

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturdays - 4:00 PM

Sundays - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Masses interpreted for hearing

Impaired: 3rd Sunday - 10:30 AM Mass,

1st and last Saturday - 4:00 PM Mass

DAILY MASS, HOLYDAYS, AND DEVOTIONS

Consult weekly listings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the
Reconciliation Chapel (north vestibule
colonnade).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated within our
weekend worship services monthly.

A preparation session is required of parents and
can be attended in advance of birth.

Please phone the
Christian Formation Office at
262-375-6500, x120.

MARRIAGE

Couples anticipating marriage should
contact Sheri Hanson,
Pastoral Associate,
at 262-375-6500, x175
at least ten months prior to the
desired wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Mass
and would like communion, please
call Sheri Hanson at 262-375-6500, x175.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have a pending, scheduled surgery, please
see Father Steve Lampe after Mass or call
Brenda Cline, Parish Director, at
(262)375-6500, x103.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

In order to benefit fully from the
many services offered by our parish,
Catholics 18 years and older are required to
maintain an official membership at Saint Joseph
Parish. Active and supporting membership
includes offering of one's time, talent, and
treasure to assist in promoting the mission and
work of Saint Joseph Parish. If you would like to
establish your parish membership, please stop at
the Parish Office during the week or after
weekend liturgy.

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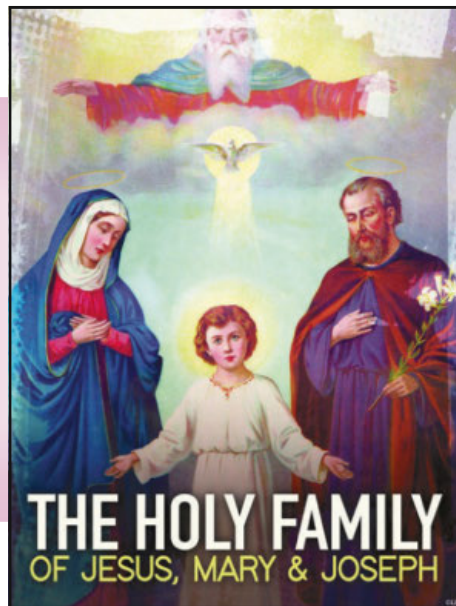
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THE HANDS OF CHRIST... OPEN TO ALL

December 26, 2021 :: The Holy Family



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ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION - GRAFTON, WI
December 26, 2021 - The Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 - *Christmas Day*

8:00 AM †Anton and Shirley Fatla
 10:30 AM †Peggy Schmidt

Sunday, December 26 - *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 10:30 AM †Helen Kassens
 Choir Mass
 Baptisms: Henry Russell Wilkenson &
 George Raymond Wilkenson

Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31 - *Mass of Anticipation for Solemnity (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)*

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Saturday, January 1

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM †Gene & Elizabeth Streff
 10:30 AM †Fred Roloff
 Choir Mass

Readings for Week of December 26, 2021

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
 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



**The Parish Office will be closed
 Friday, December 24th
 through Monday, January 3rd.**

The Staff of St. Joseph Parish wish you and your families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Peace-Filled New Year.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 26

Monday, December 27

6:00 PM Los Toros: Finance Committee

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

Thursday, December 30

7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 31

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation—Solemnity

Saturday, January 1

After Mass Epiphany Celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 2** Epiphany Celebration (After Masses)
- Jan 3** Workcamp Prep Team
- Jan 6** Parish Choir Rehearsal
High School Y-Disciple Group (John)
- Jan 7** St. Ben Meal Prep
Parish Office Closes at Noon
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Rosary Devotions
- Jan 8** Home & School Scrip Sale (After Mass)
Sponsor a Workcamper (After Mass)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 31st - *Mass of Anticipation for Solemnity (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)*

4:00 PM

January 1st and 2nd

4:00 PM Deanna Zael, Judy Wendtlandt, Chris Skopek
 8:00 AM Darlyne Haertlein, Maryanna Meikrantz,
 Christine Crom
 10:30 AM Janice Buback, Gary Grimm, Pat Iwanski

“Special hosts are available for those with a gluten intolerance. For those who wish to receive such hosts, you are directed to go to the priest's communion line and indicate your preference to him.”



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

A weekly column, shared with parishioners, by members of the Pastoral Staff.

Brenda Cline, Parish Director

**“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.”
~ R. Tagore, Indian Poet**

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

One of my favorite images of St. Joseph is the “sleeping St. Joseph,” which I keep above my bed. Pope Francis introduced the world to this unique image of our patron saint when he was elected Pope. As we hear throughout our Advent and Christmas Scripture readings, St. Joseph is our model for sleeping – dreaming – and then acting as God’s faithful servant.



This is my final Pastoral Ponderings – my parish Christmas letter – and my thank you note to you. For the past 21 years, this parish community has taught me how to dream like Joseph and serve like Jesus! You modeled servant leadership for me in every way.

I am deeply reflective of my time and ministry here. You - St. Joseph Parish – welcomed me into your family as a new Youth Minister in 2000. (I was only 29 years old!) You let me learn how to minister here – actually, you **taught** me how to minister. You then accepted me as Parish Director in 2011, and you continued to form me into the person and leader that I am today. For all of this and more, I will be forever grateful!

I have fallen in love with this parish community a hundred times over – so it breaks my heart to leave; yet I am so excited and hopeful for the future of St. Joseph Parish, and I look forward to watching you continue to grow in faith! I’ll be your biggest fan – and will always be praying for you.

I have seen two generations of church leaders take root here – my own generation, and those younger. I am so proud of how St. Joseph Parish lives our mission as the Hands of Christ... Open to All, and how we develop incredible lay ministers who work side by side with our incredible clergy.

(Pastoral Ponderings Continued)

It is my prayer that the good work we have done together all these years will be but a foundation for the good work that is yet to come forth from St. Joseph Parish. Just as we have stood on the shoulders of those who came before us to gift us with the longevity and legacy of this great parish community, so too we prepare the way for the next generation to grow and live in their faith.

Thank you for believing in me – supporting me – loving me – praying for me; know of my continued prayers, support, and love for each of you in this next chapter of our friendship and fellowship in Christ!

Merry Christmas, my friends!
May God bless you always, until we meet again.

Love,
Brenda Cline
Parish Director

**On behalf of all who work and worship
at St. Joseph Parish...
May the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts!
Qué las bendiciones de la Navidad llenen sus corazones!**

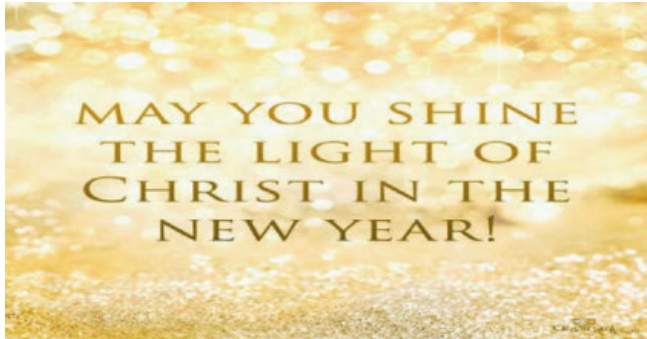
Holy St Joseph,

You were a man of great hope and faith.
You faced many difficult times in your life, fleeing into Egypt,
caring and fearing for Mary and Jesus.
You lived – like us today – in uncertain times.
Your strength came from knowing that the power
and faithfulness of God would always be constant.
Fill us with the confidence that you had in the Lord, Our God.
Help us to know that God is close to us,
that He will deliver us from the trials and troubles we encounter.
May the light of the Lord give us hope...
may it guide us every day of our lives.
Uniting our prayers with yours, may we be assured
by the peace and joy of the Lord,
which will strengthen us in all of our difficulties.
We ask this in your adopted son Jesus’ Holy Name, Amen.
St Joseph, pray for us!



We Are Called To Be

The Hands of Christ...Open to All
From Human Concerns
By Sandy Michalski



Relax!

Here we are in church again, the day after we celebrated the birth of our Lord. For many, the rush and stress of Christmas preparations is over. We gathered with family and friends to enjoy this holy, happy time. Now that the busyness is ended, we can take a deep breath and really contemplate the miraculous beauty of this blessed season. Christmas season lasts until the eve of the Epiphany. This year we will observe the Epiphany on January 1st and 2nd, so our Christmas season is shorter than usual. All the more reason to relax now and savor the peace and joy with deep gratitude. Now we can take the time to truly dwell on the meaning of the incarnation – God’s infinite, limitless love for each one of us. His Son Jesus is given freely to us for our salvation, to mend our hearts, to heal the world.

This peaceful, interim week is a good time to begin thinking about our New Year’s resolutions. During the fresh, new year of 2022, let’s consciously decide to treat others as Jesus would. Would Jesus engage in hurtful, divisive political discussions? Would He blare His horn at others impatiently? Would He be irritated if someone skipped Him in line, or would He urge them to? Would He scowl at the weary checkout person? What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) is the only motto we need to live by. If we truly follow His example, 2022 will be a banner year of grace!! We can do it! He showed us how 2000 years ago. Let’s pray fervently for the strength, will and love to carry out His legacy.

Your Human Concerns Committee is amazed (again!) by your unbelievable generosity! The coat room was full of filled holiday food boxes and your Advent almsgiving contributions will help the Capuchins provide many meals at St. Ben. Please accept our very deep gratitude for all you do to help others. We wish all of you, the parishioners of St. Joseph, a blessed, peaceful holiday season and a healthy, happy new year!

*Lord, we thank you for the loving,
generous people of St. Joseph Parish.
Please bless them abundantly with Your grace.*

**HUMAN CONCERNS:
EMPTY BASKET**

**Can you help?
Items needed:**



- Bottled Water, Coffee, Powdered Lemonade, Powdered Ice Tea

Please place your donations in the Human Concerns “Empty Basket” in the front entrance to church.

Thank you in advance!

NEED HELP?



St. Vincent de Paul members, with strict confidentiality, can assist you regardless of religious affiliation. We help provide funds for rent, utilities, mortgage, food or other needs ... plus have referrals to other agencies.

**If you need help, or know someone who does,
contact SVDP at 262-284-4637.**



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Kim Fields
Jim Gantner
Ruth Heuer
Georgia Jung
Evelyn L. Nowak
Joan Ritonia
Ted Salkowski

Mary G. Schaub
Clarence Schatzman
Joan Schatzman
Caroline Schilberg
Diana Setzer
Mark Spence

If you wish to add your name to the prayer list, please complete and sign a Prayer Authorization Form which is available on the bulletin boards at all entrances. **A new authorization form is required every six months.**

ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, with questions.
shanson@stjosephgrafton.org / 262-375-6500 x175



Pope Francis' letter to all Roman Catholic Churches, the first encyclical to focus on the environment, offers a comprehensive discussion on the destruction of our environment and our foundation in the Church's teaching on creation. Join Deacon Scott Wiese and the St. Joseph Parish Creation Care Team in reading and reflecting on this important church document as we discern how we can care for God's creation individually and as a parish.

Wednesdays, January 12 - February 16
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Conference Rooms B/C
(January 19 and February 16 ... Doherty Hall)

To purchase your own copy of "*Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*":

- Order on Amazon **OR**
- Download the document from the Vatican website at www.vatican.va/



LOVING BEYOND LIMITS WEBINAR SERIES

If you missed the Spirit Alive Loving Beyond Limits webinar series, we invite you to watch the recordings. Great for anyone interested in reflecting more on our faith in the modern world.

- ◆ GOD: LOVE BEYOND ALL LIMITS
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF RACE
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF GENDER & SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF CULTURE AND NATIONALITY
- ◆ LOVING BEYOND ALL LIMITS: REASONS FOR HOPE IN OUR FRAGILE AND POLARIZED WORLD

Recordings of these webinars can be accessed at
<https://brentwoodesj.org/spirit-alive/fall-2021-webinar-series/>

LOS TOROS MISSION



¡Feliz Navidad! from Los Toros

Bendiciones navideñas a todos de Saint Joseph Parish. Que la Paz de Cristo esté en cada hogar en este tiempo de celebración del nacimiento del Salvador. Reciban abrazos de sus hermanos en Los Toros.

Con nuestro gratitud, Olga, Hija, Bla, Rosita y Bimbo, Ignacio, ercedes, Mirella y los estudiantes de beca, y todos en Los Toros.

Merry Christmas from Los Toros

Christmas blessings to all Saint Joseph Parish members. May the Peace of Christ be in each home in this time of celebration of the birth of the Savior. Receive hugs from your brothers and sisters in Los Toros.

With our gratitude, Olga, Hija, Bla, Rosita and Bimbo, Ignacio, Mercedes, Mirella and the beca (scholarship) students, and everyone in Los Toros.



Sponsor-A-Workcamper Fundraiser
January 8 & 9 (After Masses)

Please consider supporting the youth attending Workcamp in Erie, PA this July. See our **Sponsor-A-Workcamper** booklets which will be available the weekend of January 8 & 9 to learn more about the individual Workcampers and how you can support them both financially and/or spiritually.

All workcamp donations should be returned to the Christian Formation Office by January 30.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Help Us to Grow

Father,
through the holy family,
you have made all families holy.
You have given them as a model for us
as we walk through life together.
Help us to be ever more merciful.

Help us to forgive one another and
to do small things with great love.
Help us to grow together in holiness.
Give us the wisdom to imitate Mary,
holding all great mysteries in our hearts.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 26, 2021 All Families Are Made Holy



Today's readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 128: 1–2, 3, 4–5; Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52 or 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52. Little is known about the life Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth. From the time they returned from Egypt until the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the only story that appears in Scripture about the family is the founding of Jesus in the temple. A close reading of this text shows that they were observant Jews and they went to Jerusalem each year for Passover. It also can be seen that they traveled with their extended family, so they had other significant relationships in their lives. They had regular family struggles. Mary asks, "Why have you done this to us?" She sounds like many mothers who are

raising adolescents. Their family life is a model for ours, but it must have been very ordinary indeed.

Imagine what that can mean for us.

Jesus knows our hearts and our struggles because he lived them too. God entered into a family and set the family apart as a place of sanctification. The holy family makes all families holy. The family is an ordinary place filled with ordinary love, peace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness. It is a place to grow in holiness. This week, as you go about your routine, imagine how you are connected to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, across time and space, to their home in Nazareth. If you are preparing a meal or folding the laundry, you are doing holy work, just as they did.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. He and his brother were early disciples of Jesus and witnesses to the resurrection. He traveled to Ephesus, where he composed his Gospel and letters, and later wrote the Book of Revelation from the island of Patmos. It is traditional to bless wine and cider on the Feast of St. John. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.*

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

When Herod massacred all baby boys under two years of age, he sought to eliminate the threat the messiah posed to his power. His horrific, violent act epitomizes a truth we know even today: those who benefit most from the world's brokenness and injustice will always oppose the transformation God has promised. The infant Jesus needed protection, protection God provided in the person of St. Joseph. The deaths of the children were profound violations of the law of God. God is the God of life. God raised the infants to be saints, that the profound injustice of their deaths might be transformed: from death to life, that is the way of our God. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18.*

Wednesday, December 29

Simeon: Waiting in Hope

God had promised Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the salvation of Israel. The child Jesus, not yet six weeks old, is brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. What must it have been like for him to feel the fulfillment of the promise? What desires of your heart are you awaiting God to fulfill? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.*

Thursday, December 30

Anna the Prophetess

Anna the prophetess "spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel." The hope that she has held onto has been realized before her eyes, and she cannot keep it to herself. She goes out into the world to be the bringer of the Good News, to bring hope. When we celebrate Christmas, we are making present the incarnation through which God continues to bring about a renewed world. Christians are to testify about our hope, just as Anna did. How can you share your hope today? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40.*

Friday, December 31

Word Made Flesh

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." The evangelist John tells us the cosmic significance of the birth of Jesus. Because John uses the language of philosophy and poetry, it can be hard to grasp what he means. But because he uses these elevated ways of speaking, it is possible to approach the inexplicable mystery that is contained in the incarnation. Read today's Gospel. What word or phrase sticks out to you most? Copy it and meditate on it as you pray this week. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18.*

Saturday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Mary's central place in this great mystery of God dwelling among us led her to a place of contemplation. Though she was the one chosen to bring Jesus into the world, she did not have all the answers. Praying the Rosary, we have the opportunity to contemplate like Mary, deepening our reflection while our words proclaim the memorized prayers. Pray the Rosary today and ask Mary to help you to hold all these things in your heart. *Today's readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2:16-21.*





In gratitude
all are cordially invited to the
St. Joseph Parish
Epiphany Celebration 2022

Saturday, January 1 - 4:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

**As a parish family we share our time, prayer,
and skills to serve God and His people.**

**Whether our giving is obvious,
prayerful or 'behind the scenes,'
the ministry and outreach of**

**St. Joseph Parish is ongoing, thanks to
your tireless stewardship.**

**Please be our guest for Mass
and our traditional gift of bread and wine
for each household.**

Thank You!

**St. Joseph Parish School:
Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving
as the Hands of Christ**

SCHOOL SCENE
By Julie Lemke, 2nd Grade Teacher

Advent means "the coming of Christ" and during this Advent season, the students of St. Joseph Parish School are busy preparing for that special day. Pictured below are some of the things we are doing to get ready including: All school Advent wreath lighting, all school Rosary led by our 4th grade students, classroom Advent wreath lightings and prayers, a visit from St. Nicholas, and our Advent challenges: good deeds and spiritual reflection. Each time a student completes an Advent challenge, it is added to our all school chain. How does your family prepare for the coming of Christ?



2022 STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS

The 2022 Stewardship calendars can be found at the entrances of the church. Please take one home for your use.

2022 Stewardship Treasure

God has given us an even greater and more perfect sign of his love and will.



He sent his son Jesus to be our way, our truth, and our life. Jesus does this by assuring us that he has come in loving obedience to his Father in heaven.

He says and does only what the Father tells him. Find Jesus and you will find His plan for your life.

Stewardship Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank you for your many blessings and gifts you have given us. You came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving. Help us to realize it is not worldly success, riches or fame that gives life meaning.

It is the service rendered to You and to others that brings fulfillment and joy. May all that we do help build Your kingdom. May our blueprint, our identity be exemplified as children of God through His example. Amen.

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information please contact
**John Knetzger, Associate Director of
Child & Youth Ministry , at**
jknetzger@stjosephgrafton.org or 262-375-6500 x 104



**On December 12 families created Advent and
Christmas crafts to share with family and friends.**



Christmas Flowers Donated in Memory of

Schmit and Paulus Families	Alice & James LaRosa
Anton & Shirley Fatla	Rosemary Grulkowski
John Hill	Harrold, Millie &
Marie Weyker	Wayne Schultz
Dennis Haeuser	Wilson & Sally Jones
Richard & Peggy Schmidt	Craig Cassel
David Davies	Wambach Family
Robert & Marion Wuenne	Sudbrink Family
Herman & Julia Stippich	Karrels & Kirst Families
Richard & JoAnn Geiser	MaryAnn & James Herian
Ringwood Family	Jerry Strauss
Sekelsky Family	Sylvia Reshel
Chapman & Ryan Families	Eleanor Lusky
Billy Herder	Theis Family
Emery Family	Paris Righi
Casimir Tomaszewski	Arnie Wester
Dolores Tomaszewski	August F. Rankey
William Betz	Walter & Emily Luczak
Harry Janowitsch	Stanley & Mary Raclaw
Walter Multerer	Matthew Malkowski
AnnaLies Guriscic	Donald Beck
Michael Howard	Our Parents
Grace & Mike Skopek	Lew Peterson
Esther & Ralph Palsgrove	Leo & Margie Buchholz
Brendan Kennedy	BobBuchholz
Martinez & Schneider Families	

Catholic Charities USA ... Help for Tornado Victims

As you may have heard, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest, leaving miles of destruction. Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities.

Catholics and all people of good will can help our brothers and sisters by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long-term. **Make an impact by donating today! To donate, please go to the Catholic Charities website at www.ccmke.org.**



End of Calendar Year 2021 Donations

Contributions received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2021 will be included in your calendar year 2021 donor statement. Contributions received or postmarked later will be posted as a 2022 donation.

It does not matter what date is on your check. If you date a check for January 1, 2022 and drop it off or mail it in December, we are required to post it as a 2021 calendar year donation. Likewise, a check dated December 31, 2021 that is dropped off or postmarked January 1, 2022 or later will be posted as a 2022 donation.

Our parish office will be closed Friday, December 24, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022. This means that checks that are brought to the parish office must arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23 to be posted as a 2021 donation. Donations placed in the collection baskets during any of the Christmas Masses and the weekend Masses on December 26 will be included in your 2021 donor statement. Donations placed in the exterior lock box before or on December 31, 2021 will also be included in your 2021 donor statement.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 262-375-6500, x100 and Barb will assist you.

Thank you,

Jay Frymark
Director of Administration

Donations to Parish ... Sale of Stock

Thank you for your generous stock contributions. Important to note is that the checks the parish receives from the sale of stock do not show the name of the donor.

In order to match the donor to the stock donation, please contact Jay Frymark, Director of Administration, to let him know what stock is being sold and estimated value. Thanks so much!

Estate Planning

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your estate planning.

For information, please contact
Jay Frymark, Director of Administration, at either
262-375-6500, x102 or jfrymark@stjosephgrafton.org.



CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Jerome E. Listecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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