

# SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CHRISTMAS 2020



## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24th

3:00 pm—Live Streamed\*\*

*\*\*Radio broadcast available in the parking lot for those who do not have access to a computer. Eucharist will be available after Mass until 5:00 pm.*



## CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25th

8:30 am—Live Streamed\*

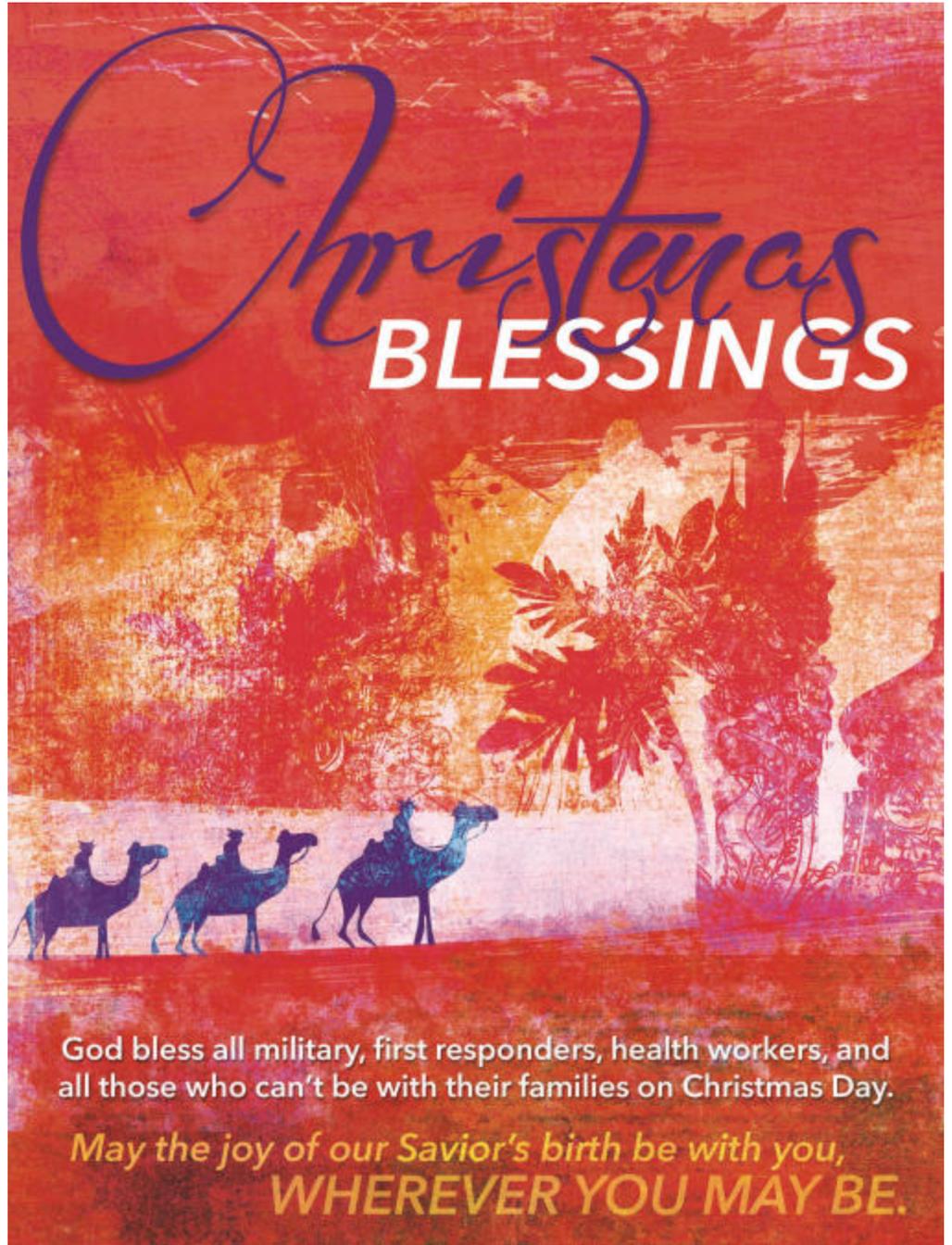
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# Christmas Greetings

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## PEACE BE WITH YOU



Dear Fellow Parishioners, This year's movement through Advent and the preparation for Christmas has found me focused on finding peace. Peace in so many ways. I realize with social distancing and limited interactions I am left with much more time to worry and realize how much I miss all of the aspects of Parish life.

One of the prayers that I have found calming is as follows: *Lord, you know what troubles our hearts today taking away our sense of peace. Please, dear Lord, we ask you to bring calm and quiet for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Please know that the wonderful parishioners of the Church of St. Joseph are in my thoughts and prayers. A blessed Advent and Christmas filled with peace is my Christmas wish for you.

*Marjorie Henkemeyer, Parish Nurse*

## EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US!



Dear Friends, During these days of the pandemic, life is very challenging. Sometimes it is difficult to remember that God is in charge, but He is, and we are all in His hands. As we walk through this Advent journey in preparation for Christmas, may we find time to reflect on the path that God is

asking us to walk. For some of us it means being alone a lot of the time, for others it is battling cancer or other illness, and for others it may be suffering through COVID 19 ourselves or with someone in our family. Whatever God is asking of us, remember that His love is everlasting, and He walks the journey with us. We are not alone.

May You have a blessed Christmas and a peace-filled New Year. May God give you all the blessings that you need most, today and every day, especially the gift of HOPE. Know that I carry you in my love and prayers.

*Sister Betty, Pastoral Minister*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



Due to the pandemic, so many things in our parishes have changed, yet the care, welcoming, and generous spirit of our faith community remain constant. As we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, let's not forget to prepare ourselves for the times we meet Christ in other ways: by watching our recorded masses, through prayer for one another, and by being ever so aware of our God-like surroundings.

If we strive to "be prepared," we will surely deepen our experience of this holy season. May you have a joyous Christmas.

*Julie Ortloff, Saint John the Baptist Business Manager*

## PATIENTLY WAITING



This Advent finds us "waiting" in an even deeper way. Most certainly, we are reminded of waiting for the Messiah who blessed the earth in human presence and who certainly comes into our waiting hearts each day.

This year, however, "waiting" has taken on an added meaning. We "wait"

for healing. We "wait" for the pandemic to subside and even disappear. We "wait" to once again, hold, and hug loved ones. We "wait" until once again we can fill our church with praise and singing and the sign of peace. We "wait" until faith formation at all age levels can continue in person and we "wait" for schools and businesses to open without restrictions. The phrase "holy longing" is very much alive within our hearts.

May this Advent be filled with "holy longing" and may we soon be able to sing to our heart's content together and in person. Holy longing. . . Blessings to all as we continue to grow in our faith.

Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas and may 2021 be different than 2020!

*Marian Bach, Director of Faith Formation, Saint Joseph*

## CHRISTMAS THROUGH MARGARET'S EYES



Every Advent, I get easily caught up in anxiety surrounding holiday preparations. This year, with the 'cans' and 'cannots' of Christmas in 2020, I find more anxiety making its way into my thoughts. No matter the good intentions I had for nights of quiet Advent devotions to travel with Mary and Joseph, the physical preparations quickly

carry me away from spiritual preparation for Christmas. Thankfully, I have a four-year-old girl, with a beautiful heart, who gently reminds me by bringing life and light, magic and mystery, devotion and delight back into Advent.

Christmas through Margaret's eyes rekindles the hope, peace, joy and love of the Advent season. She invites me to play with her Little People Nativity Set saying, "you be the kings," as she takes the role of the Holy Family. She reminds me, "Jesus is God's Son." She gift wraps household items over and over and waits in joyful anticipation as my husband and I open them. She tells me that "Angels talk to people." She has me clip kitchen towels to her head because she wants to wear a veil like Mary. She loves the glow of the Advent wreath candles and blowing them out after dinner (she has even decided it's ok that the pink one isn't last). She says, "Santa's eyes are going to pop out of his head when he sees our Christmas tree." And, she brought out her children's Bible and asks her dad read it to her every night while she brushes her teeth. Witnessing Margaret experience Advent, reminds me to set aside my anxieties and calls me back to the hope, peace, love and joy.

*Amber Walling, Saint Joseph Business Administrator*

## SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT



A blessed Christmas to everyone! It goes without saying, this year might be the most unusual Christmas any of us has ever experienced. For nine months now, we have grown accustomed to being surprised at very little in life. Many of our best laid plans have unexpectedly been revised, postponed or completely cancelled. We've had to become creative and learn to improvise. All

of this has taught us patience and flexibility. The pandemic has reminded us what is truly essential and important in the grand scheme of things. Let's not be too surprised by all of this, however. Things weren't very smooth and predictable for Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, either! As Christians, we're called to be ready at any time; ready for encountering challenges and obstacles; ready for proclaiming the Gospel faithfully, no matter what; ready to be people who exhibit a positive "can do" attitude.

In 1818, in the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Bavaria, it was this same "can do" mindset that helped Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr compose what was to become the best-loved Christmas carol of all time. The very afternoon of Christmas Eve, the church organ was suddenly found to be in disrepair! "What to do?" Hastily, Franz and Joseph wrote "Silent Night," which was then accompanied on guitar for Mass later that night. (Was this the world's first guitar Mass?)

Yes, sometimes life manages to offer us the most beautiful, treasured, memorable things out of urgent necessity. It's amazing how people can come together, what can be accomplished, when there simply are no other options! Personally, I've always felt humans do best when there aren't many options. Instead, we simply rise to the occasion and meet the need.

May 2020 bring us a renewed appreciation for the many normal, everyday things we so easily take for granted. May the "song" of Christmas live within our hearts and be "sung" by our actions, even though our lips might be masked and feeling as if they've been temporarily silenced by the pandemic. May our "silent nights" nevertheless be holy ones. May we look to 2021 with optimism and a renewed hope that "all will be calm, all will be bright!" Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*David Orzechowski, Director of Liturgy & Music*

## A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

This will be a Christmas to remember and share with future generations! As I reflect on this year, I think about the Advent wreath with the four candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. The fifth candle, which is white, is the Light of the World on Christmas Day. I "Hope" for a back to normal life where we are able to Break Bread, listen to terrific speakers, and gather for our Faith Formation program. "Peace" reminds me of how our world needs healing and less division. I am full of "Joy" to be able to spend time with immediate family and extended family at a distance or through the power of Zoom. Lastly, "Love" reminds me to share with those who might be needing extra help emotionally or monetarily in these hard times. And the fifth white candle, the Light of the World, provides us with the perfect example of how to live and have faith. Best wishes for a Christmas filled with hope, peace, joy, love, and the Light of the World.

*Tess Koltes, Director of Faith Formation, Saint John the Baptist*

## A YEAR OF CHANGE



What a year 2020 has been. Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined that the people of this parish would be locked out of our church for worship. Had you told me a year ago, when my new laptop came, that it would be my closest co-worker, live-

streaming our services to the world instead of seeing this parish community come together to worship as it has done for a century, I would have shook my head in disbelief.

Despite the pandemic, life at the parish continued. To begin, a steam cleaner was donated early on and I was able to steam clean Heritage Hall, Church, and the parish house. The cemetery was able to do an expansion for more traditional burial plots. An urn garden was built in the traditional Church of St. Joseph fashion, with many hours of donated labor. A new entrance will be completed in the South Cemetery this upcoming year.

This fall, because of two anonymous donors, the statues of St. Joseph and the Guardian Angel were restored and the last two windows to be stained on the tabernacle side of the Church were completed. To round out the year a camera system, which had been roughed in during the remodel, was installed at the beginning of December. This will better serve the needs of homebound parishioners and those who are unable to attend in person.

This upcoming year we will have two larger projects to complete. One of the roofs on the school is in need of replacement, and we will upgrade the school elevator; the elevator is over 20 years old and all of the electronics and safety devices are in need of upgrading.

This past year has been very quiet around here without all of the usual activities that make our parish community a strong, faith-filled one. I hope to see more of all of you in 2021!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year.

*Andy Loso, Facilities Manager*

## MY CHRISTMAS WISH



I wish all parishioners in our Benedictine parish cluster the blessings of the Christ Child, of his blessed mother and St. Joseph. May this message of peace live in each and every home at Christmas and throughout the year of 2021. My

fondest wish is to be with you in person in the near future. Peace and joy!

*Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB, Pastor*

# Christmas Worship Aide

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## Christmas Carols

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### AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE STARTING DECEMBER 18TH

These selections have been pre-recorded prior to Christmas and will remain available throughout the season. Please take the time to partake in the holiday tradition of carols before Christmas Mass by viewing this recording before viewing the Mass.

#### **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

#### Handbell selection—**ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

##### **HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING!**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

#### **NATIVITY CAROL** — Francis Patrick O'Brien Sung by Choir

#### Handbell selection—**COVENTRY CAROL**

##### **AWAY IN A MANAGER**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky\_\_looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
**Refrain:** Glo\_\_\_\_\_ria in excelsis Deo,  
Glo\_\_\_\_\_ria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song.  
(Refrain)
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

Handbell selection—**CAROL OF THE BELLS**

**PEACE, PEACE** — Rick & Sylvia Powell (arr. Fred Bock)  
Sung by Choir

## Christmas Mass

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### USE FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES WITHIN THE BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

Christmas Eve Mass at Saint John the Baptist Parish at 3:00 pm and Christmas Day Mass at Church of Saint Joseph at 8:30 am. All, who have access to do so, are encouraged to participate via live-streamed or recorded Mass. Communion will be available after Mass at the host location. For those unable to attend virtually, the Christmas Eve Mass can be heard live, via radio transmission, in the parking lot of Saint John the Baptist Parish.

## Introductory Rite

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### GATHERING SONG

#### ○ COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:  
**Refrain:** O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: (Refrain)
3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus to thee\_\_be all glo\_\_ry giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

### SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

### PENITENTIAL ACT

# GLORIA

## MASS OF JOY AND PEACE - TONY ALONSO

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to  
peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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# COLLECT PRAYER

# Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:1-6

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A LIGHT WILL SHINE ON US THIS DAY —Tony Alonso

A light will shine on  
us this day, this day: the  
Lord is born for us.

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## SECOND READING

TITUS 2:11-14

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## GOSPEL

### LUKE 2:1-14

The Lord be with you.  
*And with your spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

(at the end of the Gospel proclamation...)

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow at the words that follow, up to and including "and became man."*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was  
buried, and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom will  
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of  
the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Handbell selection—**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

#### MASS OF JOY AND PEACE - Tony Alonso

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

#### MASS OF JOY AND PEACE - Tony Alonso

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your  
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

### GREAT AMEN

#### MASS OF JOY AND PEACE - Tony Alonso

A - men, a - men, a - men, a -  
men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.



## SONG OF SENDING FORTH

### JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world!  
The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

## Christmas Mass Schedule



## COME LET US ADORE HIM!

### Christmas Eve

**3:00 pm Saint John the Baptist Parish**

*We encourage those with access to YouTube, to participate in the Mass virtually. For those without internet access, a radio transmission of the Mass will be available in the Saint John the Baptist Parking Lot. All are invited to come to the parking lot to receive Communion after Mass until 4:30 p.m.*

### Christmas Day

**8:30 am Church of Saint Joseph**

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# Making Seasons Bright!

Let's light up the windows of Heritage Hall with glowing candles from all of our parish families! Color the candle to the left, add your prayer intentions, name and age (optional), and send it to the Church of Saint Joseph parish office. When received, your picture will be hung in the windows of Heritage Hall for all to see, and the parish staff will include your intentions in their prayers.

Did you know? In many Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting candles plays a part—for example, candles on the advent wreath. Church votive candles are used as a symbol of our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may not be in the church or actively praying for an intention.

First Name
Age
Prayer Requests

