

December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1*

  
**CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH**

**DAILY & WEEKEND MASSES**  
Monday-Friday at \*7:30am  
Tuesday-Thursday at 5:30pm  
Saturday at \*8:00am and 5:00pm(Vigil)  
Sunday at 7:30am, \*9:00am and 11:00am  
First Fridays at 5:30pm  
*\*Masses live-streamed on our parish website*

1154 Seminole Avenue | West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118  
Parish Center Phone: 651-457-2781  
Monday – Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm,  
Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm  
Pastoral Emergency After Hours: 952-930-4727  
Parish Website: [churchofstjoseph.org](http://churchofstjoseph.org)

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:20am,  
Tuesday-Thursday: 5:00-5:20pm  
Saturday: 8:30-9:30am



## FROM THE PASTOR

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Last weekend, and again this weekend, we sang the familiar song called “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”. The original text was written in the 9th century and has been known by its title in Latin “Veni, Veni, Emmanuel”. This ancient song that Christians have sung in the liturgy for over one thousand years bring an expectancy of looking forward to the messiah. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 524) says “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in that long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.”

Advent is one of the shortest seasons of the liturgical year, but perhaps one of the most significant in the sense that it opens our eyes to the coming of Jesus. We are not only preparing to mark the historic anniversary of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, but as St. Bernard of Clairvaux suggested, we are also meeting him in the present moment and looking for Him to come again in glory.

Take some time to pray with the words of the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”. The lines are taken from the great antiphons or “O antiphons” used in the Liturgy of the Hours in the final days leading up to Christmas.

- O come Emmanuel
- O come thou Wisdom
- O come Adonai Lord
- O come rod of Jesse
- O come key of David
- O come thou dayspring
- O come Desire of nations

Let us look forward joyfully to the Nativity!

Fr. Michael Creagan



***Christmas Masses***

**Friday, December 24: 3:00pm\*, 5:00pm\*, 10:00pm**  
**Saturday, December 25: 7:30am\*, 9:00am\*, 11:00am\***

*We will not have an anticipatory 5:00pm Mass on Dec. 25 for Feast of the Holy Family.*

**Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family**  
 7:30am\*, 9:00am\*, 11:00am\*

**Mary, Mother of God**  
**Friday, December 31: 5:30pm anticipatory**  
**Saturday, January 1: 8:00am\*, 11:00am**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Saturday, January 1: 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, January 2: 7:30am\*, 9:00am\*, 11:00am**

*\*Masses will be livestreamed and additional seating in the Msgr. Foran Great Room.*

**Parish Center Office Hours Christmas week:**  
 Closed Friday, December 24; Monday, December 27; Friday, December 31.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### MIDDLESCHOOL

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FAREWELL TO JAKE!

Tuesday, December 21 | 4:30-6:30pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room

All Middle School students from the parish are invited to a Christmas Party and Farewell for Jake DeBolt.

Please bring a wrapped gift under \$5 for a gift exchange game. There will be Christmas games, singing of our favorite carols, pizza, treats, and more.

Any parents or others who want to greet Jake are encouraged to stop the back of Church from 6-7 pm.

### HIGH SCHOOL (SJY)

Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room

All teens (grade 9-12) are invited to join the great group of teens that gather each week to meet other Catholic teens, learn about their faith and build friendships with others from many different schools. Please come and bring a friend!

SJY Calendar:

December 22: Advent - Preparing our Hearts for God

December 29: No SJY- Christmas break

January 5: Christmas Party!

January 12: The Power of the Sacraments



## YOUNG ADULTS

### CL SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

Monday, December 20 | 7:00-8:00pm

Msgr. Foran Great Room

All young adults, ages 21-35 are invited to join us.

Communion and Liberation (CL) is an ecclesial movement of the Catholic Church founded by an Italian priest, Fr. Luigi Giussani, and School of Community is its most important gesture, a weekly catechetical gathering in which members and anyone curious or seeking gather to read the texts of Fr. Giussani and discuss our lives in light of them.

## CHILDREN'S MASS BAGS NOW AVAILABLE

Located near the East entrance and in the Gathering Space, each bag contains liturgically appropriate coloring sheets, crayons, and a few books. We encourage you to have your child use hand sanitizer before using the bags.

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday — Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm.

## STAY CONNECTED

FLOCKNOTE: [churchofstjosephwsp.flocknote.com](http://churchofstjosephwsp.flocknote.com).

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MY PARISH APP: Text APP to 88202; Select "St. Joseph" for updates and notifications.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Center at least six months in advance to prepare for your marriage. You will meet with a priest and a mentor couple and participate in a Pre-Cana retreat as part of your preparation.

## BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated for our parishioners on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:15pm.

Parents must attend a one-session preparation class.

At that time, the Baptism will be scheduled.

Please contact the Parish Center for more information and to schedule your preparation class.

## R.C.I.A.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which someone discerns a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please contact us at [rcia@churchofstjoseph.org](mailto:rcia@churchofstjoseph.org).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We ask you to remember all our faithful departed and their families, especially *†Lucille Hansen*.

*May she rest eternally in the peace of Christ.*

## MARRIAGE BANNES

II—**Christopher Smith & Diana Vandenburg**

*Let us pray for all entering the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.*



## GIVE YOUR TIME

Many thanks to those who generously give of their time and talent. Please prayerfully consider serving Jesus and our parish family!

## WEDDING HOSTESS/HOST

St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry for Weddings needs vibrant and welcoming adults who assist with the many weddings here!

Please contact Jeri Nulty in the Parish Office if you are interested at 651-789-8350 / [jeri.nulty@churchofstjoseph.org](mailto:jeri.nulty@churchofstjoseph.org)

## JUNIPERO SERRA GUILD

St. Joseph's is blessed by those who are dedicated to pray for and encourage our current seminarians, religious in formation, and missionaries, who are or have been connected to our parish. Our Junipero Serra Guild is a ministry of our parish, with 16 currently on their list. Please prayerfully consider joining this growing ministry, to pray for one or more and send an occasional note of encouragement to let them know they are remembered in this time of discernment.

Contact either Mary Egging at 651-552-9497/

email [maegging@usfamily.net](mailto:maegging@usfamily.net) or Kathleen Randolph at

651-451-2852/email [kathleenr03@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenr03@gmail.com)

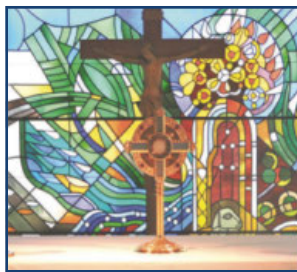
## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### VISIT OUR LORD

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is in the main church during the hours of 6:00am-10:00pm and in the Chapel from 10:00pm-6:00am.

When there is a funeral, wedding or other event, Eucharistic Adoration is in the chapel.

Guests adorers are welcome to visit from 6:00am-9:00pm. If you would like to be an adorer with a dedicated hour each week, please see the hours where there is need.



### ADORERS ARE NEEDED

The following hours need an assigned, dedicated adorer as soon as possible. Jesus is never outdone in generosity!

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>5:00pm—6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>3:00am—4:00am</b>
	<b>3:00pm—4:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>10:00am—11:00am</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>12:00pm—1:00pm</b>
	<b>5:00pm—*6:00pm</b> (*Mass begins at 5:30pm)

When you arrive for your Holy Hour, please sign in at the Adoration Desk. If you need coverage for your scheduled hour, please use the "Substitutes Needed Binder" to enter your hour and date(s). Contact Teresa Boland at 651-552-0168 or 651-307-9177.

## PARISH EVENTS & UPDATES

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

#### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The generosity and love expressed by our many parishioners is overwhelming. We are happy to tell you that we are serving nearly 50 families with the beautiful gifts that were collected. Thank you for the ways that you continually say "yes" to Jesus.

### ADVENT FOOD SHELF COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

Bring your donation to the foyer at the east entrance (back parking lot) of the church before 11:00am on Sunday, December 19.

Items needed in particular:

- Cooking oil
- Canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Soup
- Shampoo
- Personal care items

A detailed list is available in the Gathering Space and on the parish website.

Donations will go to Neighbors, Inc. Thank you for helping us fill the pantries of our neighbors in need this winter.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WATERING CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

3 volunteers are needed to water flowers for 3 to 4 weeks following Christmas. Prefer 3 people who can come together so as not to disrupt Adoration more than needed. Please contact Jeri in the parish office if you are interested.



2022 Guiding Star Wakota  
*Grow with Us Gala*  
Empowering Families

Saturday, February 26  
Omni Viking Lakes Hotel  
2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, Minnesota

Cocktail Hour - 5:45pm  
Dinner & Program - 7:00pm

Grow with us Legacy Award Honorees  
John and Paula Kelly

Visit: [guidingstarwakota.org/gala/](http://guidingstarwakota.org/gala/)

### WE ARE A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

Our parish community pledges immediate and practical help to any woman in need and faced with pregnancy so that she can carry her baby to full term. Contact Jennifer at 651-789-8359.

### CRIBS & CAR SEATS

Gently used infant car seats and cribs (less than 6 yrs. old) are needed. Contact: Margee at 651-227-2076.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD TWIN CITIES

#### Retreats & Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Our retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Visit: [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.org)  
Confidential voicemail: 763-250-9313  
Confidential email: [rachels@rvineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@rvineyardmn.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 19

7:30am †Don & †Marie Mallinger  
9:00am All members of the parish  
11:00am Thomas Carlin Family

### Monday, December 20

7:30am Claude Medina (birthday)

### Tuesday, December 21

7:30am †Ray & †Jean Schneider  
5:30pm †Hugh & †Maureen Guscetti

### Wednesday, December 22

7:30am †Paul Capecchi  
5:30pm †Anna Soukup

### Thursday, December 23

7:30am Urbaniak & Bonniwell Families  
5:30pm †Sharon Zwack

### Friday, December 24

7:30am †Miles & †Mary Ellen Lillis  
3:00pm All members of the parish  
5:00pm Children of the parish  
10:00pm All members of the parish

### Saturday, December 25

7:30am All members of the parish  
9:00am All members of the parish  
11:00am All members of the parish

### Sunday, December 26

7:30am †Edward & †Leta Holtz  
9:00am †Valeria Pezzani  
11:00am All members of the parish

## MASS READINGS & OBSERVANCE

### Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/  
Lk 1:39-45—*4th Sunday of Advent*

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/  
Lk 1:39-45—*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/  
Lk 1:57-66—*St. John of Kanty, Priest*

**Friday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]  
/Lk 1:67-79—*Christmas Eve*

**Saturday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
—*The Nativity of the Lord*

**Next 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—*The Holy Family*

**St. Joseph Prayer Line:** 651-882-2340 or 651-303-4763.

### PASTORAL EMERGENCY

For after hour emergencies: 952-930-4727

## CLERGY & STAFF

### PARISH CENTER

**Pastor** ▪ Rev. Michael Creagan.....651-457-2781  
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### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**School Principal** ▪ Greg Wesely.....651-457-8550  
**Assistant Principal** ▪ .....651-457-8550  
**School Office Manager** ▪ Lisa Wrobel.....651-457-8550



## STEWARDSHIP

Contributions (Offertory) – including mailed gifts, EFT's, stocks, and IRA's  
December 6-12, 2021 – \$21,085.00

**2021-22: Actual through December 12, 2021 - \$747,446.96**  
**2021-22: Budget through December 31, 2021 - \$928,919.55**

As approximately 30% of all charitable donations are made in the month of December, the Church of St. Joseph is grateful for your prayerful consideration as you plan your end-of-the-year giving.

## GIVING AT ST. JOSEPH

The Church of St. Joseph is dependent upon the financial support of her faithful parishioners and guests.

Donations can be made electronically through the parish website or using the QR code below with your smartphone. You may also use the stewardship drop box for your offering



near the west exit.

- 1) SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE.
- 2) OPEN THE SECURE LINK.
- 3) FOLLOW THE PROMPTS.

We thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph's School

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**GALA**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022  
Originally scheduled for December 4, 2021

5:30-9:00pm at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront




## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The mission of St. Joseph's School is to educate students through faith formation, academic excellence and the development of virtue to be disciples of Christ.

We had a great week before Christmas break! Our students received the sacrament of reconciliation and attended Mass together, and had a festive sweater day! We're grateful for the opportunity to prepare for Christmas together as a school community.

### SCHOOL RAFFLE - 2021 FORD ESCAPE AWD!

The kickoff of our Annual School Raffle was Friday, December 17th. We are blessed to have received the donation of a new 2021 Ford Escape for this student-focused fundraiser. 100% of all proceeds goes to support St. Joseph's Catholic School. Raffle tickets and information will be sent home with students this week. The winning ticket will be selected at the School Gala on February 25, 2022.

### SAVE THE DATE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Come learn more about our school! At our Information Nights, we'll introduce our teachers and showcase our classrooms. Watch for registration information. Children are welcome, but childcare will not be provided.

- **Kindergarten Information Night:**  
Thursday, January 6, 6:00pm
- **Middle School Information Night:**  
Thursday, January 13, 6:30pm
- **Preschool Information Night:**  
Thursday, January 20, 6:00pm

### PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

(Part time)

St. Joseph's Preschool is currently seeking a candidate to join our Preschool team as a Classroom Assistant working with PreKindergarten children ages 4 and 5. Qualified candidates should have a passion for working with preschool children and Catholic education. This position is Monday-Thursday, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. (16 hours weekly) with some additional hours possible as scheduled.

Classroom assistants work collaboratively with the Preschool teachers and Assistants to provide a safe, nurturing, and activity-based learning environment for our preschool children. Responsibilities include preparation of learning materials, setting up the classroom, the supervision of children, assisting preschool teachers with students during classroom activities, preparing snack, general housekeeping tasks, and positive engagement with preschool staff, administration, and parents.

Interested candidates may contact Principal Greg Wesely; [grwesely@stjosphwsp.org](mailto:grwesely@stjosphwsp.org) or at 651-457-8550.



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