

Welcome to The Church of St. Dominic



Parish Office: 507-645-8816 216 Spring St. N.
Sunday Masses: 5:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 2:00 PM (Misa)
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December 27, 2020

WITH A FATHER'S HEART

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. December 8th our archdiocese and worldwide Church began a year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Church is urging us to “go to Joseph.” When the Church declares a year devoted to a particular saint or mystery of our faith God honors it as Jesus Himself has said: “Whoever listens to you listens to me” (Luke 10:16).

Pope Francis proclaimed this year in honor of St. Joseph in his December 8th Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*. I am going to periodically publish bite-size pieces of the letter in our bulletin throughout the upcoming year.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda writes, “On that date [December 8, 2020], the Church Universal will be marking the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Our hope is that the Year of Saint Joseph will be a source of renewal in our local Church, most especially as we continue our preparations for the Synod of 2022.”

Our Archbishop and Pope each encourage us to ask one thing from St. Joseph throughout this year

- “...that the Year of Saint Joseph will be a source of renewal in our local Church, most especially as we continue our preparations for the Synod of 2022” (Archbishop Hebda).
- “We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion” (Pope Francis).

How powerful it would be if each of us/each of our families at St. Dominic and Annunciation would pray for these two intentions. As we enter into this year of grace let us commend to Joseph these intentions as we offer the prayer which Pope Francis includes at the end of his Apostolic Letter.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Yours in Jesus, Mary & Joseph,
Fr. Gregory



Mary, Mother of God—January 1

The Solemnity of Mother Mary of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be December 31st at 5pm and 8pm(Misa), and January 1st at 9am.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A healthy marriage is so important to the family unit. These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the January 9-10 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Message of Thanks

The Thanksgiving event with St. Dominic's Church has had a resilience of hope that has burned strong and bright even when all other lights go out.

Through prayer and reflection, I've focused on the imagery of the night. 260+ cars lined up from Greenvale to Emmaus or St. Olaf. The church coming together to stand in solidarity with our community through CAC as a response of abundance in the face of such need is the real source of light, of hope, and joy. It's accepting the challenges and the solutions in one image. Yes, a line of cars is a stark backdrop. So is Calvary. The hope and joy comes in the love pouring out as a response to such darkness. I find hope in the cross. And I find hope in the Church's and community's response to the 'line of cars'.

What a humbling experience to see such abundance and generosity in the face of a global pandemic. What an honor it is to walk alongside our community and St. Dominic's. We get to experience grace firsthand. This grace is an everlasting hope that has filled me with gratitude that shines all the brighter.

Thank you, St. Dominic parishioners, for your generosity during these challenging times. It shall not be forgotten.

Regards,
Scott Wopata
Executive Director
Community Action Center

YEAR END REMINDER

The Parish Office will be closing the Sacrificial Giving accounting records for 2020 on Thursday, December 31. All intentions/contributions to the Parish intended for credit on you "2020 Statement of Contributions" should be at the Parish Office no later than 4pm on December 31st. Please contact Shari at the Parish Office with any questions.



Faith Formation News

We will return to Faith Formation online classes on January 20, 2021 for Elementary and Middle School Students.

Confirmation Students, please check your Confirmation calendar for Year 1 and Year 2 online meeting dates/times.

All Parishioners, Parents and Teachers please mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 13 at 6pm for St. Dominic online presentation with the dynamic Joe Roueche. Joe has worked with NET Ministries and parish ministry for many years. He'll speak on drawing strength from God in ordinary living. His "down home wisdom" inspires! Please go on this link to attend: meet.google.com/sji-xkqh-gzz

Coming this January!

(St. Dominic Bible Study & Prayer Group)

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

Source: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>
Video: <https://youtu.be/VLkfaapmdI>

Connect with St. Dominic Church parishioners on this study twice a month. Contact the office for sign up. All are welcome!

St. Dominic School Corner



Mrs. Lori Beumer is our 6th grade teacher. Lori grew up in Lonsdale attending LNMV Area Catholic School. She and her husband Chad have lived in Northfield for the past 23 years with their sons Ross and Joshua. In her free time, Lori likes to read, spend time with her family, and go for walks and play with her dogs.

This is her 20th year teaching at St. Dominic School! In that time, she has taught in 3rd-8th grades. She has a BA in Elementary Education from MSU Mankato and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of St. Thomas with a certificate in Reading Instruction. She loves teaching at St. Dominic School because she feels we truly are a family here. She loves getting to know her students and their families in order to partner with parents in their child's education.

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

A Reading from the Book of Colossians

Brothers and sisters: 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. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples ,a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer Requests

*Please pray for Betty Fritz Sticha and all those on the St. Dominic Prayer List.
The prayer list will be reset in January. If you wish to keep a name or add a name, please contact the Parish Office.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.



NEXT WEEK IS THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

*"We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."*

Matthew 2:2

Readings for the week of January 3, 2020
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

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Mary, Mother of God

Feast Day Mass Times

December 31 ~ 5p.m. and 8:00p.m. (Misa)
January 1 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Sign Up for Updates Today!

Our parish uses Flocknote—a communication tool that can keep everyone informed. Receive parish updates and faith-filled videos right to your email or smartphone! Public groups include weekly scripture preview, Parish updates, and weekly Word on Fire content from Bishop Barron.

No need to wait—*add yourself today* and start receiving news. If you already were on any mailing lists but seem to be missing an update, check your “spam” folder. All mail comes from mail@flocknote.com.

Text Dominic1 to **84576** to sign up for Flocknote (*En Español: 202-765-3441*) or look for the sign-up link on our website. You will provide your contact info and then be able to join any of the public groups.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of Flocknote: it allows you to see who has read the message, it is VIRTUS compliant, and members can update their contact information as needed. Come by the Parish Office for help setting up a Flocknote group for your ministry!

Church of St. Dominic Fiscal Report

Year-to -date thru November 30, 2020

The Church's fiscal year started July 1, 2020

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget Goal	YTD Variance	Annual Budget Goal
Parish Income	\$314,058	\$388,269	(\$74,211)	\$956,676
Parish Ex-penses	\$338,053	\$309,271	(\$28,782)	\$806,818
School Sup-port	\$94,167	\$94,167		\$226,000
Net Income (Loss)	(\$118,162)	(\$15,169)		(\$76,142)

Parish Income – Parishioner, plate and visitor giving, bequests, gifts, program fees/tuition, other (Annunciation contribution, events, interest)

Parish Expenses – Salaries and benefits, faith formation programs, parish & liturgy, archdiocesan assessment, buildings and grounds, St. Dominic School Support

Questions – please call parish Finance Committee co-chairs: Doug Lyons 507-649-1021, Marcia Simon 507-649-1051 or Shari Erickson, Bookkeeper

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. Dec 26	5:00 PM	† Bill Oates & Molly O'Reilly
Sun. Dec 27	9:00 AM	† Marcy Pritchard
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon. Dec. 28	5:30 PM	† Rev. Peter C. Wittman
Tues. Dec 29	5:30 PM	† Aurora Rosas Conde(Misa)
Wed. Dec 30	8:20 AM	† Roger Freiermuth
Thurs. Dec 31	5:30 PM	† Patricia & Joseph Hanzlik
Fri. Jan 1	9:00 AM	† Len Gruber
Sat. Jan 2	5:00 PM	† Al Winkels
Sun. Jan 3	9:00 AM	† Geraldine Reuvers
	2:00 PM	For the Parish(Misa)

There is only one Sunday mass regularly scheduled and no Care Center Masses. Mass intentions will be adjusted to the closest possible date.

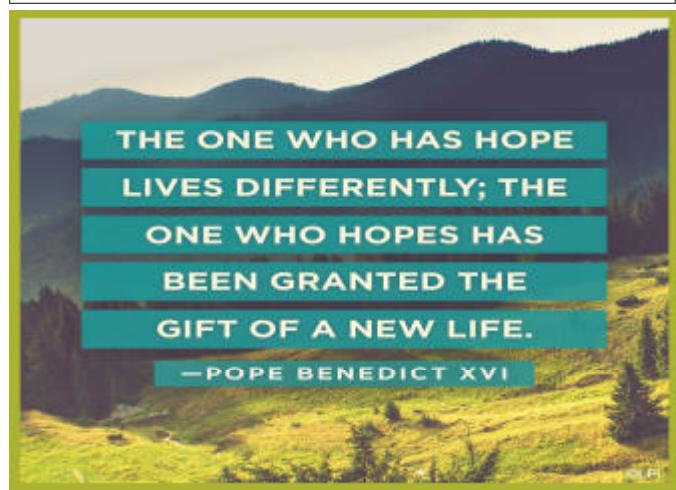
LITURGICAL + ROLES**Jan 2 — 5 PM Mass**

Lector TBD
Pianist Shawn Dudley
EMHC TBD
Ushers TBD
Mass Coordinator Dale Fredrickson

Jan 3 — 9 AM Mass

Lector TBD
Pianist Emily Deutch
EMHC TBD
Ushers TBD
Mass Coordinator Paul Miller

Reminder: You are required to find a replacement if unable to serve as a minister on your scheduled weekend.



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