

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..... 10:30 AM at St. Isidore Chapel
Wednesday.. 5:15 PM at St. Joachim
Thursday... 12:05 PM at St. Joachim
Friday..... 8:30 AM 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

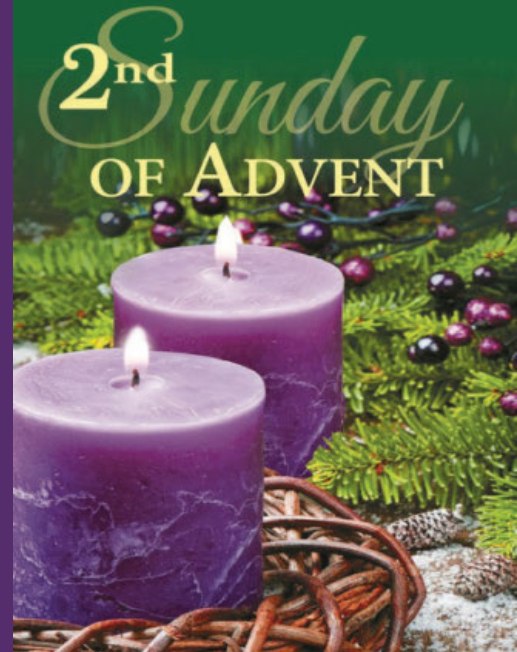
The Eucharist is exposed for Adoration in the church on Tuesdays from 5 am until 10 pm and Wednesdays from 5 am-5 pm

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a special need for prayers (illness, surgery, etc.), please contact Bea Rahrman 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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Immaculate Conception..... Janet Hall 507-534-3509

DECEMBER 5, 2021 (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

FROM FATHER BECKER

At Conception, a **heating system upgrade** has been underway this month, as we remove the old steam system and install new forced-air units and ductwork, for heating and cooling. Thanks to all who have contributed their expertise and skill.

Pope Francis has launched a **universal synod** to listen to Catholics worldwide, and help the College of Bishops to discern the signs of the times. Watch for our area opportunities to gather in the months to come.

FROM DEACON SCOTT

Advent Adoration

Adoration hour, prayer and reflection

Please join us for an hour of adoration during Advent as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

Sunday, December 5th: 4 pm-5pm (St. Joachim)
 Sunday, December 5th: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm (ICC)
 Sunday, December 12th: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm (ICC)
 Sunday, December 19th: 4 pm-5 pm (St. Joachim)
 Sunday, December 19th: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm (ICC)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 7—7:00 pm at Conception
 Wednesday, December 8—7:00 pm at St. Joachim

COMMUNAL PENNANCE SERVICES

With the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday-Nov. 28 –3:30 pm at St. Mary of the Lake (LC)
 Sunday-December 12 – 3:30 pm at St. Joachim
 (with First Reconciliation)
 Sunday-December 19 – 3:30 pm at St. Felix (Wabasha)

CHRISTMAS-MASSES

Friday, December 24 – 4:30 pm at St. Joachim
 Friday, December 24 – 8:00 pm at St. Joachim
 Saturday, December 25 – 8:30 am at Conception
 Saturday-December 25 – 10:30 am at St. Joachim

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 25 – 4:30 pm: NO MASS
 Sunday, December 26 – 8:30 am at Conception
 Sunday, December 26 – 10:30 am at St. Joachim

PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOACHIM CHURCH ADULT, OFFERTORY, CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 27-28, 2021



Weekly Average to Date: \$4,134
 Last Year's Comparison: \$4,233
 Building Fund: \$135
 Baby Bottle: \$824.72
 Food Shelf: \$1,147.14

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

	Goal	% of Goal	Amount Received	Pledges Needed
St. Joachim	\$29,073	96%	\$27,818	\$1,255
Conception	\$ 5,388	70%	\$3,760	\$1,628

National Night of Prayer for Life

Wednesday, December 8th (8pm-midnight)
 St. Joachim Church

Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. Exposition will start right after Mass.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, (then celebrated on December 9th), that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts. All nations of the world are invited to participate, as we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect Life and the Family; to renew the Church, establish Peace, and inspire Courage in the soul of our nation.

During the HOUR OF UNITY, 11 pm CST to Midnight, we will be united in churches across the country and the world in prayer to end abortion, and restore God's blessings.

The National Night of Prayer for Life includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. Inform your friends and family of this Life-Saving event. Come for any part or the entire evening.



DECEMBER 6-12, 2021
 (PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Marie Kruger & Joe Stafford † (St. Isidore Chapel)
Wednesday	5:15 p.m.	Clara Freese †
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Schmitz †
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Schroeder †
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Gerald Wolf †
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Aidan Miller †
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For the Parishes †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM
December 11 & 12, 2021

LECTORS: 4:30 PM Jerome Schmidt
 10:30 AM Michelle Weisz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Volunteers

GREETERS: 4:30 PM Carol Meyer
 10:30 AM Mike & Ruth Hamilton

ALTER SERVERS: 4:30 PM (Not Filled)
 10:30 PM MollyKate Hagen &
 Abby Eversman

MUSIC: 4:30 PM Adult Choir
 10:30 AM R.E.S. Choir

GIFT BEARERS: 4:30 PM Theresa Schreiber
 10:30 AM Matt & Jennifer
 Simon

USHERS: 4:30 PM Don Dose & Steve Schouweiler
 10:30 AM Bruce & Isaac Rott

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 below (or a simple note). Copies of this form will be at each church entrance. 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 12th**. Thank you, Liturgy Decorations Committee

Your Name:

Your Phone Number:

Number of Flowers (\$20 each):

Flower (s) in Memory of:



LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION
December 12, 2021

LECTOR: Dick Schouweiler

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Fr/Deacons

OFFERTORY: Jary & Celene Holst family

SACRISTAN: Bev Hall

USHERS: Jeff Breuer & Gary Wolf

ROSARY LEADER: Maurie Young

SNOW REMOVAL: Jacob Meyer (12/1-12/15)

SCAM ALERT: A scammer frequently impersonates our priest or other parish leaders via text or email, to ask for a favor, gift card, or reply – often with a sense of urgency. This is a periodic and ongoing scam, and operates nationwide. If you are uncertain about a text or email, please do not reply, but contact us by phone during office hours.

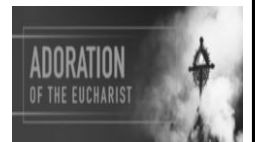
Bulletin Items

Items for the bulletin due by 12 noon on Tuesdays prior to the bulletin date to: Jeannie Speedling at stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com
Early deadlines: Dec. 12th: due 12/6, Dec.19th: due 12/10, Dec. 26th: due 12/15, Jan 2: due 12/22/21

Respect Life

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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RCIA

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

If you have baby bottles please return them to the ushers room at church. Thank-you



Mass Readings for December 5, 2021
 Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

PLAINVIEW FOOD SHELF

The Plainview-Elgin Food Shelf is still collecting gift card donations for Christmas (which replaces the “Angel Tree” we have had in the past.) Those wishing to assist us are asked to purchase gift cards, preferably from local businesses. You can either drop them off at the Food Shelf located at:
 25 Main St W in Elgin (hours of operation are 10 am–5 pm on Wednesdays) or place in the collection basket or drop off box at the parish center in an envelope labeled “Food Shelf; Att. Jeannie”. If you would like further information, please call the Food Shelf at 507-876-0112. Your kindness towards those in need of a boost, is much appreciated. Thank–You!

St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man’s house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.



According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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*Congratulations on your Baptisms!
 Eloise & Aiden Meyer
 Baptized Sunday,
 November 27th, 2021
 Children of Jeremy &
 Megan Meyer*



Olde Fashioned Christmas

December will be here before you know it. With this comes the Christmas season and the Community Olde Fashioned Country Christmas Celebration, scheduled for December 3rd and December 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help with events that take place at the Plainview Area Community and Youth Center. We need people to help greet at the Festival of Trees, serving food or working at the gently used Christmas item sale. We appreciate any time that can be given as it helps make a big difference. Also volunteers are needed for set up on December 2nd . Please consider volunteering your time to help with this event by contacting Cindy Rettmann-chairperson for Festival of Trees and More at 507-534-3802. Thank You

All are invited to join us for the Rosary every Saturday at 4 pm at St. Joachim Church.



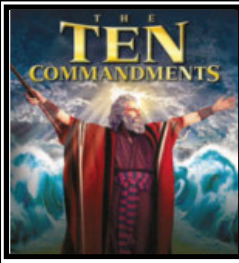
Doing Dorcas Works

Doing Dorcas Works needs used blankets in any size, pots and pans, along with small household items to furnish small apartments for those coming out of homelessness. We are also collecting laundry detergent pods and coffee for various places helping homeless folks. Drop-off is at 435 1st Ave SW in Plainview. Questions to Bonnie Meyer, 507-534-3436 or email to bonitarahman@gmail.com Thank you.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Child & Youth Faith Formation



4th Grade Families

There will be Learning Centers available for all our 4th grade children on Dec. 6-8th from 3:00-7:00pm in St Anne's Hall. Students should come with a parent or grandparent on a day/time that works for them and go through them together. They are self-directed and take about 1 hour. Learning Centers are a great way for kids to learn with their parents in a fun way outside of a classroom environment. I hope you enjoy them!



Communal Penance Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Joachim's on Sun., Dec. 12th at 3:30pm. *Confession liberates us from our sins and makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God and others!*

Visiting priests will be in attendance to assist Father Becker in hearing confessions. All are welcome! Our 2nd grade children will also receive their First Reconciliation on this date. Parents, please let me know if your child can't make it and we can schedule another time for them to receive their First Reconciliation.



Christmas Eve Mass

We are inviting children (K-6th grades) to participate in the Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass on Dec. 24th. We have costumes for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, 3 wise men and angels. We will have a brief practice after the 10:30 Sunday Mass on both 12/12 and 12/19. Please let me know if your child would like to participate. Thank you for encouraging your children and let's enter into this season of Advent with the excitement and wonder of a child!



Faith Formation Calendar 2021-2022

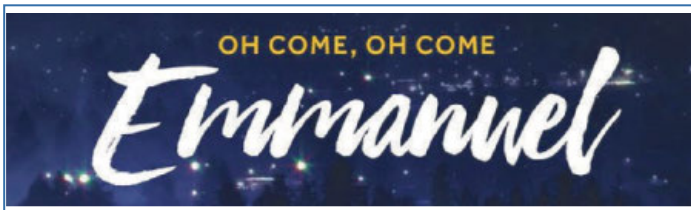
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ages 3 through 2nd grade ~ during Sunday 10:30 Mass
 Grades 1 ~ Tuesday 1:35-2:35pm
 Grades 2 & 3 ~ Wednesday 1:35-2:35pm
 Grades 4, 5 & 6 ~ Wednesday 8:00-9:00am
 Grades 7-10 ~ Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
 Growing Up Catholic (2nd grade families) ~ Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm

This calendar is subject to change 12/05/2021

Dec	Mon-Wed	6-8	4th Grade Learning Centers open from 3-7pm
	Tues	7	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	8	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	12	CLOW <i>First Reconciliation 3:30pm</i>
	Tues	14	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	15	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	19	No CLOW
	Tues/Wed	21/22	<i>Christmas break no classes</i>
	Sun	26	No CLOW
	Tues/Wed	28/29	<i>New Year's break no classes</i>

Jan.	Sun	2	CLOW
	Tues	4	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	5	Classes (Grade 2-10) <i>Growing Up Catholic</i> <i>10th Faith Sharing Groups</i>
	Sun	9	CLOW
	Mon-Wed	10-12	<i>Confirmation Learning Centers open from 3-7pm</i>
	Tue	11	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	12	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	16	CLOW
	Tues	18	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	19	Classes (Grade 2-9)
	Sun	23	CLOW
	Tues	25	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	26	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	30	CLOW

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