



Nativity of the Lord

Welcome Visitors

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us today. Whether new to the area or having lived here for years you are invited to join our parish family. We have much to offer for all ages and stages of faith. If you are a visitor from out of town, we hope you enjoyed your time with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Please come again!

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DECEMBER WEEKEND MASS PRIEST SCHEDULE

Location	Dec. 7/8	Dec. 14/15	Dec. 21/22	Dec. 28/29
DeForest	Fr. Jim	Fr. Joji	Fr. Jim	Fr. Bala
Columbus/ Doylestown	Fr. Bala	Fr. Jim	Fr. Bala	Fr. Joji
Poynette/ East Bristol	Fr. Joji	Fr. Bala	Fr. Joji	Fr. Jim



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Emergency Sacrament (after hours) Fr. Bala @ 608-453-5763

Masses & Intentions

In our Pastorate

Monday, December 23

8:00am (ST) Dorothy Biddle

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm (SO) Claire Renz
 4:00pm (ST) Living Family of Luke & Jenny Walz
 4:30pm (SJC) Robert Biersach
 6:00pm (SJEB) Willis, Catherine, Janet, Alice &
 Ron Trapp
 7:00pm (SP) Stanley Graves
 Midnight (SO) Deceased Members of Nehls,
 Raab & Lohberger Family

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

*8:30am (SO) Chuck & Dolores Coyle
 9:00am (ST) All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am (SJC) Jean Hein

Thursday, December 26

7:14am (SO) Family of Mary Mason
 8:00am (SJEB) **NO MASS**
 8:00am (ST) Raab, Lohberger & Nehls Families

Friday, December 27

8:00am (SO) Eva Wolf
 8:00am (SJEB) **NO MASS**
 8:20am (SJC) Richard Klecker

Saturday, December 28

*4:00pm (SO) Edward Buhler
 4:00pm (ST) Living & Deceased Members of the
 Crase Family
 4:30pm (SJC) James Hallman

Sunday, December 29

7:30am (SO) People of the Parish
 8:00am (SP) George Graves
 8:00am (ST) Delbert Langsdorf
 9:00am (SO) Deceased Members of the Dorn &
 Tessner Families
 10:00am (SJC) Patrick Pauls
 10:00am (SJEB) Florence Kehoe

***Livestream**

SJC (St. Jerome) SO (St. Olaf) SP (St. Patrick)
 ST (St. Thomas) SJEB (St. Joseph, East Bristol)

Request a Mass by calling Jen in the office at 608-846-5726 or
 online at: <https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/olafjoseph>.

End of Year Giving Statements by Secure Email

Do we have your current email and mailing
 address on file? Click the link below or use the
 QR Code to review your information. If you
 don't have internet access, please call Tracy at
 608-839-7129 or Jen at 608-846-5726 for help.



<https://madisondiocese.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/406/responses/new>

Stewardship of Treasure

Week ending December 8

St. Jerome \$9,157
 St. Joseph EB \$1,578
 St. Joseph Rio \$495
 St. Olaf \$20,418
 St. Patrick \$1,655
 St. Thomas \$3,054

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil - Tuesday, December 24

St. Olaf, Deforest - 4:00pm
 St. Thomas, Poynette - 4:00pm
 St. Jerome, Columbus - 4:30pm
 St. Joseph, East Bristol - 6:00pm
 St. Patrick, Doylestown - 7:00pm
 St. Olaf, Deforest - at Midnight

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

St. Olaf, Deforest - 8:30am (live stream)
 St. Thomas, Poynette - 9:00am
 St. Jerome, Columbus - 9:00am

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil - Tuesday, December 31

St. Olaf, Deforest - 4:00pm
 St. Jerome, Columbus - 4:30pm

Wednesday, January 1

(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Thomas, Poynette - 9:00am
 St. Joseph, East Bristol - 9:00am

*No regular weekday Masses, Adoration
 or Confessions on these days.*

**No Mass/Confession at St. Joseph East Bristol
 on the following days:**

**Thursday, December 26 & January 2
 Friday, December 27 & January 3**

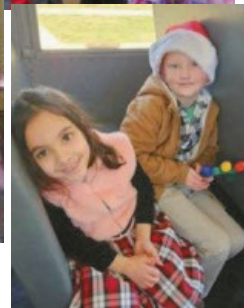
Parish Offices

We will be closed on December 24, 25 & 26
 for the Christmas Holiday.

News & Events

December 8 - Christmas Caroling at Local Nursing Homes & Care Centers

We made cards for the elderly, took a bus ride, practiced our Christmas songs and had pizza!
Thank you to Sue Bengsch of St. Joseph, East Bristol, for putting this wonderful event together!



News & Events

Pastorate Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the St. Jerome Altar Society, is on **Sunday, January 19**, starting at 11:30am following the 10:00am Mass at St. Jerome Church in Columbus. All parishioners of our Pastorate are encouraged to participate.

Do you have a favorite chili recipe that you would like to enter in the cook-off? A contestant sign-up will be coming in a Flocknote email or call Cindy Schroedl at 608-576-6324.

We are looking to fill all 10 contestant spots from around the pastorate. Cash prizes will be given out to the top three favorite recipes. Don't cook??? Don't worry, come and be a judge! Join us for fun and fellowship; sample "rails" of the chilies and vote for your favorite! This event is a free-will offering and open to the entire pastorate.

St. Jerome's Altar Society wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas as we focus on the meaning of Christ's birth to the world. May the light of Christ always shine through you for others to share.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ... Sonja Lundy, Richard Berkholtz, Alexianna Thoreson, Nancy Stolarik, Leila Smith, Marilyn Bradley, Jeremy Toutant, Jacob Rolstad, Zachery Huff, Terry Lensing, Stephen Baus, Susan Dotski, Steve Johnson, Dane Helton, Rena Pickarts, Jennie Wilkerson, William Leuthner, Jacob Hammer, Lucille Nowak, Jan Jameson, Rock Sarbacher, Charlene Snorek, Dee Tisl, Mary Hopp, Pete Drahn, Lisette Laufenberg, George Thomas, Kiera Liantonio, David Zeier, Alex Meyer, Doug Lambert, John Otto, Karen W., Helen Malzacher, Nola Harvey

Please contact Jen at 608-846-5726 to add or remove a loved one.

Counters Wanted at St. Jerome & St. Thomas

We are looking for a few more detail-oriented volunteers to join our offertory counting teams. The role would involve a few hours of your time 1 - 4 times per month. If interested in helping or learning more, please contact Tracy at TracyH@NativityLord.org or 608-839-7129. Please note a VIRTUS certification (safe environment) and background check will be required before we can have you begin. Thank you for your consideration!

St. Patrick Christmas News

St. Patrick will be hosting Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols. Program starts at **6:45pm on December 24**. Come & enjoy!

Fr. Bala on Vacation January 7 thru January 28

During Fr. Bala's vacation there will be no **weekday** Masses on the following days:

- Tuesday 5:30pm - St. Patrick, Doylestown
- Wednesday 8:00am - St. Olaf, Deforest
- Thursday & Friday 8:00am - St. Joseph, East Bristol

Thursday 6:00pm Adoration & Confessions at St. Olaf will still be available with Fr. Jim.

The Thrivent logo features the word "thrivent" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. A small red heart icon is positioned to the right of the text. The logo is set against a solid black rectangular background.

Do you have a mutual fund through Thrivent Financial? In case you have not heard, Thrivent Financial offers fund holders two ways to benefit qualified not for profit organizations such as our parish: 1) Direct Choice Dollars Online and 2) Thrivent Action Team.

We are looking for parishioners who would like to use either of these options for our parish community. An example was when we received Choice Dollars to use as needed for elderly and homebound parishioners. Some additional Thrivent Action Team projects utilize the funds to sponsor literature and gift packages for our homebound during Advent and Lent, youth ministry activities in-house, religious education programs, fall festival software costs for the silent auction, religious books or materials, or other outreach initiatives.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Bridget at 608-839-7148 or Tracy at 608-839-7129.

Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry Appointment

Scheduling Information Effective January 1, 2025



Serving Thursdays, 4 - 6:45pm, by appointment.

We are located in the back of the Columbus Community Center, 125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus. Call 608-419-4878 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message with your name and phone number so we can call you back.

Messages are checked daily.

Calendar of Events

Pastorate Contacts

Sunday, December 22

St. Patrick - 9:00am, Christmas Choir Practice

St. Olaf - 10:00am, Christmas Youth Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 24

St. Patrick - 6:45pm, Christmas Eve Lessons/Carols

Holiday Early Bulletin Article Submission

Send to: JenJ@NativityLord.org

Bulletin Date	Articles Due by
Sunday, Jan. 5	Monday, Dec. 23 @ 8:00am

Homebound Care Ministry - All Parishes

Volunteers are needed to help our parishioners who are unable to leave their residence or health care facility to attend Mass. Through your generosity of time, we hope to provide Holy Communion, prayer, and friendship to these individuals.



As children of God we are called by our Baptism, to serve one another. If you, yourself or a loved one is in need of this service please contact Bridget Nyarko at 608-839-7148 or email BridgetN@NativityLord.org.

Nativity of the Lord Parishioners

New address? Phone #? Email? Please call Jen at 608-846-5726 or send to: JenJ@NativityLord.org.

YEAR END PLANNING

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) - Did you know distributions of any amount made directly from your IRA to a charity such as your parish are not taxed? The benefit is that this allows the charity to use the full dollar amount of your generous contribution. For more information, please contact Tracy at 608-839-7129 or TracyH@NativityLord.org.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Register at: <https://nativitylord.org/baptism>.

Contact Jen Jones at 608-846-5726 with questions.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - Process for adults interested in preparing for Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation. Contact Karina Olson at 608-839-7168 or KarinaO@NativityLord.org.

Marriage - Couples planning to marry must obtain a date and enroll in the FOCCUS/Witness to Love program at **least six months before date**. Contact Fr. Jim Leaser at 608-453-5735. See our website at: <https://nativitylord.org/matrimony>.

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Reconciliation

Tuesdays:	7:30 - 7:50 am	St. Joseph E.B.
	4:30 - 5:15 pm	St. Patrick
	5:30 - 6:30 pm	St. Thomas
Wednesdays:	7:30 - 8:00 am	St. Jerome
	8:30 - 9:00 am	St. Olaf
	6:00 - 7:00 pm	St. Jerome
Thursdays:	8:30 - 9:00 am	St. Joseph E.B.
	6:00 - 7:00 pm	St. Olaf
Fridays:	9:00 - 10:00 am	St. Jerome (1st Fridays)
Saturdays:	7:15 - 7:45 am	St. Olaf (1st Saturdays)
	8:30 - 9:00 am	St. Olaf (1st Saturdays)
	3:15 - 3:45 pm	St. Olaf
	3:15 - 3:45 pm	St. Thomas
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	St. Jerome

Adoration

Tuesdays:	8:30 - 9:00am	St. Joseph E.B.
	4:30 - 5:15pm	St. Patrick
	5:30 - 6:30 pm	St. Thomas
Wednesdays:	6:00 - 7:00 pm	St. Jerome
Thursdays:	6:00 - 7:00 pm	St. Olaf
1st Fridays:	8:30 - 9:30 am	St. Olaf
	9:00 - 10:00 am	St. Jerome

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