

We say Yes to God through Prayer, Worship & Service

DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Weekend Mass times: Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED."

-LUKE 1:45

PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Joining With Jesus to Build the Kingdom

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas this week, our Gospel for gray wall that had been the backdrop of that mysterious this Fourth Sunday of Advent is the story of the Visitation. In this story, Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who is also an expectant mother. She remains with her and helps her, and it's this beautiful scene of how our faith is active. Mary literally brings Jesus to Elizabeth and her unborn son John the Baptist who we are told leaps for joy in the womb of his mother. A good thing to think about is how, like Mary, we can be transformed by the Christmas event by thinking of Jesus' presence in our lives, and also of how like Mary we bring Jesus to one another.

Terese Hayden, a mom who's also a writer from Kentucky, I think is reflective of where a lot of people are at in terms of being very busy. She found her life was built around her full-time job, three kids, and her husband who worked the midnight shift. And she also found that life was getting her down. She reflected that "there had to be more to my life than paperwork, potty training, and ridiculous factory schedules." As she was so busy, she says she could not help this nagging sensation inside of her that was this thought that said to her "there's something else you should be doing." It refused to stop begging for attention.

As providence would have it, it was around the time she had this thought that she picked up her parish bulletin, and found that a retreat was offered for an upcoming weekend. So she decided to check this out, and signed up for it with the hopes that God might be able to answer the restlessness within her.

The retreat that weekend was held in a convent. She walked onto the grounds, and immediately felt a sense of peace, walking past the towering brick buildings and large oak tree that had a bouquet of branches that reached for the sky like hands lifted in charismatic prayer. Terese stopped under the tree, and she says the holiness encompassed her.

Not too long after this, she navigated her way to her room. Laying her suitcase on her bed and surveying her surroundings, she noticed there wasn't a ton of there to keep her busy or distract her. What she did find as a bed, a desk, a Bible and a dresser with a crucifix hanging on the wall. It seemed pretty bleak to her, and her initial line of thought was that perhaps simplicity and her would not be all that good of a match.

The first night, she crawled into bed and warmed herself in the blankets, trying to be warm. Initially the quiet of the convent made her feel uncomfortable, as she was pretty used to the noise around her at all times, but in spite of being a bit uneasy, she gave into her fatigue and quickly fell asleep.

That night though, she had an experience. She says she awoke, and looked up at the ceiling and saw a ghostly figure of a boy standing as tall as the ceiling. A thin band circled his head like a leather halo, holding his long, curly hair away from his face. His body was wet with sweat. His head tilted upward with an affectionate gaze aimed toward heaven. Teresa says that in the second it took her to open her eyes, she was infused with knowledge, a holy resume that introduced her to her spiritual intruder. In her words, "This is Jesus, the Carpenter's Son. He has been working long grueling hours helping his father build." It was then, she says, that she heard the words, not audibly, but inside of her that said, "it's hard work building the Kingdom."

Teresa sat up in bed and brushed her hand over the figure, but found that he was gone. Confused, she laid back down and tried to assimilate what had just happened. She stared at the dull

visitation, her heart pounding like a hammer, as she wondered "if that was Jesus, then why am I so afraid?"

What she realized was that much like the disciples, fearful of Jesus in the boat, what she had was a holy fear. Jesus had scared the devil out of his disciples, and was scaring her too in a good way. And so she laid back down to get some rest.

The next morning, she went to Mass with this encounter on her mind. As the Mass started, she was distracted by her thoughts, but prayed to herself, "Lord, was that really you last night?" When the time came for the homily, the priest paused slowly at the front of the church, and after the pause, began the homily "Jesus the Carpenter's Son. What a beautiful name for Jesus." Needless to say, Teresa was stunned. She felt as if God were trying to tell her something, feeling goose bumps about her. The phenomenon reoccurred in waves throughout the homily, not ending until the end of Mass. And as she drove home, thoughts of Jesus traveled with her on the drive. She was trying to understand why He would appear to her as the Carpenter's Son, but then it came to her. She asked herself what exactly does a carpenter do, which is to build things. And then, what does Jesus the Carpenter do? The answer is He builds not so much things, but rather that He builds lives.

So as soon as Teresa got home, she sat down at her computer and wrote about Jesus, the Carpenter's Son, the builder of lives. On a whim, she submitted what she had written to the editor of her diocesan newspaper. To her surprise, he liked what she wrote so much that he invited her to write a monthly column for the paper. But this was just the start of the call for her. A short time later, she was asked to be a cantor and music minister at her church. Once again, she heard the call and started to sing. One thing led to another and suddenly she had plenty to do; the floodgates opened & she found herself just going with the flow.

That retreat for Teresa was more than 30 years ago, and what she's found is that not one day has gone by since then where she has been idle. She always finds something worthwhile to do for the Lord, be it writing, singing, visiting nursing homes, or teaching the catechism to her grandkids. There are times when she wants to quit, but in those moments, she says, she wipes the sweat from her brow and remembers that Jesus once told her that it's hard work building the Kingdom of God.

For us to build, we first need the tools. And this is why the contemplative part of our lives means so much. In our busy lives, we need time to encounter God; to listen to Christ; to spend time in prayer or silence. Trying to incorporate this into our lives each day will give us both the "work order" and the tools we need to go about building God's kingdom. The "work order" could be trying something new; looking at how we parent or where we volunteer; or looking at being more involved in the parish. God is always inviting us to do different things at different moments in our lives; our job is to listen to Him.

We then go about the mission. Mary felt called to go and visit her cousin, and this would have been a difficult journey, and there was plenty of work to do. As Teresa found too, she was busy after that retreat, but it was a good kind of busy. In the plans that God gives us, we may find there's a lot of work to do, but it makes such a difference. From volunteering to the actions Padre Paul's Pondering continued on page 4

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving: December 11-12, 2021



	Envelope Offering	\$9,18400
8	Plate	
	Automatic Online Giving	\$2,907.80
1	Total	\$13,478.47

Capital Campaign.....\$3,169.78

Convenient & Consistent ways to help St. Joe's grow...

***QRC** (Quick Response Code)

to St. Joseph Giving Site: With your smart phone use your camera app to scan the QRC. Then follow the instructions.



*Or TEXT the amount to: 651-419-5719 which will respond with a text message

I from Vanco eservicepayments (our credit card provider), I click on the link and follow the instructions.

*AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING :

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. Go to the Parish Website

www.stjosephcommunity.org & click on the "GIVE" Button, or call the Parish Office at 651-423-4402.



Religious give thanks.

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 to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

ST. JOSEPH'S STAFF & INFO

Sacramental Care

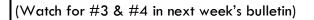
Pastor	Fr. Paul Kammen	651-313-8466		
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Director	Randy Haney	651-313-8468		
Admin Asst: Reception	Ann Brown	651-313-8460		
Admin: Communications	Bobbi Neuens	651-313-8470		
Bookkeeper/HR	Jane Schmitz	651-313-8467		
Facilities Maintenance	Pat Archer	651-313-8488		
Lifelong Faith Formatio	n			
Director	Kayla Rooney	651-313-8464		
Youth Coordinator	Gabriel Leahy	651-313-8591		
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Worship				
Director	Bill Bradley	651-313-8469		
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Parish Council Chair	Jon Guden	952-322-0223		
Additional Info				
Parish Office: Hrs. (M–F) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 651-423-4402				
School Office 651-423-1658 To send an email to a St Joseph staff member, use the				
following format: <i>first name.last name@stjosephcommunity.org</i>				
Parish Website www.stjosephcommunity.org Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church & School				
Facebook: St. Jos	seph Catholic Church & Rosemount Minnesota			
Media Page: https://	www.stjosephcommun			

Four Ways to Maximize Your End of Year Giving Continued...

Through the next few weeks we will share information from a CPA on Four Tips you can use to maximize your investment with a donor advised fund.

#2 Deduct against a single, large income event.

Several events can lead to a one-time high-income year, such as the sale of a business, exercising stock options, or receiving a large commission or year-end bonus. If you know you want to use a portion of the proceeds for charitable purposes but don't want to do it all immediately, a donor advised fund is a great tool. It allows you to take an immediate tax deduction during your high-income year and direct your donations to specific organizations in future years.



LITURGY & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	20	8:30	†	Dick Trudell
Tues	21	8:30		Word & Communion Service
Wed	22	8:30		Word & Communion Service
Thurs	23	8:30	†	Loren Hanson
Fri	24	4pm		James Longo
Fri	24	6pm	†	Leonard, Eleanor, & Francis Kasper
Fri	24	10pm		St. Joseph Parish Community
Sat	25	8:30	†	Matt Wallace
Sat	25	10:30	†	Ray Genzler
Sun	26	8:30	†	Helen Kane
Sun	26	10:30	†	Richard & Theresa Klatt & the Blind

READINGS

For the Week of December 19

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
	Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	ls 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and
	10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
	11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
	8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
	14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: Morning	: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
	27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil:	ls 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night:	ls 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
	[Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	ls 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
	Lk 2:15-20
Day:	ls 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
	Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next 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, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5

VOCATION VIEW

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will O God?" Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.



Padre Paul's Pondering continued from page 2

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Have a great week as you prepare for Christmas with you and your loved ones, but, as you do, never forget what a great gift the world has been given in you. Your life means so much; that's why you are here. And when you do acts of love for this world for others, like Mary, what a difference you make in bringing people closer to God through the gift of love.

God bless and Merry Christmas,

Fr. Paul

SACRAMENTS



Please pray for the following couple who will enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony soon:

Nichole Lass & Matthew Sailer December 31, 2021

The Card Ministry wishes to help express the caring thoughts and prayers of St. Joseph's parish family by sending a note-card of greeting. Its purpose is to convey the love, hope and grace found in Jesus Christ to those who are facing difficult times such as: grieving the loss of



a loved one, health issues, homebound or in long-term care facilities, loneliness, and other challenges in their lives.

--YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED-

If you know of any parishioner who you believe would benefit from this note-card service, please drop off the name and address (if possible) at the front desk in the parish office. You may also submit names electronically on our parish website at:

https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/theres-a-place-foryou-here/outreach/

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 4p-8:30p

Adoration is available during the following Faith Formation Nights: December 22 January 19 & 26 All Are Welcome!





SAVE THE DATE PARISH RETREAT with Pat Millea January 12, 13 & 14, 2022 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

"No Ordinary Retreat" ~ Join us for a winter Parish Retreat as Pat Millea walks us through a 3-night "No Ordinary Retreat." As we launch into the new year as well as head into the Liturgical Ordinary time season – let us all look at how we can turn simple ordinary, day-to-day, aspects of life extra-ordinary and faith filled. Join us for 1 night or all 3! https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/special-event/patmillea/

ARCHDIOCESE INFO



Pope Francis Names Rev. Joseph Williams Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop-elect Williams is currently the pastor of the Church of Saint Stephen

and the Church of the Holy Rosary, both in Minneapolis. Father Williams also serves as Vicar for Latino Ministry for the Archdiocese.

WELCOME

Are you new to the Parish?

We would be honored to have you join St. Joseph's Community! New Member Registration forms are now available in the parish office during business hours. Registration



is required when it comes time for you or your family to participate in the sacraments, including baptism, first communion, first reconciliation, confirmation, and marriage. In addition, you'll be added to our database so that you can receive communications on news, events, and activities happening at St. Joseph. Thank you for taking the time to register and welcome to our parish family! Please contact the parish office at 651-423-4402 for additional information. **Welcome to our faith community!**

PASTORAL CARE

Would you or someone you know like a home visit, communion or an anointing? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 651-423-4402. **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month after the 10:30am mass. (please note that there can be fluctuations in this schedule depending on other liturgical needs). Parents are required to have completed the Baptism Preparation class which is offered the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. For more information please call the parish office at 651-423-4402.

RECONCILIATION

Individual reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal celebrations and Individual celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGE

All couples anticipating Christian marriage should contact the Parish Office at (651) 423-4402 at least 6 months prior to a wedding date being set.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK This Sacrament may be received by any Catholic who is seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery, or in poor health. Please call the Parish Office, (651) 423-4402 if this sacrament is needed. PRAYER CHAIN To place a prayer request call Pat at 651-452-7689 or email

plawler321@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sunday School for ages 3, 4, and 5 is held during the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses. Faith Formation for Grades 1-12 along with Sacramental Preparation.

Call (651) 423-4402 for more information. **ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL**

St. Joseph School provides a God-centered, supportive academic environment for students, Grades PreK-8. Contact Kelly Roche, Principal at (651) 423-1658 for more information. DAILY ROSARY

The rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) starting 35 minutes before the scheduled Mass time-except on First Friday when the rosary is prayed at the start of Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to join us as we pray for the needs of the Church and community. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Mondays. All bulletin announcements should be sent to **bulletin@stjosephcommunity.org** and **appropriate staff personnel** for approval before they will be included in the bulletin.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 20

8:30 am	Mass, Church
4:30 pm	Divine Mercy, Rm 115
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts, Rm 115
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus, SH A

Tuesday, December 21

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Wednesday, December 22

8:30 am	Word & Communion Service, Church
4:00 pm	FF Adoration, Church
4:15 pm	FF Elementary
4:15 pm	CGS Level 2, Rm 102
5:30 pm	FF Elementary
6:00 pm	CGS Level 2 & 3, Rm 102
7:00 pm	FF Middle & High School

Thursday, December 23

8:30 am Mass, Church6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass, Church (Livestream) 6:00 pm Mass, Church 10:00 pm Mass, Church

Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass, Church 10:30 am Mass, Church

Sunday, December 26

7:00 am	Mass, Church
8:30 am	Mass, Church
9:30 am	RCIA, Rm 115
10:30 am	Mass, Church



PARISH LIFE EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus are giving St. Joseph's families the opportunity to read and meditate how inspirationally and beautifully Jesus can become the center of their lives! To help deepen your relationship with Christ, The KC's have an early Christmas gift for parishioners. After any Mass over the weekend of **December 18-19**, please visit the table with its many books on it located in the gathering space.



Choose one of two books as your gift: 1) Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly or 2) daily devotionals by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be available for each family to take home.

A big thank you to the KC's for their generosity this Christmas!

CHRISTMAS/HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Christmas Masses -

Friday- Dec 24th - 4:00 pm (Livestream) Friday- Dec 24th - 6:00 pm Friday- Dec 24th - 10:00 pm (No morning Mass on Christmas Eve Day) Saturday - Dec 25th - 8:30 am Saturday - Dec 25th - 10:30 am (No Saturday Night Mass)

Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) Saturday- Jan 1st - 8:30 am **Epiphany of the Lord** Saturday- Jan 1st - 5:00 pm (Both Sunday Dec 26 & Jan 2 Masses as usual; 7am, 8:30am & 10:30am)



Parish Office Will Be Closed

December 24th & 27th and January 3, 2022





PRAYER CHAIN

Do you or someone you know need prayers? Remember, we have a very active and successful prayer chain going right here at St. Joseph's . No matter how small or how serious the request, we are glad to add your request to our daily prayers.

Everyone needs special help at some time in their lives, especially during this uncertain time in our world. Requests are anonymous unless you decide otherwise.

Call Pat at 651-452-7689 or email me at **plawler321@gmail.com**

IF you would like to join our prayer chain please let me know!!!

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ART EXHIBIT ~ We are delighted to announce that St. Joseph school students will have artwork on display at the Robert Trail Library in Rosemount! The student artwork will be featured from Dec. 4-Dec. 31. Please stop by the library to view it! The Rosemount Area Arts Council and Friends of the Robert Trail Library sponsor this wonderful project which honors students.





Our grand total for the 2021 Give to the Max Day is \$28,054!! Our goal was \$20,000 Thank you St. Joseph Community for your support!



PARISH INFORMATION



Thank You

The Knights of Columbus at St Joseph Church would like to thank all those who supported, volunteered and

attended the Archer Family Pancake Breakfast. The Knights provided the free breakfast and because of your generous donations, the Archer Family received \$8510 from the benefit.

Thank You!

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

St. Joseph Church is looking for an experienced facilities maintenance supervisor who will keep the facilities HVAC, security systems, grounds, and cemeteries in proper condition and appearance to best serve the parish and school communities. Must have a first-class boilers license. This is a key position that requires a dedicated individual with a demonstrated ability to serve in this ministry.

A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE !!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE, THE BAKERS, SHOPPERS, AND VOLUNTEERS. WE RAISED OVER \$1500 TO BENEFIT OUR INTERNATIONAL ADULT MISSION TEAM EFFORTS.



Merry Christmas

Part-Time Building Monitor & Custodian Wanted

St. Joseph Community has an opening for a part-time building monitor & custodian. Responsibilities include: setting up and taking down tables, light janitorial work and monitoring the building security. This position will also be available to fill in with a few hours to days notice. The shifts being covered are week nights and weekends. If interested, please pick up an application at the Parish Office.

*For Job Descriptions use this link: https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/about/job-opportunities/ **To apply, submit a resume and cover letter of intent to Ann.Brown@StJosephCommunity.org.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

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