

HISTORIC SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE BELLS OF ST. JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

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**From our Pastor
Fr. Bob**

Advent is upon us! This year we have four full weeks leading to Christmas. It is our hope that you make this a priority in your homes as well as attending Mass on the four weekends here at St. Joseph. Children are always fascinated with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath. They become excited as each candle is lit as we get closer to Christmas. We suggest having an Advent Wreath at home. Light it at meal time. It only brightens the anticipation in the four week celebration.

This year Christmas is on a Sunday. So, we will have a full and regular schedule of Masses including those special times of 3:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve which includes the children's Christmas pageant and 10:00 P.M. liturgy for our traditional Christmas Eve Mass with Parish Choir. Here is a listing of our Masses:

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24th
3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M.

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25th
7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:15 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Join us to give praise and thanks to the Father for the birth of His Son to us!

Fr. Bob Tonelli, Pastor

St. Joseph Calendar of Activities

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Following are dates which you may want to mark on your calendars at home:

RECURRING MEETINGS/CLASSES:

ALL SUNDAYS - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered for 5- through 9-year olds at the 10:15 Sunday Mass - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHRISTMAS DAY.

SATURDAY, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Pageant - 3:00 PM - get there early - seats fill up fast.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th - 5:00 PM Christmas Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th -10:00 PM - Christmas Mass at Midnight

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th - regular Sunday Mass schedule: 7:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 AM

WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS



Meet new parishioners Lou, Kate and Olivia (daughter) Morrone. They attended Welcome Night on October 23, 2011 in the cafeteria at St. Joseph School and met fellow parishioners.

ADVENT Presentation by Fr. Kricek

On-Line at www.stjosephwilmette.org/_KricekAdvent.html

On Wednesday, November 30, 2011 a presentation on Advent was made by Fr. Kricek in the Community Room to a well-attended audience.

During the presentation, Fr. Kricek discussed how Advent began over the ages and its special meaning to Catholics as the Christmas season approaches.

Did you miss the presentation by Fr. Kricek on the meaning of Advent and how to prepare for Christmas?

This special presentation of the Advent message has been prepared for you to view on-line on the St. Joseph Website!



To view this special presentation visit the St. Joseph website at www.stjosephwilmette.org/_KricekAdvent.html to hear and see his inspiring video/audio presentation filmed in the sanctuary here at St. Joseph Church. The presentation is less than 10 minutes long.



**Meet Tim Finnegan....
Eucharistic Minister at St. Josephs Parish**



I just started coming back to St. Joseph Catholic Church, since I live in the area. I go to another parish in Evanston called the Sheil Catholic Center, which is a Northwestern church. I've been going to the Sheil Center for a long time. I'm a Eucharistic Minister there and I'm also a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Joe's. I had my confirmation last year at the Sheil Center, and when I got confirmed, I became more religious and decided to get more involved in the Catholic Church. I got trained as a Eucharistic Minister at both churches, when I got confirmed. This is a way to get more involved in the church. Even though I've been going to the Sheil Center for a long time, I still wanted to get more involved at St. Joseph Church since its right in my neighborhood. That's how I started coming back to this parish. I really enjoy serving communion at St. Joe's and attending events at this parish. I'm currently a Junior in high school right now. I go to a private school in Northbrook called Cove School, which is a K-12 school for kids with learning disabilities. I've been there for a long time, and I'm also at New Trier High School for part of the day. I'm enjoying school, and now I've been thinking about what I want to do after high school. Since I started coming back to St. Joe's last year, I've been enjoying all the things I'm involved in at the parish. I like being a Eucharistic Minister and I'm enjoying being a confirmed Catholic. I'm looking forward to being in the St. Joseph Parish more and getting even more involved in the parish.

News from St. Joseph's Cub Scouts:



St. Joseph Cub Scouts Pack 14 recently completed an environmental service project at the Air Station Prairie in Glenview by helping pick up trash in this nature center/restored prairie.

Also at a recent meeting, the boys wrote letters to US soldiers serving overseas. We currently have 15 boys in our pack. We have a good time and focus on service. Questions? Contact Deborah Barr at <deborah_barr@yahoo.com

**Please find the link for the St. Josephs Women's Club:
www.stjosephwilmette.org/_WomensClub.html**

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