

# 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.



## PARISH OFFICE

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**JANUARY 9, 2022 (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)**

## FROM FATHER BECKER

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 have farewell receptions after Sunday Masses, at Conception (on Jan. 9) and at St. Joachim (on Jan. 16). I will pray for you and your wonderful new pastor, Father Tom Melvin! He transfers here on February 21. In the meantime we will be served by substitute priests for weekend Masses and funerals.

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. See the bulletin for our area opportunities to gather soon.

**FAREWELL RECEPTIONS**

To Honor Fr. Becker for his decade of service to our parishes & wishing him well in his new assignment in Blooming Prairie.

**Sunday, January 9, 9:15 am at Conception**  
Stop by for coffee, fellowship and an opportunity to say good-bye!

**Sunday, January 16, 11:15 am at St. Joachim in St. Anne's Hall**  
Please bring a favorite dish to share for the St. Joachim farewell along with your favorite memories .

*As of January 17th, Fr. 's new address will be:  
St. Columbanus Church  
114 E. Main St  
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917*

## Deacon Scott Schwalbe

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I want to thank you for the gifts, prayers and your faith; this first full year at St Joachim and Immaculate Conception has been a blessing and it is because of the faith community. May God Bless you and your families in 2022.  
Deacon Scott

## PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOACHIM CHURCH ADULT, OFFERTORY, CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF JANUARY 1-2, 2022



Weekly Average to Date: \$5,531  
Last Year's Comparison: \$4,480  
Budget Amount: \$4,779  
Building Fund: \$127  
Nyandehun African Church Collection: \$1871.30  
2022 Initial Offering: \$112

Catholic Ministries Appel 2021				
	Goal	% of Goal	Amount Received	Pledges Needed
St. Joachim	\$29,073	99%	\$28,691	\$382
Conception	\$ 5,388	70%	\$3,760	\$1,628

## NEW PASTOR

As of February 21, we welcome Monsignor Tom Melvin as our New pastor at St. Joachim and Immaculate Conception parishes. Father Tom currently serves several parishes in the Rushford area; he has also worked at the Diocesan offices, Seminary, and variety of other posts. He is originally from Rochester, where his mother still resides, and was ordained a priest in 2001. Several of his relatives belong to St. Joachim or the area. Along with priestly ministry, he enjoys the great outdoors, hunting, fishing, and caring for his dog, Lily. We look forward to welcoming him!  
Learn more at his bio page here:  
<https://www.stpetershokah.org/meetstaff>



Mass Intentions will be rescheduled if the mass is cancelled. Please call the parish center & ask for Jeannie to inquire about the rescheduled date. 507-534-3321 Thank you

## PMASS (PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS) JANUARY 10-16, 2022

Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Communion only (St. Isidore Chapel)
Wednesday	5:15 p.m.	No Mass
Thursday	12:05 p.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Harold & RoseMary Miller†
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	For the Parishes
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jean Pavelka †
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Maggie DeStazio †

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM**  
**January 15-16, 2022**

**LECTORS:** 4:30 PM Elizabeth  
10:30 AM Thea Leisen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Volunteers

**GREETERS:** 4:30 PM Sharon Schouweiler  
10:30 AM Mike & Ruth Hamilton

**ALTER SERVERS:** 4:30 PM (Not Filled)  
10:30 AM Olivia Benike  
Kellan Hebert

**MUSIC:** 4:30 PM Adult Choir  
10:30 AM Women's Choir

**GIFT BEARERS:** 4:30 PM Darlene Goergen  
10:30 AM Glenn & Linda Schmidt

**USHERS:** 4:30 PM Curt Appel & Pete Fox  
10:30 AM Matt & Marshall Simon

***Sunday Brunch***

The place to be for a delightful brunch on Sunday, January 23, is the Immaculate Conception Church hall. The Catholic Daughters will serve brunch after 8:30 am Mass. Proceeds will support our local Back Pack food ministry, Faith Formation programs, Food Shelf, vocations, and many other charitable projects. Thank you for attending and your donations!

**Catholic Daughters Plainview Court #497**

**The next meeting** is scheduled for January 17th at 6:30 pm in St. Anne's Hall.

**Coups for Troops**-donate manufacturers coupons in the collection box in the narthex to be used by military families.

**For more information** about the Catholic Daughters contact Rita Young at 507-534-3221

**The Knights of Columbus**

**Next meeting** will be on Thursday, January 13th at 7 pm in St. Anne's Hall.

**Pancake Breakfast:** January 23, 9am-noon

**For more information** on the Knights of Columbus, Please contact Steven Schouweiler, Grand Knight, at 507-251-1406 or [stevenschouweiler@gmail.com](mailto:stevenschouweiler@gmail.com)

**Food Shelf Announcement:**

Darlene Goergen has retired from the PEM food shelf and the new contact person is Carmen Dittrich. She can be reached at 507-951-8065. Address and hours remain the same. Please help us in welcoming Carmen and thanking Darlene for all of her time and years of service with the PEM food shelf.

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION**  
**January 16, 2022**

**LECTOR:** Karen Miller

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Fr/Deacons

**OFFERTORY:** Darrin & Heidi Young family

**SACRISTAN:** Liz Lehnertz

**USHERS:** Jerry Evers and Jacob Clark

**ROSARY LEADER:** Lori Wolf

**SNOW REMOVAL:** Philip Evers (1/1-1/14)  
Bill Stamschror (1/15-1/31)

Mass Readings for January 9, 2022  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C)  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-70  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

(Thinking of you Fr. Becker)  
**Always for Others**  
By Easter Almuena

You are the image and likeness of God  
But with you the morning awakens  
With the call to rise  
Not for you  
But always for others.

God handpicked you from a myriad of souls  
Molded you since you were a babe  
To prepare you for a journey  
Not for you  
But always for others.

God blessed you with wisdom  
To use to give form to his plans  
And love to carry them out  
Not for you  
But always for others.

Mary walks with you  
Guiding and loving you  
For to her you are a Christ  
Not for you  
But always for others.

You hold the Body of Christ  
Embrace his name and proclaim it  
And a father and counselor you have become  
Not for you  
But always for others.

God forever bless you  
Walk and carry you when your feet are weary  
Bring peace and joy to your heart  
For though your life is never for you  
It is Christ's and he delights in you.

**Bulletin Items**

Items for the bulletin due by 12 noon on Tuesdays prior to the bulletin date to: [Jeannie.Speedling@stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeannie.Speedling@stjoachimchurch@hotmail.com)

## I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely

from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## AT MY GRANDSON'S BAPTISM, THE PRIEST PUT A BIB ON THE BABY. I DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING THIS BEFORE. WHY IS THIS DONE? IS IT SOMETHING NEW?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically

presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply

placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.



JANUARY 9, 2022

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## Child & Youth Faith Formation



### 6-8th Graders:

Mark your calendars and sign up today for **Winter Chill**

This awesome event is happening on **Saturday evening, Jan., 29th** from 7pm-11pm at St. Pius Church in Rochester. A night of fun with music, games, adoration, service projects, prayer, food, inflatables, etc.! All 6-8th graders and friends are encouraged to attend! Cost is \$15 if you pre-register by January 22 or \$20 at the door. We'll carpool from St Joachim's over and back.

From left to right: Charly Meyer, Claire Graner, Isabelle Fenton, Frances Mumma, Elise Tentis, Elizabeth Holtegaard, Eleanor Janikowski, Owen Murphy, Alice & Nora Holtegaard, Alex Harrington, Reese Kronebusch, Parker & Teagan Olig & Parker Loechler.



**Father Becker,** Thank you for taking such good care of our two parishes these past 10 years. You have been a tremendous blessing to us! We will miss your presence among us... your unique stroll (like your dad's), your smile and laugh, your calm presence and your wonderful homilies. We will miss your goodness, wisdom and your example of living a simple Christ-centered life. You have nourished roots in us that by God's grace will continue to grow. May God bless you and bring you peace and joy in your new parish family.

### 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*



Jan.	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

*This calendar is subject to change 12/29/2021*

Please contact Sharon with any questions at 534-3321 ext. 13 or email at [stjoachimff@gmail.com](mailto:stjoachimff@gmail.com)

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