

# 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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**DECEMBER 12, 2021 (3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

## FROM FATHER BECKER

**Advent** has begun. Watch the bulletin for opportunities for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as we prepare for the Lord's coming. Our local penance service is this weekend.

On January 17, I transfer to a **new assignment** in Blooming Prairie. Thank you for a wonderful decade at St. Joachim and Immaculate Conception. We'll announce some farewell opportunities soon.

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 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)

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES With the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Sat. Jan. 1—Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

### EPIPHANY

January 1-2 (Usual Weekend Schedule)

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

## PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOACHIM CHURCH ADULT, OFFERTORY, CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF DECEMBER 5-6, 2021



Weekly Average to Date: \$4,384  
 Last Year's Comparison: \$4,342  
 Building Fund: \$175  
 Baby Bottle: \$874.72  
 Food Shelf: \$1,147.14

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

	Goal	% of Goal	Amount Received	Pledges Needed
St. Joachim	\$29,073	96%	\$27,743	\$1,255
Conception	\$ 5,388	70%	\$3,760	\$1,628

### Mass Readings for December 12, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)  
 Philippians 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:10-18

### RESPECT LIFE

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

### RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.



### DECEMBER 13-19, 2021 (PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Evie Brueske †  
 (St. Isidore Chapel)  
 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Roy Montgomery †  
 Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mary Schroeder †  
 Friday 8:30 a.m. Leo & Ina Deming †  
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Vince & Louise Leonard †  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Aidan Miller †  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m. For the Parishes

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM**  
December 18 & 19, 2021

**LECTORS:** 4:30 PM Trisha Iverson  
10:30 AM Nate Eversman

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Volunteers

**GREETERS:** 4:30 PM Deanna Sawyer  
10:30 AM Craig & Monica Ziebell

**ALTER SERVERS:** 4:30 PM Alexis Hansen & Eli Schneider  
10:30 PM Olivia Benike & Ruthie Hagen

**MUSIC:** 4:30 PM (Not filled)  
10:30 AM (Not filled)

**GIFT BEARERS:** 4:30 PM Darlene Goergen  
10:30 AM Norb & Rosemary Marx

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

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION**  
December 19, 2021

**LECTOR:** Monica Evers

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Fr/Deacons

**OFFERTORY:** Tom & Kay Miller family

**SACRISTAN:** Rita Young

**USHERS:** Philip Evers & Brady Evers

**ROSARY LEADER:** Maurie Young

**SNOW REMOVAL:** Garret Miller (12/16-12/31)

*Congratulations on your  
Baptisms!  
Katum Pries &  
Everlynn Valderrama  
Baptized Sunday,  
December 5th, 2021  
Children of Kean Pries  
& Amber Valderrama*



**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. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_



The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, December 20, in St. Anne's Hall. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 pm. Members are encouraged to bring a donation for the Food Shelf. Come celebrate the Christmas season!



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

The Eucharist is exposed for Adoration on Tuesdays from 5 am-10 pm & Wednesdays from 5 am -5 pm



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

**Bulletin Items**  
Items for the bulletin due by 12 noon on Tuesdays prior to the bulletin date to: Jeannie Speedling at [stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com)  
**Early deadlines:** Dec.19th: due 12/10, Dec. 26th: due 12/16, Jan 2: due 12/22/21

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

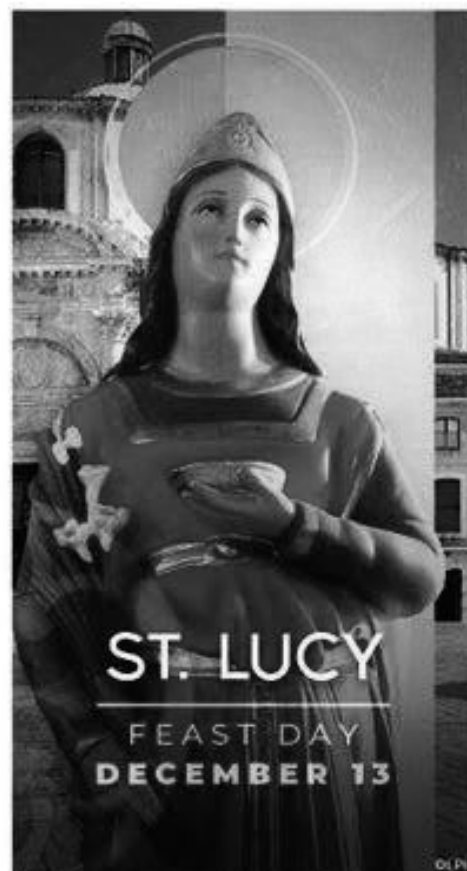
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 - 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

## Child & Youth Faith Formation



### Family Advent Activity

#### Advent Garland

Cut out 25 paper strips in various colors. On each strip, write someone or something you'd like to pray for. Staple or tape the strips as links into one long garland. Hang the garland as a decoration in your home or on your Christmas tree. Every day, have a family member remove one of the paper strips. Spend time in prayer together for the person or thing that is on the strip of paper. This activity helps kids to learn how to pray and it increases the virtue of compassion in them. This can be done anytime of the year! Our children want to pray... let us guide them and encourage them!



### Communal Penance Services

Our 2nd grade children will receive their First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 12th at 3:30pm. Parents, please consider going to confession yourselves too. Your witness is just as important as all our lessons.



### 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!



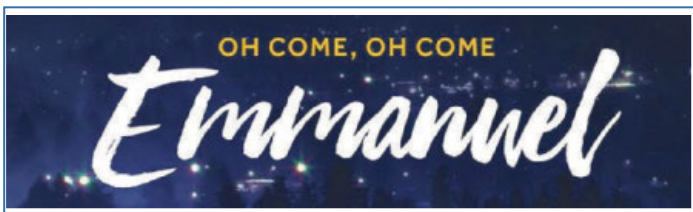
### Faith Formation Calendar 2021-2022

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade families) ~ Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm

*This calendar is subject to change 12/05/2021*

<b>Dec</b>	Sun	12	<b>First Reconciliation 3:30pm</b>
	Tues	14	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	15	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	19	No CLOW
	Tues/Wed	21/22	<b>Christmas break no classes</b>
	Sun	26	No CLOW
	Tues/Wed	28/29	<b>New Year's break no classes</b>

<b>Jan.</b>	Sun	2	CLOW
	Tues	4	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	5	Classes (Grade 2-10)
			<b>Growing Up Catholic</b>
			<b>10<sup>th</sup> Faith Sharing Groups</b>
	Sun	9	CLOW
	Mon-Wed	10-12	<b>Confirmation Learning Centers open from 3-7pm</b>
	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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