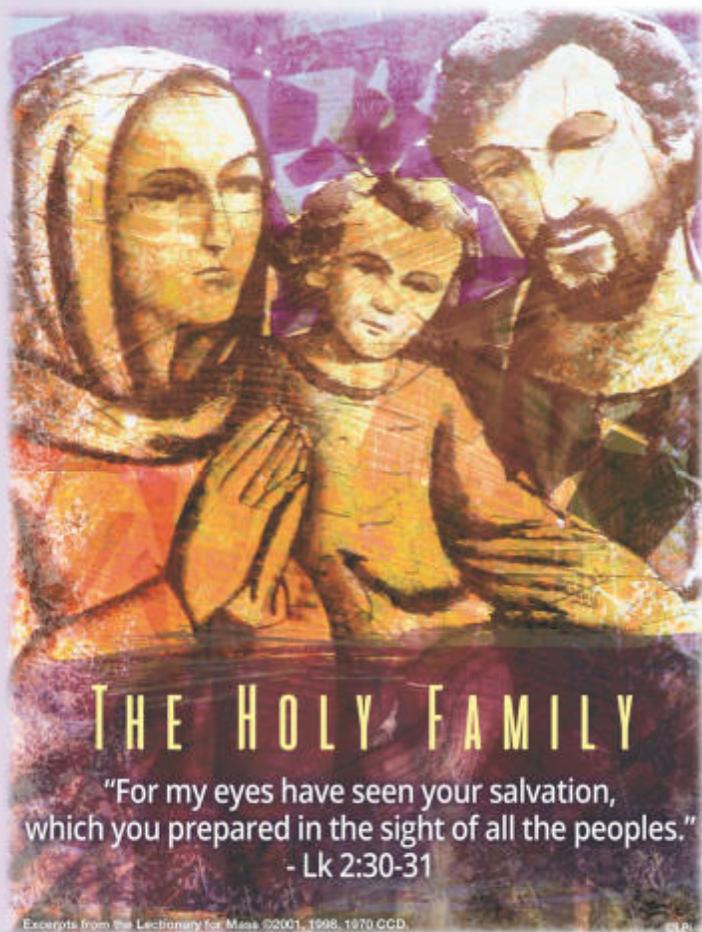


December 26/27, 2020



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Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Closed each day from noon-1 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday: 9 AM*

Saturday: 5 PM*

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30*, 10:30* AM, 12:15 & 5 PM

* indicates live streamed

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM outside of the chapel

Fr. Chris' Catholic Cultural Corner

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On December 8th of this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis gave a great gift to the worldwide church. He declared 2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. This coincides with the 150th anniversary of the declaration of the Church of St. Joseph as the Patron of the universal Church. No doubt, this provides great opportunities, spiritually and catechetically for the faithful to learn more about this great saint. Also, the opportunity to grow spiritually under St. Joseph's guidance and care is also a fruit of this declaration. The Pope's document announcing this declaration is entitled, "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart). This title captures the essence of St. Joseph as a father figure, not just to Jesus Himself, but to all who believe, the universal church. Pope Francis alludes to several different aspects of St. Joseph's fatherhood. He speaks of him as a "beloved" father. As St. Paul VI pointed out, "he expressed his fatherhood by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose." His presence in the Holy Family, and his care for the infant Jesus denotes this aspect. He is also a "tender and loving father". Through his role in raising Jesus, he teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses, and that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to

let the Lord steer our course.

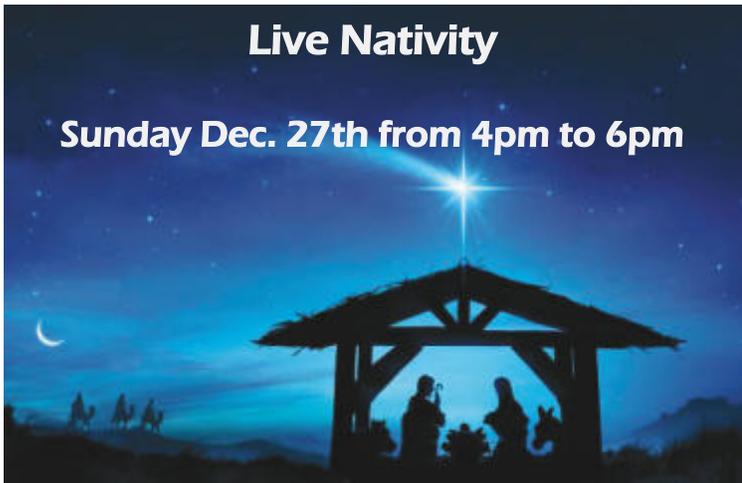
He is also an "obedient" father. In his following of God's will by accepting the message of the angel, he mirrors Mary in her Annunciation. This acceptance of the will of God led to his protection of his small, holy Family. This is most seen in the flight into Egypt. He is also an "accepting" father, accepting Mary unconditionally, trusting in God's plan for salvation. We also know Joseph as the "laborer", teaching us the virtue of work as a gift to God and each other. There is much more to speak about with regard to St. Joseph. This next year, our parish will celebrate this year to the full, and welcome this great saint yet again into our lives and hearts. And, more importantly, to learn from him the ways of faith.

BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON VACCINES

The four Bishops of Colorado have issued a statement on the proper and moral use of vaccines for COVID-19. If you would like to learn more, go to the Spirit of Christ website and read their statement.

Live Nativity

Spirit of Christ will be presenting a Live Nativity on **Sunday Dec. 27th from 4pm to 6pm** in honor of the feast of the Holy Family. (There will not be a 5 PM Mass that evening.) This will be an outdoor event due to the live animals. Look for the lines or signs to drive by the manger in the field behind SOC. **Come experience this beautiful occasion.**



Live Nativity

Sunday Dec. 27th from 4pm to 6pm

"Looking for a good book to read while you're shut in?" The SOC Resource Center has several of the books from Fr. Chris' Catholic Literature Reading List. Come in and check them out. We are practicing Covid-19 sanitation procedures for library materials following Jeffco Libraries. They will open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM. All areas of the library will be open and check outs are available.

Christian Formation

Sacramental prep and faith formation programs are starting!! To find the right session for you, go to our website, spiritofchrist.org. Adults click on RCIA Inquiry and youth 0-18 years click in the Home menu on Youth Sacramental Prep. Contact Richard@spiritofchrist.org

Public Mass options at SOC!

1. Attend weekend Mass inside here at SOC. We are still limited on the number of people at a time, so you must sign up. New sign up will be emailed each Monday and posted on our website spiritofchrist.org
2. Watch Mass from your device. They are on YouTube or go to spiritofchrist.org and click on "Mass videos."
3. Communion car line is available at all Masses weather permitting.
4. Daily Mass. No need to sign up, just show up.

Please refer to ArchDen.org/Coronavirus for Archdiocese guidelines and resources concerning COVID-19.



2021 complimentary Catholic calendars are available in the Gathering Space. Please pick one up.

Extra Prayer and Devotion during COVID:

Opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Mon-Thurs from 9:30 AM - noon.

Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM in the chapel.

No sign up is necessary.

LITURGY

Feast of Holy Family- Dec. 27

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a)
Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Solemnity - Jan. 3

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

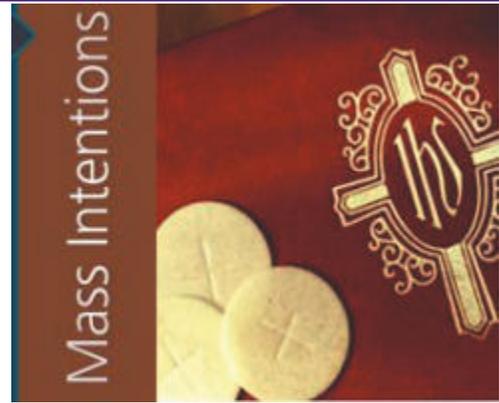
CHRISTMAS IN THE TIME OF COVID

At this point, we know the drill.
Stay away. Keep your distance. Wait this out.
But God knows our tensions, our anxieties,
Our weakened immune systems.
God did not stay away
Nor keep a safe distance
Nor wait for a more receptive world to greet Him.
He came in the time of Occupation
And disease
And famine
And war.
“God with Us”
Even in our isolation
And masks
And worrisome coughs.
MARANATHA, Come Lord Jesus
And pitch Your tent with every grieving child
Every feverish grandparent
Every lonely person looking for Your face.
Comfort, give Comfort
To Your people, oh God.
And speak tenderly to us
That this year of misery has ended,
And we are found in your grace.

AMEN.

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Our Gift Nook is open, Missals, candles, gifts and more. They will start with an online order process which is on our website, <https://spiritofchrist.org>.



(Please note: These are subject to change)

Saturday, December 26

5:00 PM Daniel Hanuszczak (sp. int.)
Luis Cardenas Macias +

Sunday, December 27

7:00 AM Ilona Duh +
8:30 AM Sherilyn Kädel +
10:30 AM Sossio Franzese +
12:15 PM The People of SOC
5:00 PM (No Mass)

Monday, December 28

9:00 AM For those whose Funerals or
Burials were held at SOC this month

Tuesday

9:00 AM Sr. Esther Mary (sp. int.)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Flora Post +
Lumena Spurlin +

Thursday

9:00 AM Robert & Rose Burley ++
5:00 PM Paul Wertz +

Friday

9:00 AM Jan Mariano +

+ indicates deceased

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Bill Curran, uncle of Jill Shenefelt
Diana Stene, wife of Robert Stene
Verna Erickson, mother of Randy
Jake Jacobs, husband of Joyce



Our Prayer List for the Sick and the Military are both online at www.spiritofchrist.org under **Prayer Intentions** and on the altar for the priest's intentions. Contact the office for additions.

OUTREACH - Your Stewardship (time, talent, treasure) In Action

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Your Tithing continues to enable Spirit of Christ to be Stewards by supporting so many and varied ways we can bring the Gospel to our community and the world. The following organization has received grant money from Spirit of Christ.

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-In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Mount Saint Vincent strengthens the abilities of families and children to emotionally and socially participate in the community, making life better for generations to come. Committed to providing compassionate care, we strive to produce positive life changing results. The grant will be used for clinical treatment for children who suffer from abuse, neglect, or emotional needs

Fair Trade, available online, at spiritofchrist.org is one of the best, if not the best means to embrace the concept of global solidarity in our lives." Mary O'Brien, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Connecticut. These premium products make great gifts, which you can buy at cost, and help small farmers at the same time. Spread the Joy!

Order by Jan. 11 for a Jan 23 pick up here at SOC.

There are many great **outreach opportunities**. If you would like to see other ministries here at SOC, then look on our website under ministries or call Silvia in the office.

<https://spiritofchrist.org/ministries.html>

silvia@spiritofchrist.org



Please pick up your families' Christmas gift book in the Gathering Space.

COMMUNITY Table

The "Table" serves northern Jefferson County. Beyond food, we offer programs to stabilize lives and provide a hand up. Please continue to support our efforts by dropping food off in the Gathering Space during office hours or before Mass.

COMMUNITY
Table
Gather around

Items Most Needed: Canned fruit (pears, apple sauce, pineapple, fruit cocktail), peanut butter, pinto beans, cold cereal, spaghetti and pasta, baking items (flour, sugar, cake mix), personal care items (soap, body wash, shampoo)

Thank you for all the donations that have continued to come in from SOC. Community Table is most appreciative.



The gift of generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Spirit of Christ this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving option. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit our website (www.spiritofchrist.org) for more information. Just a reminder, year-end donations must be received in the parish office by 12/31 or postmarked by that date in order to qualify as 2020 donations, according to IRS rules. If you have any questions or need any help with electronic giving, please call the church office.

Fellowship and Support Ministries

SOC Divorce Ministry



Divorce and separations are increasing as a result of the ongoing pandemic, however, we want you to know that you do not have to bear this cross alone. Even if you've been divorced for years and are struggling, feel free to reach out to us. Please send us an email and we will respond as soon as possible. dcncharleshahn@gmail.com



The loss of a loved one is never easy and often leaves us feeling lost and alone. The Grieving with

Great Hope ministry is a Catholic bereavement resource that offers hope and healing to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have recently, or not so recently suffered a loss, we can help. There truly is HOPE and HEALING ahead for you. Our sessions will offer you tools to help you navigate the grief process and help you to build a bridge to a new and different life. You will also have the opportunity to form a support network by meeting others who have suffered a similar loss.

Spirit of Christ's next 5 session workshop will be offered January 16th through February 13th, on Saturday mornings from 10:00am-12pm. Sign up for the sessions will be ONLINE ONLY. Check the SOC home page and click on the Registrations button. COVID-19 precautions will be followed, and the class will be limited to 15 people. The first 15 to register will get to attend the class. The first step is always the most difficult, but we encourage you to take that first step in the healing process.

Masks will be required for all participants.

Food and drink will not be provided.

Questions: please contact Silvia Quintana at 303-422-9173.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Congratulations to our:
Knight of the Month Jim Gumpert
Family of the Month Scott and Odette Shepherd

Planning Meeting 1/7/2021 7pm meeting, all Knights are welcome!

Business Meeting 1/14/2021 7pm Rosary, 7:30 Meeting
Please attend we need your input and help!

Please check kofc12979.org for more info about our council. To join the Knights go to kofc.org and click on JOIN

Council 12979 information and activities will be distributed weekly via flocknote.

You may sign up for the Knights of Columbus flocknote at <https://spiritofchrist.flocknote.com/>

Questions? contact Randy Weinert at erand@mac.com

If you know of a sick or injured Knight please contact the Grand Knight at GK@KofC12979.org

Visit our council web page at kofc12979.org

ANAWIM Ministry Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning support ministry for SOC members, families and friends. Please contact Ralph at reschkejr@q.com or 303-425-9995 for any questions.

Youth Ministry

Life Teen: Life Teen is back, meeting in-person! Come to the 5:00 pm Life Teen mass and stay for Life Teen afterwards! Parents can pick up their teens at 8:00! <https://spiritofchristyouth.weebly.com/life-teen.html>

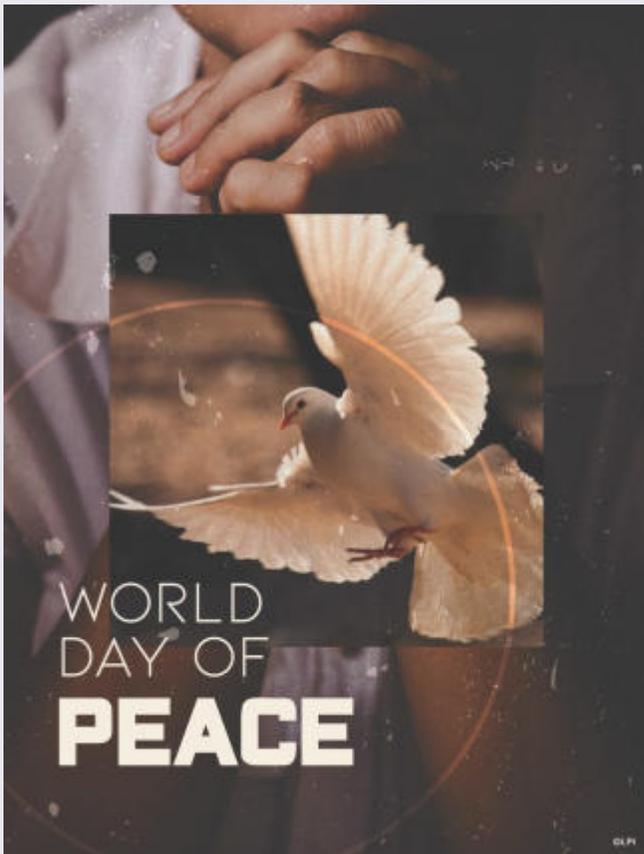
Edge: The Edge is also back to in-person meetings! Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are invited to come on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30 pm! <https://spiritofchristyouth.weebly.com/middle-school-confirmationthe-edge.html>

Follow us on social media:

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Instagram: @socyouthgroups

Twitter: @SOCYouthGroups



Bulletin considerations should be sent to phayes@spiritofchrist.org. Submissions are due Monday at 9 AM with the exception of holidays and then they are due ten days before. Thank you! Please let me know any of your bulletin needs.



Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Confession: Sat. from 3:30- 4:45 PM, or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents wishing to have a child baptized call Deacon A.J. 303-867-9163. Please allow 4-6 months.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please allow 10-12 months for preparation. Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office if someone is ill or hospitalized and would like to be anointed, or if you would like to make arrangements to come into the office or to a daily Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

For sacramental emergencies outside parish office hours, please call the parish office and follow the message instructions to be forwarded to the appropriate person.

Welcome to our newly baptized:



Gabrielle Kaye Concordia

Season of Thanksgiving

In thanksgiving for your faith-filled stewardship this year, we are grateful for your generous giving to the Spirit of Christ Catholic Community Catholic Church Fund at The Catholic Foundation for the benefit of our parish. Our partnership with the Foundation ensures our parish will continue to nurture the faith of our children and grandchildren and the generations to come.

To learn how you can leave a legacy of faith in your will or estate plan, please contact The Catholic Foundation at 303-468-9885.



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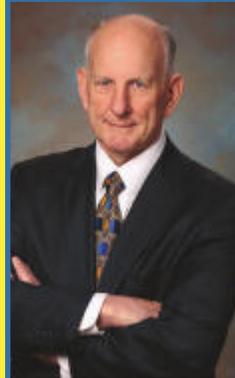
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