

# 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.



4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of Advent

*"And how dawn this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:41*

Reprinted from the Annunciation by Hans Gertzel, 1988, 1975 C.O.

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**DECEMBER 19, 2021 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

## FROM FATHER BECKER

The **Christmas Mass Schedule** is in today's bulletin. It's the same as the weekend schedule, with an additional Mass on Christmas Eve. In fact, I encourage you to attend that 8:00 pm Mass instead of the 4:30 pm Mass which is especially crowded. (Please note there is no 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday itself.) Thanks to all who will serve these liturgies in any way, and blessings as you celebrate the Lord's birth!

This **Advent**, watch the bulletin for opportunities for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as we prepare for the Lord's coming.

On January 17, I transfer to a **new assignment** in Blooming Prairie. Thank you for a wonderful decade at St. Joachim & 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.

### EXTRA CONFESSIONS AT ST. JOACHIM

(From the hour stated until all are heard)

Saturday, December 18th at 5:30 pm  
 Sunday, December 19th at 11:30 am  
 Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, December 22nd at 5:30 pm  
 Thursday, December 23rd at 12:30 pm

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

With the Sacrament of 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

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*



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 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

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

### EPIPHANY

January 1-2 (Usual Weekend Schedule)

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

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

### RESPECT LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



DECEMBER 20-26, 2021  
 (PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Arvid Johnson †  
 (St. Isidore Chapel)  
 Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Fred Heaser Jr. †  
 Thursday 12:05 p.m. David Weidendorf †  
 Friday 4:30 p.m. Ralph & Veronica McGrath †  
 8:00 p.m. Roy Montgomery †  
 Saturday 8:30 a.m. Greg Lewis, John, Bill, & Dan  
 Schouweiler (ICC) †  
 Saturday 10:30 a.m. Louis & Agnes Schmitz †  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Jean Pavelka †  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m. For the Parishes

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM**  
**December 24, 25 & 26 , 2021**

**LECTORS:** Fri-12/24-4:30 PM (Not Filled)  
Fri-12/24-8:00 PM (Not Filled)  
Sat-12/25-10:30 AM (Not Filled)  
Sun-12/26-10:30 AM Ben Jacobs

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Volunteers

**GREETERS:** Sunday, 12/26-10:30 AM  
(Lyle & Rita Powers)

**ALTER SERVERS:** Sunday, 12/26-10:30 AM  
(Lucy Schmidt & Kellan Hebert)

**MUSIC:** Friday, 12/24-4:30 PM (Klein Family)  
(Women's Combo)  
Friday, 12/24-8:00 PM (Jeff & Angela)  
Sat. 12/25-10:30 AM (Men's Chorale)  
Sun. 12/26-10:30 AM (Ken Eby)

**GIFT BEARERS:** Sun. 12/26-10:30 AM  
(Bill & Kathy Reiter)

**USHERS:** Sunday, 12/26-10:30 AM  
(Bruce & Isaac Rott)

**RETIREMENT FUND**  
**for RELIGIOUS**

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank-You for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



Mass Readings for December 19, 2021  
Micah 5:1-4a (12C)  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



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

**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. 26th: due 12/16, Jan 2: due 12/22



**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION**  
**December 25 & 26, 2021**

**LECTOR:** 12/25 Monica Evers  
12/26 Darrin Young

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Fr/Deacons

**OFFERTORY:** 12/25 Tom & Kay Miller family  
12/26 Jerry & Tammy Evers family

**SACRISTAN:** 12/25 Rita Young  
12/26 Bev Hall

**USHERS:** 12/25 Philip Evers & Brady Evers  
12/26 Bruce Hall & Jacob Breuer

**ROSARY LEADER:** Maurie Young

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



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility,



we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's

fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42*

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DECEMBER 19, 2021


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## Child & Youth Faith Formation



 I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! What a blessing this has been for me to serve all you all this year as Director of Faith Formation at St. Joachim! I want to thank you for all your support, encouragement and help. I am humbled by your generosity and kindness. May God Bless you all! Sharon

 **First Reconciliation**  
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders received their 1st Reconciliation on 12/12. Thank you to all the parents & grandparents who so faithfully attended the Growing-Up Catholic sessions to help prepare their children for this beautiful Sacrament. The children received a certificate and white heart which represents the clean heart they receive after going to Confession. What a precious gift it is to receive God's grace and mercy!

 **Christmas Eve Mass**  
We are inviting children (K-6th grades) to participate in the **Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass**. I have costumes for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, 3 wise men and angels. 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!

 **Winter weather Policy:** When school is 2 hours late, our morning Faith Formation classes are cancelled but the afternoon and evening classes will meet as usual. If school is cancelled, all Faith Formation classes are cancelled for the day too. There may be additional closings as well especially if surfaces are unsafe due to ice - in which case you will be notified by email.



**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 12/9/2021*

**Dec** Tues/Wed 21/22 **Christmas break no classes**  
Sun 26 **No CLOW**  
Tues/Wed 28/29 **New Year's break no classes**

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

**Feb.** Tues 1 **Classes (Grade 1)**  
Wed 2 **Classes (Grade 2-9)**  
**Growing Up Catholic**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Faith Sharing Groups**  
Sun 6 **CLOW**  
Tues 8 **Classes (Grade 1)**  
Wed 9 **Classes (Grade 2-10)**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation (Parents/students) 6-7pm**  
Sun 13 **CLOW**  
Mon-Wed 14-16 **5<sup>th</sup> & 6th Grade Learning Centers open from 3-7pm**  
Tues 15 **Classes (Grade 1)**  
Wed 16 **Classes (Grade 2-9)**  
Sun 20 **CLOW**  
Tues 22 **Classes (Grade 1)**  
Wed 23 **Classes (Grade 2-10)**  
Sun 27 **CLOW**

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