

Sunday, December 26, 2021 • The Holy Family

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Readings For The Week

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parish Worship Schedule

Communion Prayer Service at 8:00 am
on Tuesday and Thursday

Mass on Wednesday at 8:00 am

Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm (live streamed)

Mass on Sunday at 10:30 am

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Wed. 8:00 am until Noon

TV Mass Times

Sunday Mass times are 5:30 am on Fox 6 Milwaukee and
9:00 am on MY 24 Milwaukee/Spectrum 614 , also on
EWTN daily at 7:00 am and repeated at 11:00 pm.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John J. Radetski, Pastor.....frjjar77@gmail.com
Dec. 25th Lector - John Bett Server - Cam Pokorny
Dec. 26th Lector - Ken Vossekiul Server - Ava Bille
Dec. 31st Lector - Katy Mentell Servers - Ian & Emily



Usually, our society and nation would have been celebrating Christmas for some time now. But, unless you haven't noticed, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect us personally and as a society. There are some who complain about the "supply chain shortages", and the high costs of almost everything. There is a feeling that Christmas will be lacking this year, or even possibly ruined for everyone. The question arises: Is God letting us down, or even punishing us?

I believe there is another possibility to our current realities. Our God, who loves us without any limits, is trying to get us to refocus our spiritual attention on Jesus, the gift of the Father, who comes to be our Savior. Jesus, who comes to love us and forgive all our sins that we can be reconciled to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

Our loving God is trying to get us to be less concerned about our material world and all the things that we would like to possess, and more about gifts that transcend our physical, material world. The gifts of family and friends and those relationships that speak of trust, love, joy, hope, faith, and fun. Naturally, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wants to have such a relationship with us as well.

As Catholic Christians, we can prepare ourselves for the true meaning of Christmas by reading and reflecting on the Bible passages used for the liturgies of Christmas - the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior. There are four sets of readings for Christmas. Christmas Vigil Mass: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; and Matthew 1:1-25. Mass at Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; and Luke 2:1-14. Mass at Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; and Luke 2:15-20. Mass of the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; and John 1:1-18. While we do not use all of these readings for our Christmas liturgies, by reading and reflecting on them, we gain a fuller understanding of "who" this Jesus is, and why we are called to worship Him, follow Him and obey Him.

Here are a very few of the things said about Jesus Christ our Savior. "They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, and Prince of Peace." (Is. 9:5) "The grace of God has appeared," (Titus 2) "When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared," (Titus 3) "the Lord restoring Zion. He redeems Jerusalem!" (Is.52) "In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the perfect reflection of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word." (Hebrews 1)

My hope is that all Christians grow in their knowledge and understanding of what we celebrate in this great feast, and that this knowledge will form us into true witnesses of Jesus Christ and the power of His Gospel. May you experience the presence, love and mercy of God in this holy season.

Rev. John J. Radetski

Thank You To Our Bell Ringers

The Red Kettle campaign supplies emergency help in our area throughout the year and is much needed. Our thanks to the families who represented St. Joe's Parish in the Red Kettle campaign at Walgreens. We wish all a Merry Christmas!

Sacristans Needed

We are in need of two Sacristans to help setup for the weekend Masses. One for the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and another for the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (920) 324-5400.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season. We appreciate the time you spent making it look beautiful. Also, thank you to everyone who donated for the Christmas flowers. May you have a blessed holiday season.

Knights Of Columbus Advent Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus are asking for your generous donations to the Waupun Food Pantry during Advent. Let's fill the baskets with food to relieve hunger during this Holiday season. We have collected 120 lbs in the third week. Thank you for your support!

The St. Vincent de Paul Meeting for Tuesday, December 28th has been cancelled.

Volunteers Needed

Hi! Would you like to put a smile on someone's face and be very helpful? The Christian Home and Homestead needs volunteers! Do any of these sound like something you could do: Read to residents (mail or book), help a resident with a craft project, help residents find pages in their hymnal during hymn sing-a-long or church, take a resident on a sight-seeing tour in his/her wheelchair thru the building, help serve at a social, discuss a picture with a resident, help a resident put together a puzzle or color with them, pour coffee before a meal and chat with the residents, play a table game (cards, dice) with residents, or play piano for church services.

We could use some bingo prizes such as knick-knacks, perfume, jewelry, mini flashlight, small lotion, or individually packaged food (need to watch expiration dates).

If interested, please call Linda, the Activity and Volunteer Coordinator, at (920) 324-7648. Thank you!

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am - Communion Prayer Service at St. Joe's

8:00 am - Mass at WCI

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am - Mass at St. Joe's †Janice Sullivan

8:00 am - Communion Prayer Service at Annunciation

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am - Communion Prayer Service at St. Joe's

Friday, December 31

4:00 pm - Mass at St. Joe's †Janice Sullivan

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am - Mass at Annunciation

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am - Mass at Annunciation

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joe's †George Scheer

Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

11:00 am - Staff Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 29

No Religious Ed Classes

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 2



Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request please contact Care Ministry at careministry@stjoeschurch.org or call Karen Kollmann at 920-212-0818. Thank you.

Knights Of Columbus 3rd Annual Big Buck Contest

The Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Big Buck Contest will take place during this years bow, gun, and muzzle loader seasons. Take a picture of your buck and send it along with the inside spread measurement and number of points to Jim Ramsey at (920) 579-2046. Contest is open to all parish members and ends on January 12, 2022. The top three bucks will win a prize!



St. Joseph's Weekly Contribution

December 19, 2021

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** Please remember St. Joseph in your will **

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary,

you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,

you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician,

for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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