

# SJTJWW

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December 3, 2017—First Sunday of Advent

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday 6:00 PM  
Sunday 9:30 AM

**Weekday Schedule**  
9:00 AM Mass  
Wednesday and Friday

**Confession**  
5:40 to 5:55 PM Saturday  
9:10 to 9:25 AM Sunday  
or by appointment

**Be  
watchful!  
Be alert!  
You do  
not know  
when the  
time will  
come.  
What I say  
to you, I  
say to all:  
"Watch!"**

If you wish to meet with Fr. Carlyle, you may call the parish office Monday - Friday at 796-6877 or e-mail him at

[jcarlyle@sjtw.us](mailto:jcarlyle@sjtw.us)

## **Worship Times & Intentions**

**Saturday, December 2**  
6:00 PM ~ People of the Parish  
**Sunday, December 3**  
9:30 AM ~ Jennifer Manoja  
(birthday blessings)

**Monday, December 4**  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday, December 5**  
NO MASS  
**Wednesday, December 6**  
9:00 AM ~ + Rose Cascone  
**Thursday, December 7**  
VIGIL MASS—  
6:30 PM ~ People of the Parish  
**Friday, December 8 (HOLYDAY)**  
9:00 AM ~ People of the Parish  
6:00 PM—ST. ANN'S

**Saturday, December 9**  
6:00 PM ~ People of the Parish  
**Sunday, December 10**  
9:30 AM ~ SJTW Society—Living  
& Deceased Members

*Show us,  
Lord, your  
love; and  
grant us  
your salva-  
tion!*



**Welcome!** Are you new to our Parish? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Carlyle before or after Mass and arrange to register with us.

# Ask Fr. Carlyle . . . . .

## What's Up with Advent?

Today is the first day of Advent. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'a coming to' or 'an arrival'. There are two comings or arrivals that we consider during Advent:

- Christ's First Coming, when He, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary
- Christ's Second Coming at the end of time

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes Advent as "a period of devout and expectant delight."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes Advent this way:

**522** The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces Him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, He awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

**523** St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare His way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

**524** When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to His desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

May God grant us "the resolve to run forth to meet...Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, [we] may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom." (from the Collect for the First Sunday of Advent)



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. John Lalance	December 5	7 pm
St. Mark	December 13	7 pm
Nativity	December 17	2 pm

### **HELP OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!!!!**

We are selling trash bags to help pay for our activities, and we need your help. Please buy your kitchen, garage, and yard bags from us. The bags are durable and big. They make great gifts. Please get them from Fr. Carlyle in the office or from one of the students. They are only **\$11 a roll**.

**ENVELOPES AND PLATE**

November 5 . . . . .	\$2,734.00
November 12 . . . . .	1,228.00
November 19 . . . . .	1,728.10
November 26 . . . . .	2,819.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$8,509.10</b>

**Special Collections**

All Saints Day—\$332.00

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SAT., DECEMBER 9  
6:00 PM MASS**

**Bread**

David Howard

**Wine**

Joan Howard  
Betty McClatchey

**Lector**

David O'Dell

**Greeters**

Katie O'Dell  
Vince Price

**Server(s)**

Andrew O'Dell

**Counter(s)**

Gary Ackerman  
Marguerite Shaw

**SUN., DECEMBER 10  
9:30 AM MASS**

**Bread**

Kim Hayes

**Wine**

Alice Crews  
Lisa Martin

**Lector**

Sharon Engelman

**Greeters**

Barb Carlson  
Joe Cascone

**Server(s)**

Spencer Engelman  
Keith Manozza

**Counter(s)**

Barb Carlson  
Mary Raymer



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX  
SCHEDULE**

**December 2017**

- 2/3 Janice McQuillan
- 9/10 Joan Ishmael
- 16/17 Jim & Sharon Engelman
- 23/24 Tom & Becky Clark
- 30/31 Mary Smith

*When you see your name listed on the Vocation Crucifix schedule and you need to change the DAY or DATE, please call Clara Fae Kennedy at 585-5807. Thank You.*



**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER  
INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

**The Elderly**—That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**Urgent Intention**—That we may follow God's call to holiness and look upon our neighbor with compassion.



*The following parishioners are ill and would like to be remembered in your prayers....*

Eleanor Wenger	Liz Christman	Suzie Desilet	Brenda Handy
Erna Koski	John Jamison	Lora Tapko	Anita Cascone
Grace Asbury	Sharon White	Nancy Aufner	George Everley
Tom Kuzila	Esther Spencer	Helen Brown	Frances Emberton
Jim Carlson	Loreto Manozza	Kathleen Beltz	Joe Cascone
Angela Pierve	Karol Van Horn	Genevieve Zavicar	

**If you have family or friends who need prayers, please put their names in the Prayer List Book in the Gathering Area. Your loved ones, living or deceased, will be prayed for every day there is a Mass.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

Knights of Columbus Council #4962, located at 5102 Blue Ridge Cutoff, will be having an ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY, on Friday, December 8, 2017. We start serving at 1 PM and serve until 8 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, free for children under 5. Menu will include fried fish, baked fish, and fried shrimp for an additional \$4 per order. Beer and pop and dessert available for an additional donation. Fish fry profits help support our many charities. For more information, call Greg Marquart @ 816-803-9455. In case of inclement weather, we will make an announcement before Friday.



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Penny Lajaunie, Paul Romero, Jeff Martin, Larry Turner, and Betsy Waldman

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**SITW SOCIETY**

Pres: Kim Hayes  
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Betty McClatchey  
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**PRO-LIFE**

Stan & Betty McClatchey

**BAPTISMS:** Arrangements must be made with the Pastor before the Baptism of children. Parents must make an appointment to attend Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. Please call the parish office (796-6877) for reservations.

**MARRIAGES:** Those couples wishing to be married in our parish should contact the Pastor when engaged (even a year before) to arrange for Engaged Couple Conferences. At least SIX MONTHS is needed for marriage preparation.

**COMMUNION AT HOME:**

If you are homebound or recuperating from surgery and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call Fr. Carlyle at 796-6877.



**TRAVELING  
ST. JOSEPH STATUE**

Families can share a statue of St. Joseph for 2 weeks at a time by signing up to take the statue into their home and do the novena. If you would like to sign up, please call Joan Ishmael at 796-9148.

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## OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:



- 1, Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or

[JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.