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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS Weekend Mass Schedule 5:00 pm Saturday 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: Word and Communion at 8:30 am Tuesdays: Mass at 6:30 pm Wednesday: Mass at 8:30 am 1st Thursday of the month: Mass at 6:30 pm Thursday: Mass at 8:30 am Friday: Mass at 8:30 am

Reconciliation

3:30-4:30 pm Saturday or by appointment

ROSARY

4th Sunday of the month before the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses and every Wednesday in the Historic Church after 8:30 am Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Wednesday after the 8:30 am Mass

until Benediction at 6:45 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Mon-Thurs 8:00-5:00

Friday 8:00-12:00 Closed December 27 and December 31

Daily Readings Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2,

Monday: 1 In 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/In 20:1a, 2-8

21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

[2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ©Liturgical Publications Inc

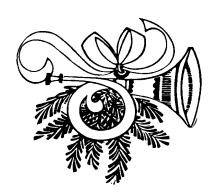
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Holiday Worship Schedule

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1, Mass at 5:00 pm Sunday, January 2, Mass at 8:30 & 10:00



From Fr. Mike's Desk

We owe much to Saint Francis of Assisi as he re-humanized Christianity by his acts of devoted love directed to both humans and the rest of the world. He is famous for his canticle of Brother Son and Sister Moon:

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun.

Who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,

In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,

by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.

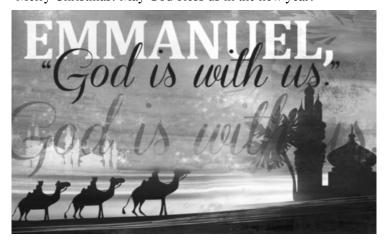
Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will. No second death can do them harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks, And serve Him with great humility.

In his connection to God's creation he also in 1224 instituted the first nativity or creche scene that we so cherish in these Christmas Holy Days. It was his hope (which I see fulfilled as parents bring their children to the creche) that those who looked upon it would be able to glimpse Christ himself in the representation of his birth.

Merry Christmas! May God bless us in the new year!



A Note from Our Parish Administrator

As we extend our gratitude and thanks to all of you this Christmas Season, we do so with much to be thankful for, even with the unique year we've just experienced. We welcome all our guests and extended family members to St. Joe's this weekend. Last year we were taking reservations for the limited slots we could offer you – this year we are incredibly fortunate to have vaccines, new medications, and ways to care for those who are sick. Prayers continue for our overworked healthcare workers and their families as they so selflessly serve their patients.

A year ago we talked about our plans for the Summer Festival 2021, as well as other Community Life gatherings – they happened! We prayed for our students, teachers and homebound who were feeling quite isolated and uncertain. We are back in school and able to visit those who are homebound! Whenever we asked for help with writing cards or putting together care packages or a few gifts for those who were struggling, you responded with overwhelming unconditional love. Teams helped prepare meals for Joe's Diner, Stepping Stone and Loaves & Fishes, going above and beyond what they had signed up for. Thank you!

We have a ways to go, and yes, we're all broken in one way or another, but much like the early followers of Baby Jesus thousands of years ago, we need to show up in order to experience the good news. We have a lot planned for St. Joe's and the greater community in 2022. Consider yourself invited, and please plan to show up.

Continued Blessings and Peace during the Christmas Season,

Amy Moore,

Parish Administrator

Mass in the Worship Space

At St. Joseph of the Lakes this Week		
Sunday, December 26		
Mass in the Worship Space	8:30 am	
Mass in the Worship Space	10:00 am	
Monday, December 27 Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday, December 28		
Martial Arts Class in Rooms 9 & 11	5:30 pm	
AA Meeting in Rooms 2 & 4	7:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 29		
Family Playtime in the Childcare Room	9:30 am	
Thursday, December 30		
Martial Arts Class in Rooms 9 & 11	5:30 pm	
Saturday, January 1		
Mass in the Worship Space	5:00 pm	
Sunday, January 2		
	After Masses	
Mass in the Worship Space	8:30 am	

10:00 am

STAFF CORNER

Merry Christmas! O what a magical time of year this is! Christmas-time speaks not only of God coming to earth, becoming human, and living among us, but of the dream of peace on earth and good will toward all people. Maybe you have felt that gentle nudge this season to be a little kinder, a little more patient, a little more generous. Perhaps you have answered the call to meditate on the peace of Christ – a peace that promises to comfort the hearts and minds of all men.

My prayer today is for the Lord's divine peace to become increasingly evident in our hearts, homes and in our Church – not only over Christmas but *always*. With so much uncertainty in the world, let us remember that His peace, a peace that transcends our limited understanding, is readily available for us to grab hold of any day at any hour: "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way" (2 Thess 3:16).

Friends, rejoice! Our beloved King, the Prince of all Peace, has indeed arrived!

Christmas Prayer

Almighty God and Father of light, a Child is born for us and a Son is given to us. Your eternal Word leaped down from Heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church is filled with wonder at the nearness of her God. Increase our faith so that we might know how to receive Jesus with peace and joy, doing always what He asks, and seeing Him in all those who are in need of our love. Open our hearts to receive His life and to increase our vision, strength and courage with the rising of the dawn, that our lives may always be filled with His glory and grace; He who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Meisha Johnson, Coordinator of Mission

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him!

Giving Appreciated Stock

For many of us, year-end giving is part of our seasonal routine. As we celebrate the holidays, we send gifts to our favorite people and donations to our favorite non-profits. We think the end of year is the best time to give to charity.

Many people grab their checkbooks when they want to support St. Joe's or their favorite causes. But it may be time to consider another way of giving. By donating appreciated assets, such as stock you've held for more than a year, you can grow your giving capacity.

Why give stock? Giving long-term appreciated stock is smart for three reasons: When the market is strong, the value of your gift is higher. Simply put, you have more to give.

You can give up to 30% more by avoiding capital gains tax on stock when you gift it to a charity or donor advised fund. This is especially beneficial when the stock has experienced significant growth.

You also receive an income tax deduction for the full value of the donation up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

Work with your tax advisor to determine further benefits.

When to give: We understand that the market doesn't perform according to calendar dates. For appreciated assets, the best time to give is when you feel they've appreciated enough and can maximize your charitable giving. There is no magic date, but if you have stocks that have appreciated, it may be a great time to be advantageous to both the donor and the benefiting charity vs a gift of cash.

St. Joseph of the Lakes works with a brokerage to accept stock gifts. Please contact Amy Moore at: AmyM@SaintJosephsParish.org or 651.784.3015 Ext 109 for information.

Please keep in mind that any gift must be allocated to St. Joe's by Friday, December 31, 2021 in order to be recorded on this year's giving statement.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27

8:30 am Word & Communion

Tuesday, December 28

6:30 pm All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 29 8:30 am Lavonne Uthe † Thursday, December 30

8:30 am Theresa Snoeyenbos †

Friday, December 31

8:30 am Edie Wiesenbeck †

Saturday, January 1

5:00 pm Tora Enestvedt †

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am LeMire Family



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Rosanne Glenda, Marlene Golden, Andrew Vargas, Baby Kenna, Gillian, Judy LeTendre, Fern Long, Ken Uthe, David Delgado, David Kirchberg, Jennifer Millsap, Joie (Frischmon) Toetschinger, Dawn Stenstrom, Dennis Cokley, Michelle Flaherty, Tom Olsen, Jim Frischmon, Wendy Nutter Young, Paul and Lorretta Toetschinger, Barb Mickelson, Bill Franzmeier, Dennis Albert, Leon Meuwissen, Christine Matushak, Lucia Maki, Lorraine Miller, Ray Serwe, Ron Sprague, and the many living with long term health challenges.

*Please note that due to many requests, names will remain on the prayer list for about three weeks from the time of the request and then reviewed again based on need.

KC's CALENDAR

- 12/20 Paul Rymarchick, \$10; 192
- 12/21 Henry Krump, Brausen Oil Change & Tire Rotation; 667
- 12/22 Tim Almen, \$10; 65
- 12/23 Kelly Gibbons, \$25 Olive Garden; 613
- 12/24 Mary Dengerud, \$25 Lenfer Auto; 203
- 12/25 Brian Lundequam, \$25 Chili Thai; 145
- 12/26 Stephen Koenigsmark, Discount Tire Rotation; 606

Pastoral Care Opportunities for 2022

The Church will come to You!

If you or a loved one is homebound (of any age) and would appreciate a visit please contact Barb Uschold Anderson, Director of Pastoral Care. This is a way for you to keep regular connection with your faith community when you can't come to church due to illness, age, or some other reason. Tell your family members this, so that they know to contact us!! We are ready to be of service, but we need to be made aware of your need. Contact Barb at 651.784.3015 or by email at: BarbUA@SaintJosephsParish.org.

Centering Prayer

Each Thursday at 7:00 pm Centering Prayer is offered via Zoom, an opportunity to "Be Still and Know that God is Here". Contact Michael to receive the Zoom link at his email: mpkassner@gmail.com.

Compassionate Care Listening Circle

Small group comes together once a month to reflect, listen, and share prayer and support. Focused on ritual, conversation, and reflection finding God in the face of life challenges of loss, grief, caregiving, transition and chronic illness. Contact Barb Uschold Anderson for additional information.

Vagabond Singers

We share the joy of music with our local Assisted Living and Care Centers. No prior singing experience required. Contact Barb Uschold Anderson 651.784.3015 for times and details.

Anointing Mass

Join us on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10:00 am for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Sacraments are meant to be celebrated within community, you are encouraged to attend this communal celebration and bring family and friends with you.

Charity & Justice

Thank You For Making Christmas Merry & Bright!

An ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who contributed to all of our Giving Trees this Christmas. There was a great need this year, but alongside the great need was a great response by all of you. You are helping shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring countless joy to ALL GOD"S CHILDREN NEAR AND FAR! I hope you can hear their grateful response.

Stepping Stone Emergency Housing

We have to give a shout out to our amazing Stepping Stone Emergency Housing meal crew! For over 5 weeks now Sue, Jim, Cathy and other volunteers have been cooking and packing up meals with great generosity. Amidst the bad jokes, ribbing, stories, and laughter they are doing a very important thing – feeding the hungry! Also, thank you to all who donate money to our Fund for the Poor. This is the fund that we use to purchase the food to make the meals that are so life-giving to those in need. Stepping Stone is the only adult emergency housing option serving the counties of Anoka, Carver, Washington, Scott and Dakota. Thank you for your joy this season!

Homebound Communion Ministers

Have you a heart for visiting a parishioner who is homebound or at care center to bring them Eucharist? Training and support provided to you. Be the presence of the Body of Christ for another. Thank you for being vaccinated and 'open' to wearing a mask to care for our most vulnerable. Contact Barb at parish office.

Daytime Lenten Reflection March 17, 2022 at 9:00 am

A Lenten reflection with the Saint Johns Bible, with prayer, Stations of the Cross, and lunch. Sign up with Barb Uschold Anderson by March 10! Freewill donation \$15-20 to cover materials & lunch.

Women's Lenten Reflection Day Saturday, March 26, 2022

Join us for a Lenten event from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm here at St. Joe's for women of any age! Morning refreshments & beverages provided. \$15 freewill donation. All must sign up by 3/21 to best prepare.

Growing Through Loss

A grief program with speakers and small groups scheduled to begin on April 21, 2022 at 6:45pm hosted by St John the Baptist in New Brighton. For grief support information, please contact Barb at parish office.

Summer Festival

As we reflect on 2021 we are filled with gratitude for all you did to make the Summer Festival a huge success. We can't wait to do it again in 2022! May the peace of Christ fill your heart and home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

St. Joe's Festival Committee

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