St. Joachim & Immaculate Conception

OUR MISSION

St. Joachim Parish seeks to courageously proclaim the Truth and Love of Jesus Christ to all people through Word and Sacraments, and to live the Catholic Faith in loving service to our parish and community for the salvation of souls.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday … 4:30 PM at St. Joachim
Sunday … 8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception
Sunday ….. 10:30 AM at St. Joachim
Tuesday… 8:30 AM at St. Joachim
Wednesday 7:00 PM at St. Joachim
Thursday… 12:05PM at St. Joachim
Friday…… 8:30AM at St. Joachim

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM

A Pre-Jordan Class is required as preparation for first Baptism. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are made by calling the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

RCIA

Questions about becoming Catholic?
Call Sharon Schouweiler at 507-534-3321 ext. 13.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After any Mass or by appointment. Those confined by illness who desire the Sacraments should contact the parish office for arrangements.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

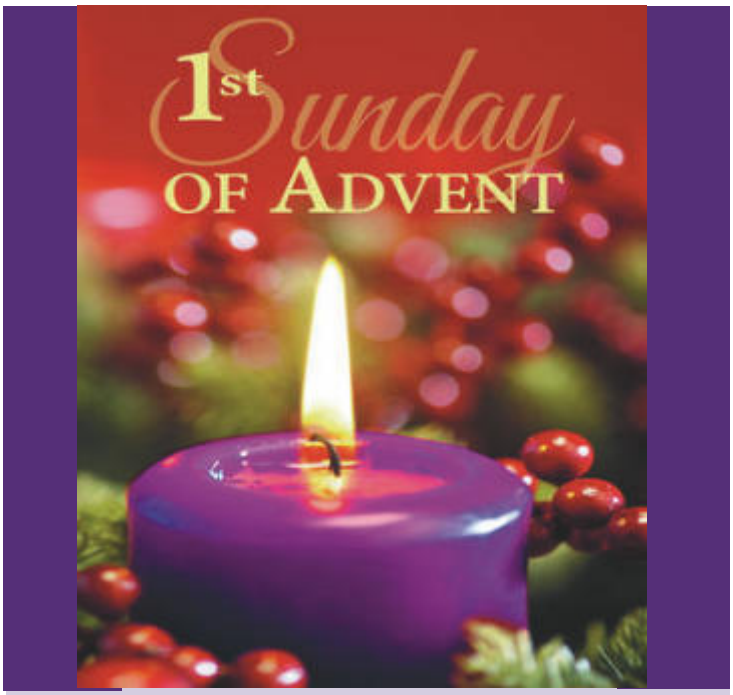
The Eucharist is exposed for Adoration in the church on Fridays from 9 a.m. continually until 1 pm.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a special need for prayers (illness, surgery, etc.), please contact Bea Rahrmann at 534-2027 for St. Joachim or Bonnie Meyer for Conception (bonitarahman@gmail.com).

NEW PARISHIONER

Come to or call the parish office to register.



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FROM FATHER BECKER

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will move from Tuesdays to Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, beginning in November. All are welcome. It will conclude at 1 pm – except on First Fridays when it will continue until 8 pm in church. Between 6 and 8 pm, Deacon Scott will offer a brief devotion at the top of each hour: the rosary or Evening Prayer (6 pm), a reflection on loss and renewal in this time of pandemic (7 pm), and Benediction (8 pm). He will also be available for individual healing prayer for any who wish. Blessings on all who assist this apostolate of prayer!

Food Shelf donations are welcome at our parishes throughout November. Please put them in a specially marked envelope (or a check to the parish with "Food Shelf" in the memo line), and we will forward them on.

The **parish bulletin** is available online (and printed copies are at the church entrances). Do you have a loved one or neighbor who lacks internet access? Please print a bulletin for them from our parish website – it's a beautiful way to share parish news and reflections in this time of separation. And remember to follow our posts on Facebook (you don't have to have an account) – the link is also at our website: http://saintjoachimchurch.org

Both parishes welcome your **financial support** in this time of hardship. We realize that many are struggling to make ends meet; but we are grateful for whatever might be possible for you. You can leave your offering in the stationary baskets in church, use the drop-slot in the Parish Center (parking lot entrance), mail it to us, or contribute online via the parish website (www.saintjoachimchurch.org). Thank you!

We also ask your support for the annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Please consider the work of our diocesan ministries, and the important work that your contributions support each year. Our parishes each have a monetary goal to meet; any shortfall must be made up from our own parish budget. Please give generously to this important cause, for the work of our diocesan ministries. More information is available at the church entrance and online at: catholicfsmn.org

PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT
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AS OF November 14-15, 2020

Weekly Average to Date: $4,101.87
Last Year's Comparison: $4,603.68
Fall Food Shelf Donations to date: $200
Building Fund: $30
Home Missions: $20

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020

	Goal	Total Pledged	% of Goal	Paid	Pledges Needed
St. Joachim	$29,073	24,966.64	86%	24,731.64	4,106.36
Conception	$ 5,650	5,125.00	91%	5,125.00	525.00

Mass Readings for November 29
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 (2B)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

ST. PIUS X ADULT EDUCATION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
ADVENT IN TODAY'S WORLD:
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 7:00-8:00 PM

Live Virtual Presentation with Q and A via Zoom: Register in advance for this meeting by Nov. 29th, the First Sunday of Advent
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkfu6pqDIiGNxqxuLB5hi_s08A46YkORaM
Upon registering, you will automatically receive the zoom link to join the presentation. Sister Ramona Miller is the Congregational Minister / President of the Sisters of St. Francis in Rochester, MN. She was director of Spiritual Formation at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkley, CA (2002- 2006). For over 25 years, she was a staff member of the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs leading pilgrims to Assisi, Italy. She has given numerous presentations on St. Francis of Assisi.

Bulletin Items
Items for the bulletin are due Tuesdays by noon.
December 6th bulletin will be due **Tuesday, Dec 1**
Please submit bulletin items to
Jeannie Speedling at stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

NOV. 30-DEC. 6, 2020
(PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Earl & Thomas Jacobs†
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Kayla Murphy †
Thursday	12:05 p.m.	David Weidendorf †
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Harold Flynn †
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Joyce Markus †
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lorraine Murphy † (Conception)
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For the Parishes †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM FOR December 5 & December 6, 2020

LECTORS 4:30 PM Volunteers Needed
10:30 AM Volunteers Needed

USHERS 4:30 PM Volunteers Needed
10:30 AM Volunteers Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:30 PM Volunteers Needed
10:30 AM Volunteers Needed

Cor Jesu—First Friday of December!

The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, December 4th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration , Confessions, and music in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For mor details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer-opportunities and click on "Cor Jesu" in the drop-down list, or call Olivia Gadient (507)951-7063

Christmas flowers
St. Joachim parish

Help us prepare our poinsettia order to decorate the church for the Christmas Season! Please pre-pay a $20 donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers.' (Payable by cash, or check written to St. Joachim Church, with "Christmas flowers" in the memo line.)
Inside the envelope, include your name, along with a loved one to be remembered, using the form included in the bulletin (or a simple note). Names of donors and their beloved deceased will be published in the bulletin after Christmas. The florist needs all orders several weeks in advance, so please return your envelope to the collection basket, or parish office in the Parish Center, by **December 7**.

Thank you,
Liturgy Decorations Committee

Doing Dorcas Works group has a new place to collect for. It is called Home Again in Rochester and it is helping those who are moving into housing after homelessness or completing drug rehab kind of situations. We already collect for The Landing MN and Family Promise, both in Rochester. A load was recently taken to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis . After only a couple of days with us, Home Again was overwhelmed with the generosity of the Doing Dorcas Works followers. They ask that ALL your donations be dropped at my house in Plainview. They will pick up in Rochester proper and my house in Plainview until more funding for gas is acquired. They need your cash donations right now for gas money to pick up donations. Send checks to: Home Again, 7720 Co. Rd. 126 SW, Byron, MN 55920. Posters of the complete list of things that Doing Dorcas Works takes are on the bulletin boards of St Joachim carport entrance and narthex, and on the front door at Bonnie's house, 435 1st Ave SW, green house in Plainview. ICC has it on the email and the bulletin board in the entrance. Please take them and share. Email questions to bonitarahman@gmail.com or call her at 507-534-3436. Follow Doing Dorcas Works on Facebook for local charity needs.

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION FOR December 6, 2020

Lector: Darrin Young
Communion Minister: Celene Holst
Sacristan: Bev Hall

Join me as we study the Gospel of Matthew Wednesday mornings 9 -10am in the Parish Center.
Contact Deacon John for more information.

PLAINVIEW-ELGIN AREA FOOD SHELF

For the month of November, gift card donations for Christmas are welcome at our parishes and can be put in a specially marked envelope (or a check to the parish with "Food Shelf" in the memo line), and we will forward them on. This year the gift cards replace the "Angel Tree" we have had in the past at Christmas time. Food shelf operating hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Located at 25 Main St W Elgin, MN 55932
If you need further info. please call the Food Shelf at (507) 876-0112 on Wednesdays .

site https://www.facebook.com/PlainviewElginFoodShelf.

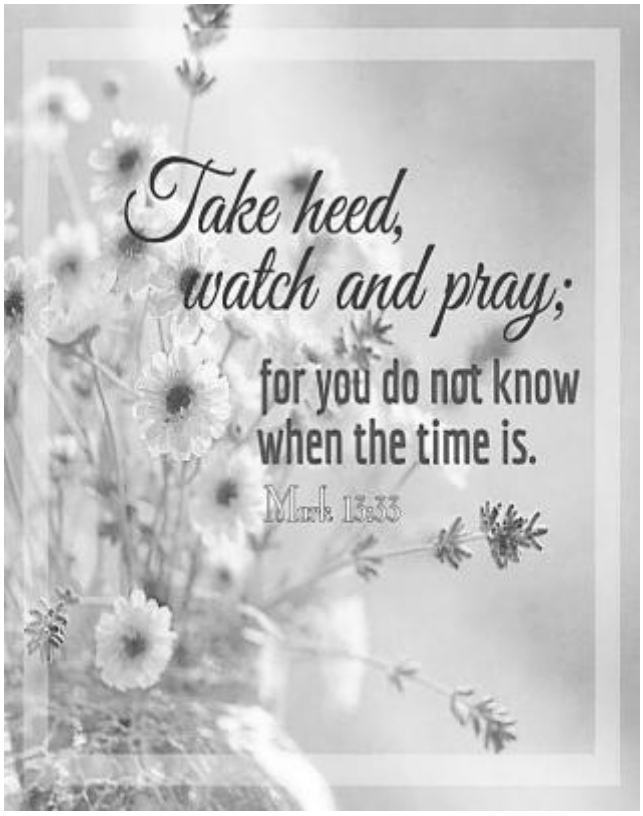
Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota would like to offer you some opportunities to make your Advent preparations special this year. Beginning on Saturday, Nov. 28th, we will offer an Advent Reflection Series – each Saturday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Each week we will have a guest presenter offering reflection and discussion on the themes of Advent each week; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. To get the Zoom link for this series, please contact Lisa Kremer at lkremer@ccsomn.org. Also check the Advent banner on our website (www.ccsomn.org) for more information and other opportunities.

RESPECT LIFE: "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The **"Light for Life"** luminaries, an American Cancer Society Fundraiser, will again be part of the Olde Fashioned Christmas to be held on Sat., Dec. 5th. You may pick up your luminaries at either of the banks in town, decorate them at home and return them no later than Mon., Nov. 30th to the Edward Jones office in Plainview. The cost of the bags is $10 per bag or 3 for $25. The luminaries will be displayed in the windows of local businesses this year on Dec. 5th.
You may also support this cause by dropping off a check (made out to the American Cancer Society) at the Parish Center office or in the collection basket at Mass by Dec. 5th.

RCIA
Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or know someone who does?
Contact Sharon at 534-3321 ext. 13.

Gospel
Sunday, November 29, 2020



MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Gospel Meditation

1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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Growing Up Catholic

Our 2nd graders are busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are learning many things such as:

The Benefits of Confession

1. We receive forgiveness of our sins.
2. We receive sanctifying grace, a sharing in God's own life.
3. We receive a specific sacramental grace to help us avoid sin.
4. We receive a new beginning in the spiritual struggle.
5. We are helped by the words of advice and encouragement the priest give us.
6. We grow in self-knowledge.
7. We grow in the virtues of humility and sincerity by confessing our sins to the priest.
8. The penance makes up, at least in part, for the temporal punishment owed for our sins.
9. Confession often brings about healing of the soul.
10. We always leave the confessional with a deep sense of joy and peace of soul.

Choosing a Saint Name

The November project for the Confirmation class is to choose a Saint name and write a report about that Saint. They should include their Saint name, why they chose that Saint, details about their Saint's life, their Feast Day and how the Saint is a witness to them or how the Saint encourages them on their own journey in faith.

Grades 1-6

The December Home Learning Packets for grades 1-6 are ready and can be picked up at the Parish Center

Grades 7-10

Please stop by the Parish Center to pick up your Advent booklet "Advent and Christmas, One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens."
This will help teens make sense of Christ's abiding presence in the things that matter most to them, including relationships, their future, and coping with stress.

Faith Formation Calendar 2020-2021

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ages 3 to 2nd grade ~ ***suspended due to pandemic***

Grades 1 ~ Distant Learning
Grades 2 & 3 ~ Distant Learning
Grades 4, 5 & 6 ~ Distant Learning
Grades 7-9 ~ Distant Learning
Grade 10 ~ Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

Growing Up Catholic (2nd grade families) ~ Monthly per below schedule 6:00-7:00pm

Dec	Wed	2	2nd Grade Growing Up Catholic 10th Faith Sharing Groups Mass (Grade 9)
	Wed	9	Mass (Grade 10) Class following
	Wed	16	Class (Grade 10)
	Wed	23	*Christmas Break no classes*
	Wed	30	*New Year's Break no classes*

Please contact Sharon with any ideas or questions at 534-3321 Ext. 13 or stjoachimff@gmail.com

Jan.	Wed	6	Class (Grade 10) Mass (Grade 2)
	Mon—Wed	11-13	Confirmation Class Learning Centers
	Wed	13	Class (Grade 10) Mass (Grade 3)
	Wed	20	Class (Grade 10) Mass (Grade 4) *Growing Up Catholic* *10th Faith Sharing*
	Mon-Tues	25-26	4-6th Grade Learning Centers 3-7pm
	Wed	27	Classes Grade 10 Mass (Grade 5)

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