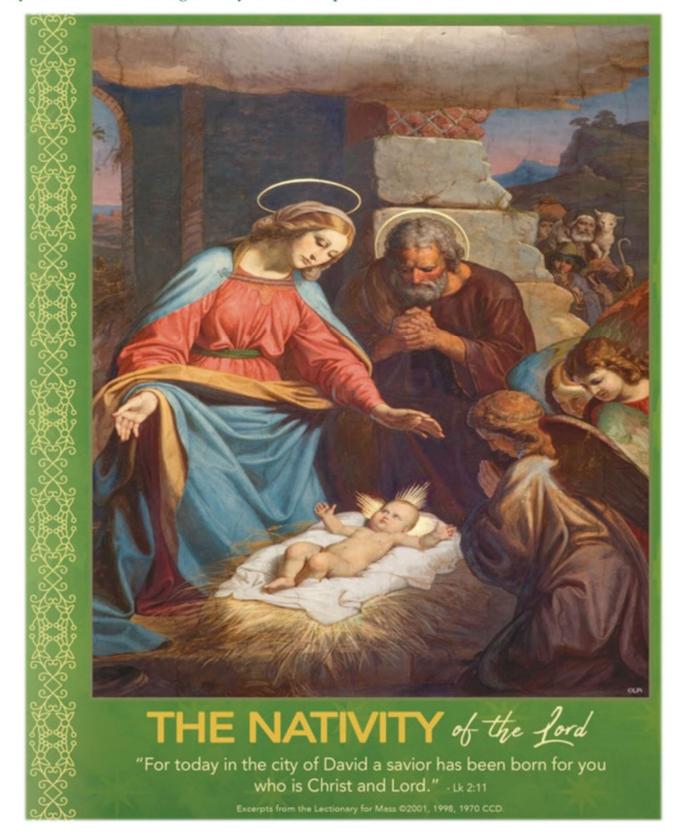


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PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Family is One of Our Greatest Gifts

Over the years, I've gotten some memorable gifts at Christmas. Some of the "coolest" as I look back include a sixband radio I got one year from Radio Shack, on which I could pull in out of town baseball games and short wave radio; and the original Nintendo video game system which allowed me to upgrade from the Atari. Both provided a lot of fun. But nothing compares to the gift of family. Especially during the height of the pandemic and coming off last Christmas which admittedly wasn't all that great as it missed the typical family get together, what I appreciate most is truly the gift that keeps on giving - that of a great family I've been blessed with.

A few years back, I read an article about the Martin family from Alberta that had a most challenging Christmas to say the least.

That Christmas, Terry Martin's family from Edmonton, Alberta, had a hard time figuring out what to give one another for Christmas. That's because they really have all they need, which is one another.

In an article that ran on their family, it was discussed how Jacquie, Terry's wife, was diagnosed with a brain tumor, just before his daughter, Natasha, was injured in a car crash and needed emergency surgery. As if this isn't enough, his son, Jesse, a 22-year old senior who plays hockey for the University of Denver Pioneers, was hurt in an October game against the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux (this was prior to the name change), and carried off the ice on a stretcher with a spinal cord injury. Just three days after getting home from visiting Jesse, who had come down to Minnesota for treatment, Terry himself had a heart attack.

In looking at their year, Terry said that they were all having some problems buying Christmas gifts. In his words, "I mean, really, what material things could we give or receive that could provide greater happiness than what we are experiencing by simply being together?" What they've found is the gift of family is what matters most. Jesse, who's recovering, points out that "Like every family, we have had our ups and downs, but the common thread has been that we never forget that we are there for each other no matter what, and we are always able to lean on each other for support. And this support goes beyond the immediate family.

Natasha stayed in Edmonton to help care for her grandmother while Jesse was in Minnesota. And then there has been the hockey family, who have done what they can to help out the family. Jesse says that he has always loved Christmas, "but now you don't take it for granted – you cherish the time with your friends and family that much more." And what they've seen is through the tragedies that hit them in that year, each of the four members of that family did what they needed to do. "Somehow, and really without being aware of it, we all seem to offer or derive inspiration when it really matters, each of us

sort of taking turns being 'the rock' for the family," says Terry. Andbecause of that, they were able to celebrate Christmas and get through the difficulties, celebrating the gift that they have learned really matters most, which is each other. Families are an incredible gift, and admittedly they can sometimes drive us up the wall. We fight with one another when we are growing up and then when we grow up. We use passive-aggressive behavior at times, or hold grudges. We argue about the silliest of things, and then are the best of friends again later in the day. But the family is where we learn so much, about life and faith – and that's why it's so important to celebrate.

This Sunday after Christmas (coming just the day after Christmas this year), we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We have very little recorded about the 30 years that Jesus spent with His family other than it being recorded that Jesus as a pre-teen left Mary and Joseph briefly to be in the Temple where He instructed the rabbis and scribes, telling them He had to be in the House of His Father. After this, we are told that Jesus returned home with Mary and Joseph and was obedient to them, growing in wisdom before God and man.

One can't help but wonder though all that happened in those years that were not written down. How much Jesus must have learned from seeing the loving marriage between Joseph and Mary. How they passed on the faith to Him further by bringing Him to the Temple. And of the many moments of love that happened in the family.

We are told in the Second Reading today: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." It's a great blueprint for what we should do in our families. But sometimes, our families can be easy to take for granted.

As you continue your celebration of the Christmas Season, and hopefully have a quiet New Year's week that is less stressful and as you find yourself continuing to be with friends and family, my hope is that you take a moment to realize what Terry did: that for all the great gifts you gave to one another and put under a tree, no greater gift could you give than the gift of one another. Looking at the New Year, try to put that into practice daily. In the busyness of work and school, try to make time for a family dinner so you do not just get status updates on Facebook about one another's day, but have face-to-face communication. Listen to the words of Paul and put on compassion, patience and forgiveness rather than escalating an argument with a sibling, spouse or parent. Give one another the gift of time. Cherish the moments that you spend

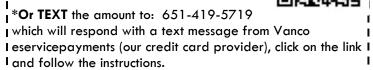
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Four Ways to Maximize Your End of Year Giving Continued...

This is the last 2 pieces of information from a CPA on Four Tips you can use to maximize your investment with a donor advised fund.

#3 Overfund during your high-income years.

During your higher-income working years, you can overfund your account by making contributions to the fund that are larger than the amount you grant to organizations. Then, during retirement, you have a pool of funds available to continue supporting organizations that are important to you. All along, your investments in the fund continue to grow tax-free.

#4 Save on capital gains taxes.

Funding your donor advised fund with appreciated assets, like real estate or stock, can provide a tax benefit by saving capital gains taxes that would normally result from the sale of those appreciated assets.

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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: first name.last name@stjosephcommunity.org

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LITURGY & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	2/	8:30 † James Malloy	
Tues	28	8:30 Word & Communion Service	
Wed	29	8:30 Word & Communion Service	
Thurs	30	:30 † Robert G. Sturm	
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Fri 31 8:30 † Eleanor Madden

Sat 1 8:30 † Mark Holton

Sat 1 5pm † Wil & Clara Boatwright
Sun 2 7am St. Joseph Parish Community

Sun 2 8:30 † Marion O'Brien **Sun** 2 10:30 † Donald Brown

READINGS

For the Week of December 26

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 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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

VOCATION VIEW

Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.



Padre Paul's Pondering continued from page 2

together. Be there for one another by recognizing when someone may have had a bad day or needs you to be more present to them. Pray for one another or as a family each night.

After our liturgies, I'll be heading to my sister and brother in law's where I'll get to see my nephew and parents. I'll probably join my mom and dad later in the week too for a New Year's dinner. No there won't be a six-band radio this year, and I'm not looking for a new video game system. I have gotten some nice gifts over the years, but nothing tops the gift of having the great family God has blessed me with. Make sure to spend

some time with yours not just over the Christmas turkey, but throughout the year by never taking them for granted. Yes, they can drive us crazy at times, but they also do so much to help bring us closer to God - so let's strive to do that for one another every day of our lives.

God's blessings to you and your family, 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

INFORMATION

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:

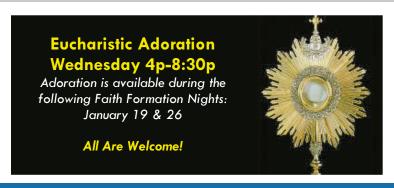
https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/theres-a-place-foryou-here/outreach/

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION

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 27

8:30 am Mass, Church

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church

9:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Rm 115

6:30 pm HS Core Team, SH A

Wednesday, December 29

Word & Communion Service, Church

Thursday, December 30

8:30 am Mass, Church

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm 115 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church

Friday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

8:30 am Mass, Church 9:00 am Cursillo, Rm 115 4:00 pm Wedding, Church

Saturday, January 1, 2022 ~ New Year's Day

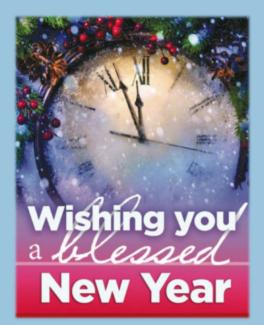
8:30 am Mass ~ Solemnity of Mary, Church

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church

5:00 pm Mass, Church

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Mass, Church 8:30 am Mass, Church 9:30 am RCIA, Rm 115 10:30 am Mass, Church 11:30 am Baptisms, Church



PARISH LIFE EVENTS

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

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 - 5pm

(Sunday Jan 2 Masses as usual; 7am, 8:30am & 10:30am)





Parish Office Will Be Closed

December 27th and January 3, 2022



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 a Christmas gift for parishioners. 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!

CAP AGENCY Food Collection

January 8-9, 2022

ITEMS MOST IN MOST NEED:

1. Instant Oatmeal Packets

2. Peanut Butter and Jelly (grape or strawberry)

3. Cold Cereal 4. Macaroni & Cheese

5. Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, etc.

6. Laundry Soap 7. Toilet Tissue

On behalf of the CAP Agency and those we serve; we extend a deep heartfelt thank you for your generosity. Your donations to the emergency food shelf are more appreciated than words can convey. Because of you, the donation for the month of December weighed 688 pounds and will assist so many in meeting basic needs. Thank you and God Bless.



ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL







From St. Joseph 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.



PARISH THANK YOU'S & JOB POSTINGS



GIVING TREE

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to make Christmas brighter for more than 30

families. We were also able to provide help to Alliance Education Center, Pregnancy Choices, & Lewis House.

Merry Christmas and God Bless!

THANK YOU!

This year is the first year for Deacon Paul David Brown of Fr. Hopps former parish.



everything went very good, all the parishes were there to pick up their gifts and they brought a lot of help. "We furnish 5 parishes and we cover 12 different counties in east Kentucky. This is such a blessing to so many people." Deacon Paul will express to all how many from Minnesota donate to this beautiful Mission.

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.

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:

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