

# 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.

## WEEKEND & DAILY 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  
10:30 AM at St. Isidore Chapel  
Wednesday..8:15AM at St. Joachim  
Thursday... 8:30 AM at St. Joachim  
Friday..... 8:30 AM at St. Joachim

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. @ St. Joachim Church  
Sundays at 7:45 a.m. @ Immaculate Conception Church

## 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-8 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. 507-534-3321



*The Nativity of the Lord*

## PARISH OFFICE

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**DECEMBER 25TH, 2022 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD-CHRISTMAS)**

## FROM FATHER TOM

Brothers and Sisters,

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

I hope that each of you is experiencing the joy and peace of Jesus birth today. We see in the manger at Bethlehem the promise of God's love. I hope today you see the presence of God's love in your life. May the birth of Jesus Christ bring true joy, peace, and love to you.

Thank you for your warm Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts. Your generosity and kindness are much appreciated.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Tom

### CHRISTMAS & SOLEMNITY OF MARY SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOACHIM & ICC

#### CHRISTMAS:

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm at St. Joachim  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at St. Joachim

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 pm at St. Joachim  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am at St. Joachim



MASS  
INTENTIONS

DEC. 26– JAN. 1, 2022-23  
(PRIEST'S PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. David Deming †  
10:30 a.m. Elaine Stoning †  
(St. Isidore Chapel)  
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. Arvid Johnson †  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. Amber Hershey (Not Deceased)  
Friday 8:30 a.m. Arnold & Loretta Kohn †  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. For the Parishes †  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Philip Evers (Not Deceased)  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Milton & Nancy Marash †  
If there is no daily Mass,  
Fr. Tom will be taking care of the Mass Intention

### PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT-ST. JOACHIM OFFERTORY & CHURCH SUPPORT

December 10 & 11, 2022

Weekly Average to Date: \$5,090  
Budget Amount: \$5,043  
Building Fund for December: \$600  
Holy Days (December): \$495

### Respect Life

"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life  
Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life

### ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

#### Schedule change

Please NOTE: **NO** Rosary Rally on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 and New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1. We will resume our weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace on Sunday, January 8, 2023. These rallies continue to be held each **Sunday at 3pm** near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE**.

Contact: Janela Hubka at  
[daveandjanela@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090.

### Retirement Fund for Religious:

**Religious give thanks.** A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great Generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating.

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ST. JOACHIM**  
**December 31st & January 1st**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

4:00 PM Jeannie Speedling  
10:30 AM Pat Haley

**LECTORS:** 4:00 PM Trish Iverson  
10:30 AM Thea Leisen

**GREETERS:** 4:00 PM Deanna Sawyer & Rita Sveen  
10:30 AM Mike & Ruth Hamilton

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 4:00 PM Alexis Hansen  
10:30 AM William Schmidt &  
Ruthie Hagen

**MUSIC:** 4:00 PM R.E.S. Choir  
10:30 AM Ken Eby

**GIFT BEARERS:** 4:00 PM Theresa Schreiber family  
10:30 AM Bruce & Anna Rott

**USHERS:** 4:00 PM Don Dose & Steve Schouweiler  
10:30 AM Eric, Andrew & Ben Klein

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CONCEPTION**  
**January 1st, 2023**

**LECTOR:** Darrin Young

**OFFERTORY:** Rich and Janet Hall

**SACRISTAN:** Janet Hall

**USHERS:** Jerry Evers and Dick Schouweiler

**ROSARY LEADER:** Lori Wolf

**SNOW REMOVAL:** Jacob Meyer (1/1-1/16)

**Pastoral Council:** Social Gathering: Saturday,  
January 14th at 5:30 pm in St. Anne's Hall.  
Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 7 pm in the  
parish center.

**Finance Council:** Next meeting is 1/31/2023 at 6:45 pm  
in the parish center.

Meeting minutes are posted in the carport entrance.



**Catholic Daughters Plainview Court #497**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm

**Cinnamon Roll Sale:** January 14th & 15th

**CDA National Education Contest:**

2022-2023 Themes are "We walk by faith, not by sight"  
2 Corinthians: 5:7 OR "When do I have to lean on my  
faith more than sight?" Entry categories include: Art,  
Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music and/or  
Photography. For additional information, feel free to  
contact Jean Klavetter at 507-534-2807.

**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 Jean Klavetter 507-534-2807

**The Knights of Columbus**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 19th following the  
Mass for the "Feast of the Immaculate Conception"  
at 8 pm in St. Anne's Hall.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, January 15th (Fundraiser for  
the 2023 Mission Trip to Tennessee)

**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)

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Update from Nyendahun project forwarded from Fr. Becker: Jacob Marsnik's final post from Sierra Leone, regarding the church project. **Month 24 in Kailahun, Sierra Leone**

Follow on: <https://first-things.org/blog/2022/11/17/everything-is-normal>



**Sylvester at the nearly finished church**



**A Saving Send Off**

Endings tend to indicate new beginnings; like the seed that dies to create new life, veteran field workers must move on to enter the next phases of their lives. I was blessed to have taken part in this transition for my senior partner Jacob as he prepared to leave Kailahun, completing his tenure as a FTF Field Worker. To mark this event, I set out to organize a "going away" party so our local friends could have a chance to bid him farewell. The experience taught me a lot more than I bargained for.

Since [the original blog](#) I wrote on the Nyandehun Catholic Church project, thanks to the efforts of my uncle, Fr. William Becker, \$3,200 was raised by his family and members of his parishes. And I am happy to report, as of last month, the church is finished! Despite the rainy season and some wild prices on building materials and fuel, we can officially call this another project complete, and a huge thank you is due, on behalf of the Nyandehun congregation and First Things Foundation, to the parishioners of St. Joachim and Immaculate Conception parishes in Plainview and rural Kellogg, MN, and the members of the Becker family who made this all possible. And, after that [initial blog](#), apart from the aforementioned rainy season and price fluctuations, the church construction went along without a hitch. I just handed off the money for each installment to Mr. Galia and Alex and they went ahead and got the work done.

**Christmas Gifts- Q & A**

**Question:**

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**Answer:**

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

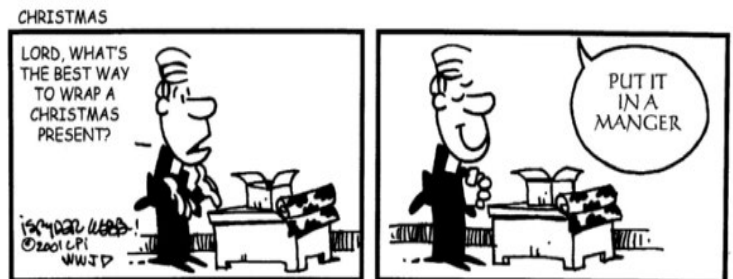
In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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**PUZZLE**  
Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:  
**Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.**

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**MISSION**  
You can praise God like the angels did.  
Go Christmas caroling together as a family.  
Sing all of your favorite songs together.



## Youth Faith Formation



### Faith Formation Return Dates.

We return to class on January 3rd & 4th. Enjoy your Christmas break!

### The Christmas Season

While some may be thankful that the hustle and bustle of planning family dinners and purchasing thoughtful gifts are over, the Christmas season does not end on December 25th. When does Christmas actually end? The Octave of Christmas begins Christmas Day on December 25th and extends until the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st. The liturgical Christmas season is situated after the Advent season and before the beginning of Ordinary time. It begins with the Christmas Eve vigil Masses and concludes with Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families

Our next Growing up Catholic session is Wed., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm in St Anne's Hall. Please bring your Children's bibles. We will begin our preparation for First Communion.

Merry Christmas!  
 God of faithful love,  
 we thank you for all your  
 gifts to us, especially for  
 the gift of Jesus,  
 your Son  
 and our brother.  
 Pour out your Spirit on us  
 to guide and strengthen us  
 as we walk your way

1st grader's Harper Borgus & Isaac Ortega



### 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*

**Dec.** Tues/Wed 27/28 *New Year's break -no classes*

<b>Feb.</b>	Wed	1	Classes (Grade 2-9) <i>Growing Up Catholic</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> Faith Sharing Groups
	Sun	5	CLOW
	Tues	7	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	8	Classes (Grade 2-10) 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation (Parents/students) 6-7pm
	Sun	12	CLOW
	Tues-Wed	14-15	<i>No Classes – Winter Break</i>
	Mon-Wed	20-22	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Centers open from 3-7pm
	Sun	19	CLOW
	Tues	21	Classes (Grade 1)

<b>Jan.</b>	Sun	1	CLOW
	Tues	3	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	4	Classes (Grade 2-9) <i>Growing Up Catholic</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> Faith Sharing Groups
	Sun	8	CLOW
	Mon-Wed	9-11	Confirmation Learning Centers 3-7pm
	Tue	10	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	11	Classes (Grade 2-9)
	Sun	15	CLOW
	Tues	17	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	18	Classes (Grade 2-9)
	Sun	22	CLOW
	Tues	24	Classes (Grade 1)
	Wed	25	Classes (Grade 2-10)
	Sun	29	CLOW
	Tues	31	Classes (Grade 1)

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