



**November 05, 2023**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: NOV 4-NOV 12, 2023**

SAT, NOV 4	4:00 PM	FOR JIM REED BY THE WERTZ FAMILY
SUN, NOV 5	9:00 AM	FOR ART PARTNER BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY
MON, NOV 6	8:00 AM	FOR GLENN PELTER By PAUL & LOUISE KRUG
TUE, NOV 7	6:00 PM	FOR MARY FOUST BY CHILDREN-NANCY & STEVE
WED, NOV 8	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION <i>St. Matthew, Tyrone</i>
Thu, Nov 9	8:00 AM	<i>St. Matthew, Tyrone</i>
Fri, Nov 10	8:00 AM	<i>St. Matthew, Tyrone</i>
SAT, NOV 11	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, NOV 12	9:00 AM	FOR THE MEMORIAL MASS BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING: Weekend Mass** intention requests are limited to **3 masses for the deceased, per year.** **Weekday Mass** intention requests are limited to 3 masses for the deceased, **per requestor**, per year. *Please keep in mind that we schedule as we receive mass intentions and will do our best to honor your requests. Let us be kind and considerate of others and allow as many as possible in our parish family to be able to request a celebration of Mass and remember that the value of a Mass is infinite no matter when it is celebrated.*

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, Nov 11, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: Sr. Linda-1st Reader, P. Wills-2nd Reader, T. Evanskey-  
*Introductions/Intercessions*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Lovrich-  
*Host, J. Shelow & J. Steinbauer-Cup*

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: D. Kissell, M. Kissell, N. Lovrich, B. Risbon

**Sunday, Nov 12, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: L. Krug-1st Reader, S. Caldwell-2nd Reader, S. Shaulis-  
*Introduction & Intercession*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: B. Shedlock-  
*Host, B. Paranich & T. Colabove-Cup*

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, D. Cole, E. Hunter

**THE SCRIP PROGRAM {NOW KNOWN AS RAISERIGHT} has resulted in average fundraising revenue of about \$2,000 a year for Saint Joseph Parish.**

**This amount has been reached with only about 10-12 families from the Parish participating regularly.**

**How much better could we do if we could get to the point where even 25% of our Parish families were participating regularly.**

**Order this week and pick up next week. Spend nothing that you weren't going to anyway. Simple and effective ...**

**LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, last week's winners will be announced in the November 12 bulletin. Also, checks for the past two weeks will be mailed out next week.



**The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, bishop and trustee.

**BAPTISM OF INFANTS:** Notify pastor during pregnancy for arrangements and parental/God-parent Faith formation. A Preparation class for Parents and God-parents is required prior to Child's Baptism. Please contact Sr. Linda LaMagna to make arrangements to attend a Preparation Class. (814) 742-7894 or llamagna@dioceseaj.org

**CONFIRMATION:** Formation, classes, and service hours as required by the Diocese.

**HOLY MATRIMONY:** Notify pastor at least six months before the desired wedding date; Diocesan-approved marriage preparation course required.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By request.

**PENANCE:** Saturdays at 3:30 PM and anytime by request.

**MASS SCHEDULE:** Weekend: Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:00 AM  
Holy Days of Obligation and Daily Mass as published.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The deadline to have information considered for the bulletin is Thursday at 12:00 NOON for the upcoming weekend. Information can be placed in the box on the office door, in the collection basket, or emailed to [abishopamato@dioceseaj.org](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org).

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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranich,  
Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, Jessica Steinbauer, Christopher  
Wagner, Rebecca Wertz

*Interested in becoming Catholic?* Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075 or our RCIA

LEADER: Judy Diebold: (814) 944-2317

SCHOOLS: St. Joseph Parish supports St. Matthew and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Oct 23-Oct 29, 2023	
<i>Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal</i>	\$		5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$		1,165.00
Other:	\$		378.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$		1,124.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	\$		<b>2,677.00</b>
<b>2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target</b>	\$		<b>18,910.00</b>
<b>CMD Donations to date for 2023:</b>	\$		<b>\$26,983.31</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.** Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

**SAINT JOSEPH ONLINE GIVING**

Visit our website: [www.saintjosephbellwood.org](http://www.saintjosephbellwood.org)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Knights of Columbus Meeting - Mon., Nov. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- ◆ Fundraising Committee Meeting - Tue., Nov. 21, at 6:30 pm
- ◆ Maintenance Committee Meeting - Thu., Nov. 30, at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Parish Council Meeting - Mon., Jan. 8, at 6:30 pm.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS ON PRAYER #7 concludes this Tuesday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m., following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**REMINDER: OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER** is tonight, **Sunday November 5**, at 5:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. It's not too late to sign-up. Sheets are posted at each entrance of the church. Please put down how many are coming and whether you are bringing a dessert, vegetable, or side dish. The parish will provide the meat. We look forward to seeing you!

**SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS WILL ONCE AGAIN BE CONDUCTED DURING THE ADVENT SEASON OF FOUR WEEKS.** We are looking for persons who are willing to lead a Small Faith Sharing Group for the four weeks of Advent. A sign-up sheet is available for Group Leaders to volunteer this weekend.

Next Sunday, after receiving the list of those willing to be Group Leaders, with their dates and times, we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in joining a group. The readings will be available upon sign-up.

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 1:00 P.M.  
in the Parish Hall. \$15.00 per person.**

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AFTER MASS, IN THE VESTIBULE.

If you have any questions, please text Tanya Hoffer @ 814-505-8957, or call Marie Kissell @ 814-934-2918.

If you can't attend but still want to support our parish, you can buy chances for the beautiful baskets that will be raffled off during the Christmas Tea. Basket Raffle tickets will be sold downstairs in the Parish Hall during our Thanksgiving Dinner tonight, before each Saturday mass in November and also following the Sunday mass on November 26.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Memorial Mass for deceased members is Sunday November 12th at 9am.** WE are having breakfast after Mass at Excelsior Fire Hall. Members and their families and families of deceased members are invited. Please use the sign up sheets at the exits so we can plan ahead. See you there!

**OUR FIRST PURSE BASKET BINGO WAS A SUCCESS!** Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise nearly \$5,000 for our parish needs.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Jr. High & High School (7-11): No Religious Education, however, **High School Students should be present to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner. Please arrive by 4:30 p.m.**

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

9th, 10th and 11th Grade Students are reminded to submit their Retreat permission Slips when coming to Religious Education on Sunday, November 12.

**The Holy Teen Weekend is fast Approaching.** We will end the celebration of the Retreats with a Teen Holy Hour on Sunday, November 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship Music and Teen Witness Talks in the Church. We will follow with a Taco Social downstairs in the Parish Hall.

The Retreats and the Teen Holy Hour are for **both St. Joseph and St. Matthew Students. The Teen Holy Hour is also for the Junior High Students of St. Joseph Church.**



**BAPTISM CLASS** - (St. Matthew & St. Joseph Parishes) The last Baptism class of the year for parents of newborns or parents desiring to have their child baptized is **Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Chapel. Please contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894 to register in advance so that sufficient materials can be prepared. **This Baptism session is for both parents and the chosen Godparents.**

#### SAVE THE DATE! November 28, 2023

**#iGiveCatholic:** The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will again participate in the **#iGiveCatholic Giving Day on #GivingTuesday**, November 28, 2023. We are partnering with #iGiveCatholic to offer this amazing opportunity for all parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries within our Diocese.

**WHAT IS #iGIVECATHOLIC?** #iGiveCatholic is a giving day event for the faithful from participating dioceses across the nation (and the world!) to unite and donate – both online and offline – to their favorite participating Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries.

#iGiveCatholic presents an opportunity for Catholics to support the organizations about which they are most passionate on #GivingTuesday, and for parishes, schools, and ministries to raise funds for specific projects or simply for unrestricted purposes. **ALL MONEY RAISED WILL COME DIRECTLY TO OUR PARISH!** More information to come...



SAVE THE DATE  
Come hear Author and Speaker  
**DR. EDWARD SRI**

**Friday, April 19, 2024 (For College Students)**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Mount Aloysius College

Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center

7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630

More information to come.

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people around the world each year. He has written several best-selling books, including *No Greater Love*; *Who Am I to Judge?*; and *Walking with Mary*. He is the presenter of several faith formation programs used by thousands of parishes, including the celebrated film series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*. With Curtis Martin, he is a co-founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and currently serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach. Dr. Sri leads pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land each year and is the host of the acclaimed podcast *All Things Catholic*. His latest book is *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*. He and his wife Elizabeth are blessed with eight children and resides in Littleton, Colorado.

November 5, 2023—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society – sound bites which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps – to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?