715-341-3256.

IN MEMORIA

The following members of our parish community have died within the previous three months. We continue to remember them in prayer and extend the wish of God's peace to their families:

Robert Klish
Regina Laska

**Good Seeds Newsletter
Deadline for the
February-March-April
issue is January 16**

—Valuing Our Tradition

A lot of e-mails get sent and most get deleted quickly. Occasionally, an email provides a valid point and is worth some thought.

Does God exist? This is one story that provides an explanation.

“A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: “I don’t believe that God exists. If God existed, there would be neither suffering or pain. I can’t imagine a loving God who would allow all these things.”

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard.. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: “You know what? Barbers do not exist.”

“How can you say that?” asked the surprised barber. “I am here and I am a barber. And I just worked on you.!”

“No, the customer exclaimed. “Barbers don’t exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside.”

“Ah, but barbers DO exist! That’s what happens when people do not come to me.”

“Exactly” affirmed the customer. “That’s the point! God, too , DOES exist! That’s what happens when people do not go to Him and don’t look to Him for help. That’s why there’s so much pain and suffering in the world.”

Be Blessed and be a blessing to others!

...Mary Worley

