



## Mary Immaculate

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### Baptism

Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

### Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

### Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:15 pm	SC
Sunday	8:30 am	SC
Sunday	10:30 am	MI
Tuesday	6:00 pm	SC
Wednesday	8:30 am	SC
Thursday	8:30 am	MI
Friday	8:30 am	MI

### Tuesdays

1:00 PM Mass at Hillcrest  
Assisted Living in Nashwauk

### Confession

Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45-8:15 am	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

### Adoration

Tuesday	9:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

\*cancelled due to Father's absence

### Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.





December 11-16

Tuesday –Mollie Scanlan

Wednesday –Jim Aimonetti, †

Thursday– Loving Memory of Donny

Friday– BobTuomala, †

Saturday-Jeanne Ricker †

Sunday 8:30– Devin Eskeli, †

Sunday 10:30– Parishioners

**Saturday 4:15 pm December 15**

Lector: Ken Ricker

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Colleen Clusiau, Clare Dulong, Terri Jarmer, Ted Squillace

Servers: Madi, Kiara, Claire

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**Sunday 8:30 am December 16**

Lector: Lorri Shalley

Ministers of Holy Communion: Clara Metzger, Lois Best, Betty Calaguire, Julie Lange

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Servers: Lexi, Jasmin, Jace

Ushers: Steve Dasovich Family

Counters: Lorri Shalley & Greg Brandner

**Sunday 10:30 am December 16**

Lector: Margaret Kavanagh

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Margaret Kavanagh, Sue Kavanagh, Kathy LaFond, Emily Erickson

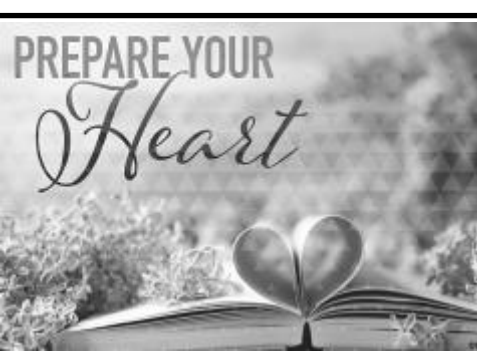
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Server: Jacob Johnson

December Cleaners: Teresa Kessler 15th & 22nd



Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if it is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?

CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:

Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.

Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:

Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

**Sister Dorene King** from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

**ASK FR. JOE**

THE SPECIAL TWO QUESTION COLLECTOR'S EDITION!

**"Why do we make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, lips, and heart during Mass?"**

This action that is done at the reading of the Gospel actually has a prayer that is supposed to go with it. However, most Catholics have forgotten the prayer and just do the action because everyone else is doing it. As we make a cross on our forehead, lips, and heart, we are asking God to be on our mind, on our lips, and on our heart so that we will hear and understand the words of the Gospel which is about to be proclaimed to us.

Now, the rubrics of the Mass do not require us to say any specific words at this point. So you can pray in your own words if you wish, but the idea is to pray to God to help us understand and live out the Gospel. If you would like a traditional prayer to say, here is one that I found: "May the Lord purify my understanding, my speech, and my heart, so that I may receive the words of the Gospel."

**"If I have a cold and I am sucking on a cough drop during Mass, am I breaking the fast before communion?"**

The simple answer is no. Canon Law (the laws of the Church) explains that a person, "is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine (Can. 919)."

Since a cough drop is a kind of medicine, it would seem that this does not break the fast. So you are fine in this situation. If you are still sucking on a cough drop when it is time for communion, you should take it out of your mouth before receiving communion. This is out of respect for the Eucharist. I recommend you hold on to the cough drop wrapper just in case this happens.

I should add that the same Canon mentioned above also explains that the elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can still receive the Eucharist even if they have eaten less than an hour beforehand. That means that if a person with a medical condition (like diabetes) or because of age needs some food for strength or to avoid getting sick, that is allowed. The hour fast rule is there to help us sacrifice and suffer just a little bit. It is not meant to cause us damage or harm, or to make us sicker than we already were.

Thank you for the "Ask Fr. Joe" questions I have been getting. It sounds like people enjoy this section. Please keep the questions coming and I will answer them.

**Enter into the Greatest Love Story Ever Told** Dr. Pitre applies his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity to the very heart of the Gospel: the love of Christ. Learn what it really means to have a "personal relationship" with the Eucharistic Lord. **FORMED.org** Parish code is **KVR7DF**

**Curious About China?** Father Dave Tushar is again offering the opportunity to experience a true "Taste of China," visiting Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Suzhou and Shanghai from October 7 to October 22. Arrangements are through Hua Travel, a Chinese agency specializing in small group tours. This is not a pre-packaged tour, but a customized small group tour with the same experienced Chinese tour guide during the entire trip. Trip includes round trip air (economy booking) with Delta from Minneapolis and back to Minneapolis, accommodations at 5-star Hotels with buffet breakfasts and travel within China. References are available. Could this be the Christmas or New Year's gift for another or yourself that you have always thought about? For detailed tour information and pricing, please call Father Tushar at 218-384-4563. Deadline: June 1, 2019.

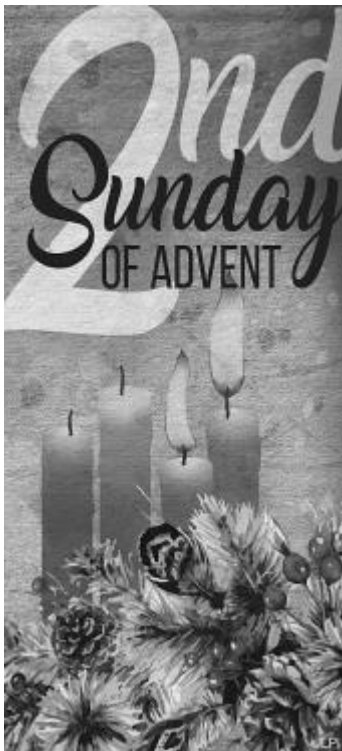
**The Elementary Christmas Plays will be on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 3:45pm at St. Cecilia's and on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10am at Mary Immaculate.**

Kids of all ages are welcome to participate. Teens in 9-11 grade can help for confirmation hours. We will rehearse on December 19<sup>th</sup> during normal elementary faith formation times. Out of town relatives are welcome to join us, too!

**The gingerbread giving tree** is again located in the entry of the church. Second Harvest Food Bank has sponsored this toy collection for 24 years. Toys will be collected until December 13. Place your unwrapped toys in the collection box under the tree. Specially needed are toys for children 9-12 years old. We want to make sure no child goes without!

**Check out the "GIFT NOOK!"** Lots of things available including Christmas. The only price is a free will donation that goes towards extra youth activities. The GIFT NOOK is located over by the classrooms at St. Cecilia's.

**Third Weekend Social** on December 16 at St. Cecilia's will be hosted by social concerns.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

### Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## Youth Minister's Letter

Near death experiences often bring about conversion. I recently heard a story in which a mother was explaining to her teenage son that Advent is a time when we not only prepare for the coming of Christ as a baby at Christmas, but also His second coming at the end of time. She also explained to him that we don't know when we will die, and so we should always be ready for death. Later that evening, he almost got into a serious car accident. The son was quite shaken, and he later said to his mom, "That could've been me. I could have died." Perhaps you have also had a near death experience that has made you remember your own mortality. This Advent, I challenge you to look at your life as if you were going to die on December 25<sup>th</sup>. For the next three weeks, pray as if you're going to die, forgive others as if you're going to die, and embrace joy as if you're going to die. Now, you are a Christian, so living like you're going to die does not mean visiting the Grand Canyon or jumping off a plane. Any experience on earth will pale to the reality of Heaven, so you don't need to begin collecting extravagant experiences. Rather, live life so that if you die on December 25<sup>th</sup> you will have no regrets. There is an old phrase in the Church: Memento Mori. Remember your death. Catholics throughout the ages have used this phrase to remind themselves to always have fever for God and a desire for holiness. So, this Advent, I challenge you to join Catholics from centuries past and today in this practice: Memento Mori. Remember your death.

(Inspired by an Advent homily by Fr. Mike Schmitz)

## God Bless, Christina



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