BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19[™], 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Address: 12 W. Minnesota St. St. Joseph, MN 56374 P: 320.363.7505 W: churchstjoseph.org Email: parish@churchstjoseph.org Mass Schedule Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 10:30 am

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED."

-LUKE 1:45

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

St. Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

St John the Baptist: We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

Where the Community Comes Together

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Weekly Schedules

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 1:00 pm Advent Penance Service Church of Saint Joseph
- 5:00 pm **Baggentoss Family** Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30 am	Mass for Our Parishes
	Saint John the Baptist Parish
10:30 am	Mass †Nadine Olson

Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mass of Christian Burial: 11:00 am Judy Meemken Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mass †Laura Kutzera-Gaarder 8:30 am Saint John the Baptist Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am Mass †Rose Ann Taufen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Mass +Mike Phillipp Church of Saint Joseph Mass †Marlin Faber 5:00 pm 9:00 pm Mass for Our Parishes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

5:00 pm Mass †Pete & Lee Honer Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 am Mass for our Parishes Saint John the Baptist Parish

Mass +Deceased Members of the

Church of Saint Joseph

- Saint John's Abbey Church
- - Church of Saint Joseph

10:30 am Mass +Leo & Theresa Glatzel Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 8:30 am | Church Cleaning, Church of Saint Joseph

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

9:00 am | Coffee & Conversation, Saint John the **Baptist Parish Center** 10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 am | Church Cleaning, Church of Saint Joseph 9:30 am | Senior Cards, Heritage Hall

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

9:00 am | Coffee & Conversation, Saint John the **Baptist Parish Center** 10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall 1:30 pm | Senior Chair Yoga, Heritage Hall 5:00 pm | RCIA Session, Parish Meeting Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 9:30 am | Friday Social, Heritage Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 8:00 am | Church Cleaning, Church of Saint Joseph 8:00 am | Parish Quilters, Heritage Hall 1:00 pm | Care Partners, Parish Meeting Room 5:00 pm | Baptism Preparation, Parish Meeting Room

Parish Information

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CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP!

Calling ALL MOMS!

a CALL from



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CATHOLIC MOM?

WHY JOIN MOTHERS GROUP?

Make new friends Become the best mom you can be Discover a spiritual program Experience community Get encouragement Learn about your faith Be refreshed by prayer Get practical parenting tips



Come and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and go deeper in your faith life. All meetings are virtual via Zoom from 8:00 to 9:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The first gathering will be on Saturday, January 8th.

Stay tuned to an upcoming parish email for the Zoom link or contact Amber at 320.636.7505 x531

PHONE CHANGES

All extensions for the church and school have recently changed. Be sure to double check all extensions prior to calling.



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Prayer & Worship

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GOSPEL REFLECTION—DECEMBER 19



In the Gospel for today, we hear the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Elizabeth, at an old age, was pregnant with John the Baptist and Mary with Jesus. This is the meeting of two

faithful women who are open to God's working in their lives and in the world. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the child in her womb leaped for joy and she cried out "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Mary, who had received the word of her pregnancy from the angel was also told about Elizabeth's pregnancy and immediately went to help her. She shows us the need to be of service to others. This week find some way to reach out to others in your family or in the faith community. Also look to the ways in which you can help the lonely and the poor. There are opportunities in the parish and in the community for you to be of service. There are always the needs of the food shelf, and you may have a lonely person in your neighborhood who needs a phone call or a visit. May these last days of Advent be a time for you to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Take some time for prayer and quiet.

May you have a blessed Christmas.

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Minister

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all farmers, all frontline healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands. Also, for Fr. Roger Klassen, our pastor.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Duffy Barton, Joe Berg, Judy Bruemmer, Vince DeVargas, Carol Fries, Jill (Hoffman) Fussy, Caroline Glatzel, The Grey Family, Mary & Doug Hanks, Larry & Anita Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Bob Klein, Betty Kobienia, Ann Leedahl, Joan Ludick, Waylon Ludvigson, Becky Maus-Nelson, Esther J. Merkling, Alban Mohs, Jean Nierengarten, Miles Oliver, Jennifer Oschwald, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Ann Scherer, Cindy Schmitz, Anthony Scholz, Elliette Grace Schwegel, Susan Sink, Dennis Stueve, Oswald Thelen, Darlene Thielman, Jason Thompson, Bob Valek, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 19

SUNDAY:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	
	16 7:10 16/Dc 26:1 2 7 6ab E 6 6f 7a	

- 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
- 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
- FRIDAY: MORNING: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-7 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
- SATURDAY: 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, 9-1
- 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]/l Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Denis Hynes, Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese, Leo Heck, Larry Notch, Jerry Rothstein, Anthony Scholz, and Charlie & Nancy Wenner

To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

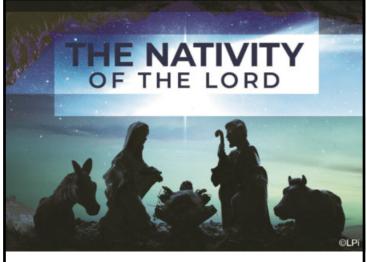
Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:.

Luise Hiemenz Bill Elfering, Andy Loso, Nate Osbourn and Judy Meemken.

"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please join us in celebrating the Nativity of the Lord during the following times:

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm — Church of Saint Joseph
5:00 pm — Saint John's Abbey
9:00 pm — Church of Saint Joseph
CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 am — Church of Saint Joseph

Church of Saint Joseph Masses will have carols starting 30 minutes prior to the listed time.

CONSIDER AN END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTION

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

CLP

During this time of year, it is important to remember the many ways God has blessed each one of us. Thank you for the many ways you share your Godgiven personal gifts and financial resources with our parishes. Your contributions will allow us to present another year of faith-filled ministry to so many people in 2022. Reminder, the deadline for your yearend contribution as being tax deductible for 2021 is December 31, 2021.

Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Contributions	\$1, 045.00
Donations Fiscal YTD	\$61,847.50
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$61,176.00
Green Env./Stained Glass Project	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00

Thank you to those who continue to mail contributions and contribute via Electronic Bank Transfers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SAINT JOSEPH

Weekly Budget for 12/5/2021	\$27,289.33
Adult 12/5	\$9,337.00
November Online Contributions	\$17,190.77
Youth 12/5	\$44.00
Holy Day & Holiday Contributions	\$528.00
Weekly Difference	-\$189.56
Budgeted Year to Date	\$277,729.48
Received Year to Date	\$252,166.70
Year to Date Difference	-\$25,562.78

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COVID PROTOCOL FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Please Note: 1) Overflow & distanced seating is available in Mary Chapel with live streaming on the television and communion distribution. 2) Live radio broadcast of Mass can be heard from your vehicle in the parking lot on 87.9FM, Communion will be distributed in the parking lot. 3) Communion Ministers are required to wear masks. 4) If you are ill, please do not attend Mass inside. 5) Regular disinfecting and cleaning of our space and surfaces is being done regularly for your safety. 6) Mask wearing is strongly encouraged. 7) Mass will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube and our Facebook page. 8) We will continue to increase the distance between chairs. 9) Hand sanitizer is available at multiple locations throughout the Parish Center.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Daily meditation or parish updates can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sjtbparish or subscribe to our Benedictine Catholic Community YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC2Sw98uxz5BJ7_Ders65WJw for notifications of Live Mass recordings.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Join us in the Abbey Church; Friday, December 24th 5:00 pm Mass (**Masks are required inside the Abbey Church**).

WEATHER RELATED MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of bad weather, Mass cancellations will be announced on the parish website, Facebook page and the Parish Office phone message (NO radio announcements).

WEDNESDAY MASS INVITATION

Join us for Mass Wednesdays at **8:30 a.m.** in the Parish Center FOLLOWED BY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes have been canceled until January 24 due to the rise in area Covid numbers. Stay healthy! Adult Enrichment sessions are also canceled until January 24.

Parents, please teach the lessons we are missing. A calendar of lessons was sent out via email to all families. Contact Tess if you have any questions.

GREEN/SPECIAL NEEDS ENVELOPES

In your envelope packet includes aGreen Special Needs envelope. These are designated for our Facility Fund only, and support the upkeep and maintenance of our Parish Center. Our beloved stained glass window was removed and sent out for repair and restoration. Restoration of the window and reinstallation should be complete before Christmas. Green Envelope contributions will help pay for restoration. If you would like to contribute towards the stained glass window restoration, use a Green Envelopes or label your contribution "Stained Glass Repair".

PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers.

December 20, 1920: Andreas Stockinger December 20, 1978: Edward Eiynck December 20, 1997: Rosa Reisinger December 21, 1951: Matthew Reisinger December 21, 2004: Patrick Engelmeier December 22, 1904: Stephen Reisinger December 23, 2009: Alfred Braun December 23, 2020: Julia Beckmann December 24, 2008: Isabelle Durenberger May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GOODNESS!

The corporal works of mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors as we journey together through this life.

The Works of Mercy as stated by the USCCB are:

To feed the hungry.

- To give drink to the thirsty.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.
- To bury the dead.
- To give alms to the poor.

The Social Justice and Ministry Committee would like to learn what parishioners are already doing to carry out these works of mercy.

You will have the opportunity in the next few weeks to write down how you and your family are helping others. You can add your works of mercy to the collection basket in the parish center hallway.

DATE	LECTOR(S)	EUCHARIST MINISTERS	SACRISTAN	AUDIO	USHER(S)
Dec. 24th 5:00PM ABBEY	Scott Wallner	Scott Wallner, Tess Koltes, Bob Mayers, Joyce Abeln	Br. Xavier Schermerhorn, OSB	Brian Posch	Bob Mayers Brian Posch
Dec. 26th 8:30AM Parish Center	Tess Koltes	David Lyndgaard, Sherri Klein, Deb Stumvoll, Mary Reischl	Bob Simon	Brian Posch	Volunteer Needed

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MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY-WASHINGTON, DC

If you can sponsor students to make the trip to Washington, DC for the Pro-Life Rally, please contact Marian at 320-363-7505 xbefore Christmas. Approximately 30 students are hoping to attend the rally.

Some of these college students are part of our faith formation team.

Any donations you can contribute would be truly appreciated so that the students may attend.

THANK YOU! WHAT GENEROSITY!

Thank you very much for the many and delicious baked goods that came in for the bake sale on Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th.

Your contributions were many! Also, a huge "hats off" to the many volunteers who helped make both the luncheons and the bake sale a huge success.

Once again, your outstanding generosity came through. Blessings in return.

Profit from the Turkey/Ham lunches is: \$482.60. Profit from the Bake Sale is \$882.00.

The proceeds will go toward faith formation/church needs. Heartfelt gratitude.

Marian

A NOTE FROM JULIA REBER, NET MINISTRIES

Merry Christmas!

As I write this my NET team and I just completed our 47th retreat and are on our way to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ministry has been so amazing! So far, we've done retreats in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Our team alone has ministered to over 2,100 youth.

This year has brought so many blessings! On retreats, seeing youth who come in with calloused hearts, opening their hearts to the Lord has been one of the biggest blessings, I am so grateful in being apart of God's plan of salvation. Also getting to meet so many amazing people, and hearing how God has worked in their life is so beautiful. God is truly moving in our midst. I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for the coming year. I wanted to give a special thanks to all of you who supported this mission either financially or through prayers. The Lord is truly working and this ministry could not be possible without you! I an praying for all of you, Julia Reber

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 19

The faith formation sessions for LOW, grades 1-8, and grades 9-10-11 have been cancelled.

Wednesday, December 29

RCIA Inquiry Session: 5:00 pm in the parish meeting room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We had a number of families who requested more information about the Knights of Columbus during our membership information weekend last week. If you missed Mass last weekend, you can listen to the talk we gave during Mass.. Go to the parish website, then click the 'Virtual Mass' tab. then click on the Second Sunday of Advent Mass and forward the recording to the end to listen to Chuck Kern do a great job of explaining who we are and what we do. There are a number of options to join us where you will learn about the past present and future of the Knights of Columbus. You can attend a 40 minute ceremony in person, or you can view a 40 minute video by going online to KofC.org/JoinUs or mnknights.org to learn more and join online. Membership online is FREE. Just enter the Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 and council number 7057. New members will also receive a red KC polo shirt. If you want more information about the Knights, send a request to PO Box 155 St. Joseph MN 56374 or stioekcs@gmail.com or call Allen Gill at 291-5701 or Alan Glatzel at 250-5988 or Mark Glatzel at 267-1485. "You are born a Man. You become a Knight."

VOTIVE CANDLES

Would you like to send a card to the family or friend you are having a votive candle lit to let them know you are praying for them? Willing Hands has made two types of cards for this purpose, one for someone you are praying for who has passed away and the other for someone who has a special intention you are praying for. These cards can be found in a display at Heritage Hall. To have a votive candle lit, the requested donation is \$5. There is no charge for the card.

CHRISTMAS TREASURE SALE A SUCCESS

The results of the Christmas Treasures sale are in! This year, with the help of so many of you, the Christmas Treasures Sale earned \$8,965.32 as a result of the sold second-hand items, the luncheon proceeds and other items sold at the Arts & Crafts Sale the first weekend in December.

We are grateful for the immense support provided by an army of volunteers.

Funds from this sale will be used for the following:

- New Outdoor Nativity Scene
 - Already Installed
- New Red Chairs for the Heritage Hall .
 - Arriving in February
- Additional Christmas Tree for Heritage Hall •
 - Currently at the front of church. Additional tree allowed for one to stay in the bell tower.
- Shelving for Parish Office Entrance
 - Arriving in Early 2022

Keep your eye out for these new items around our parish facilities!



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

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