St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Churches



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26, 2021



Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2022

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<u>Reconciliation</u>

Saturdays at SJ, 8:10-8:45 AM; 3:00-3:30 PM; Sundays at SPP 7:00-7:30 AM

<u>Baptisms</u>-Parents must be registered members of one of the parishes and attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Expecting families please contact the parish office at 872-3234 to schedule a class for St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul.

<u>Weddings-</u>Arrangements should be made at least 8 months prior to the marriage by contacting the St. Joseph Parish office. One or both of the parties needs to be a registered, practicing member of one of our parishes or a parish where they reside. The latest time for a wedding at St. Joseph is 1:30 p.m. if held on Saturday. In addition to the pastor/deacon, other priests/deacons may preside at weddings with pastor's permission.

Pastoral Care

Call the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and visits to the homebound. If no answer, call Deacon Loras Weber at 563-599-6717.

<u>RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> Adults who wish to become Catholic should call the office.

Friends,

Peace be with you.

I hope you are still feeling the joy of Christmas even as we have reached the time period when we're more dealing with garbage bags of wrapping paper and determining which boxes we should keep because they're good boxes and which have outlived their usefulness. I hope you were able to see your children and grandchildren, even if it had to be done virtually, and that it was nice to be able to catch up for a little while. I'm guessing some of you are going to have Christmas gatherings with some family and friends on Sunday to keep the festive spirit going.

Still, I understand if it hasn't been an entirely festive season for you. I've been talking with a lot of people who just feel down in the dumps. It may be due to the absence of snow on Christmas or missing some key family or friends. Or it may just be because this can be a hard time of year. It's important to reach out and support people so I hope you know of my support for you and I hope you will feel the support of our Christian community as well

Now that the gift-giving part of Christmas is starting to wrap up, we turn our hearts to what would normally be our next celebration, Mary Mother of God/New Years. As I said last week, we will only be having one mass for what is normally a Holy Day of Obligation because this year, since it falls on a Saturday, it is not obligatory. Nonetheless, it is still a worthy celebration to remember in the midst of the Christmas season. Just one short week after we remember the birth of the Lord, we remember that he had a mother and we celebrate her willingness to say yes to being Jesus' mother. Celebrating Mary as the Mother of God is one of her oldest titles. Even if it is not obligatory, it's still a good and worthy act to say a rosary or one of your favorite Marian prayers that day. The monks at Conception Abbey have been praying the prayer Pope Francis wrote for the pandemic during their night prayer. It would be a worthy prayer to pray for protection of the sick, not just of coronavirus but from all illnesses.

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 your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, do not despise our petitions, but Massaga from Fr. Millar continuad deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/YFF/FF/ MSFF/HSFF/CONFIRMATION

- Sunday, January 2 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class will meet in Kieffer Hall (St. Joseph-Bellevue). Celebration of Enrollment during Mass - NO jeans/t-shirts/sweatshirts Will attend Mass together at 10:15 a.m. CONFIRMATION PRACTICE after Reconciliation
- Sunday, January 2 EPIC Movie meet in Kruse Center - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring snacks/drink/comfy chair/blanket.
- Sunday, January 2 Youth Faith Formation, Family Faith Formation, Home Study Faith Formation, Middle School Faith Formation – Family Movie Night @ Trinity Center at 5:30 p.m. (Meal served)
- Sunday, January 2 **High School Faith Formation Class** in Media Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 5 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting in SJ rectory basement.

Upcoming Archdiocesan Conferences for Women and Men

2022 <u>Virtual</u> Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Holy Women of the Visitation, Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

We invite all women from St. Joseph, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Catherine & St. Donatus to attend our Satellite Event to be held at the Kruse Center in Bellevue.

Adoration and Reconciliation will be available from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, with the event to follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Kruse Center. The in person event cost includes the virtual ticket, as well as snacks and a meal.

If there are women not comfortable joining us in person, virtual tickets will be available in order to view the conference from their own homes. Once registered, a registration link will be emailed to you. Contact Julie Schmidt (dbq012s@dbqarch.org) or Marybeth Wagner (dbq181ff@dbqarch.org) with questions.

2022 Archdiocesan Men's Conference Saturday, March 19, 2022

The 2022 Men's Conference will feature keynote speaker Mark Harfiel, and lunch session speaker, Devin Schadt. The day also includes breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Participants can register to join either in -person at Xavier Catholic High School (Cedar Rapids), or virtually as the conference will be live-streamed. For more details and registration, visit:<u>www.ArchMensConference.-</u> org.

"He who does not love never knew God, because God is love." -- St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

A Message from Julie Schmidt/Other

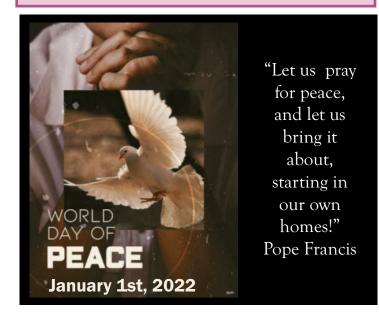
Catechist Corner from Julie Schmidt

After just celebrating the birth of Jesus, we now take time this weekend to honor and celebrate, not just Jesus, but also his parents, Mary and Joseph, in the Feast of the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

For those of you who have children of your own, think back to those first few days with your first-born child. The excitement, the tiredness, the awe that those doctors are really going to let you take home this baby all by yourself! Now imagine being in a stable on the edge of town, away from your families. The Holy Spirit had to be with Mary and Joseph - in order to do what they did then and the months following Jesus's birth. And then throughout the life of Jesus we hear over and over again how much the Holy Family relied on the Holy Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit that is with all of us, giving us strength and guidance when life happens and we are faced with challenges or difficulties. I think back over my own life and am grateful for my grandparents and parents, who modeled this reliance on the Holy Spirit to guide them and support them over and over again. My grandparents had their friends and family and my parents had their parish and CEW community. What or who do you have in your lives to remind you of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

If you are searching for that support, I encourage you to seek the Lord in Adoration, sitting face to face with Jesus, asking for His intercession. We offer Adoration at St. Joseph every Saturday morning from 8:00-9:00 am. Or maybe you are looking for human interaction or support, maybe it is time that you take part in a retreat day for yourself. Joseph and Mary couldn't take care of Jesus if they weren't first taking care of themselves. Our parishes will be hosting the Archdiocesan Women's' and Men's' Conferences on the St. Joseph campus at the Kruse Center- check the back of church in all of our parishes for registration information. May we all find the strength and inspiration to emulate the love of the Holy Family in our daily lives.





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> Many thanks to all liturgical ministers who have helped throughout the whole year in all of our parishes. We appreciate your time, talent, and treasure in all areas of these ministries. New

volunteers are appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested in any of these areas, please contact the rectory at 872-3234 and we will help direct you to the proper parish.

OTHER

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 AM Lector: Megan Capesius Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Sturm, Dahlia Beauchamp, Matt Tracy, Julie Schmidt No Rosary; Sacristan: Carolyn Weber Servers: Callie/Brody/ Grace Recker Ushers: Volunteers

Saturday, January 1 at 4:15 PM Lector: Patti Hager Eucharistic Minister: Molly Ploessl, Judy Moran, Donna Mottet, Patty McClimon Lead Rosary: Judy Moran Sacristan: Nancy Ploessl Servers: Sam Schmidt, Tate/Paige Kueter **Ushers:** Tim Daugherty, Loras Deppe, Russ Kettmann, Jim Kilburg, Greg Schulte, **Dick Zeimet**

Sunday, January 2 at 10:15 AM Lector: Julie Mueller Eucharistic Minister: Kim Moore, Judy Ernst, Jeanette Hartung Schroeder, Heather Weber Lead **Rosary:** Don/Lucille Usher **Sacristan:** Kris Carrier **Servers:** Jacklyn Pataska Moore, Canden/Benson Weber Ushers: Dalton Jackson, Shawn Jackson, Mark Jess, Mark Michels, Eric Schroeder

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, January 2 at 8:00 AM Lector: Carol Gerlach Eucharistic Minister: Sue Peterson Servers: Jayden/Hailey Dondlinger, Taylor Gerlach Lead **Rosary:** Helen Zeimet **Offertory:** Eugene Burken's **Ushers:** Mark/Tom Heiar, Kevin Sieverding, Mike Till

St. Donatus - Saturday, January 1 at 5:30 PM Server: Myles Herrig Lector: Jim Herrig Eucharistic Minister: Dianne Weber Ushers: Mark Heitz & Cody Heitz

St. Catherine - Sunday, January 2 at 8:00 AM Lector: John Arenz Eucharistic Minister: Linda Noel Ushers: Joe Kies & Craig Cannon Sacristan: Dee Schilling

Church books for the 2021 year will close on December 31st. Please have all donations to the church office by that time so they can be included with year end individual statements that will be ready for pick up the middle of January. If you need yours before this time, please contact the church office.

Stewardship Quote ... The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?



Rantism Through the waters of Baptism we welcome, Lincoln Leroy Johnson, son of Christopher & Allison (Kilburg) Johnson, who is being baptized last weekend at Sts. Peter & Paul.

St. Joseph Catholic Church First Friday Adoration, Friday, January 7th 8:45 - 11:00 a.m. and HOLY HOUR for Vocations Saturdays 8:00 a.m.— 9:00 a.m.



St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

Our December Monthly Special Collection designee is Birthright of Dubuque, which offers free, non-judgmental help and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. They provide information about pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, prenatal care, community programs, parenting skills, childcare, and free resources including pregnancy tests, maternity and baby items. They do referrals for medical support, financial resources, housing, legal referrals, social assistance and professional counseling. For more information go to birthright.org/ Dubuque, their "Birthright of Dubuque" Facebook page, or by calling 563-556-1991 or their 24/7 Helpline, 1-800-550-4900. Please use the envelope found at the end of each pew for your donation to them and put it in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month. Thank you.

Members of all 4 parishes: Check out the FORMED.org website. You will be amazed at what you find. To sign up for your free account: 1. Go to sjandspp.formed.org. 2.

Enter the zip code for our 4-parish office (52031) and "St. Joseph, Bellevue" will come up. 3. Click on "continue" to register with you name and email address. There are many great videos, talks, movies, etc., available on FORMED for both adults and children. Check it out.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Holy Hour for Vocations

All are invited to a regional Holy Hour for Vocations on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Dubuque at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a witness talk by a seminarian as part of this event.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

(Please note: The following were not available at the time of the bulletin print deadline.)



Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph

Wishing all a Healthy and Happy New *Vear in 2022!*



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