



December 25, 2020 The Nativity of the Lord

# ST. JOSEPH

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We as a Catholic Christian family welcome all to share the love of Christ as we serve one another, our community, and the world.

*Nosotros como una familia Católica Cristiana los invitamos a compartir el amor de Cristo al servir el uno al otro, a nuestra comunidad, y al mundo.*

## NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.*

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## SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Mass  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday: 12:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday: 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday - Thursday: By appointment

### ADORATION:

Monday and Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAYS & FEAST DAYS:

Special schedules as announced.

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church - Honey Creek

SAVE THE DATE!

## Lenten Retreat

With



## The Redemptorists Missionary Priests

**Feb. 20-24, 2021**

SAVE THE DATE!

More information  
coming soon!

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the church and her teachings? There is a place for you, here with us. As an adult, you become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA will meet weekly during the upcoming year, beginning in September. Our meetings will last approximately 1½ - 2 hours on Sunday mornings. This process is for you if you:

- Have never been baptized
- Were baptized in another Christian faith
- Were baptized Catholic, but didn't receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

You will be guided and supported in the faith through instruction. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, contact Sue Torres at 830-980-2268, or [SueT@stjhc.church](mailto:SueT@stjhc.church)

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT TO GOD

What is your special talent or skill? Have you found a way to use it for God's benefit? Would you like to serve God, our church, and your fellow parishioners but aren't sure how? Please see our website at [www.stjoseph-honeycreek.org](http://www.stjoseph-honeycreek.org) for a complete list and contact information for the many ministries available in our parish. Our hopes are to fully open up our campus for all our ministries soon.

### Liturgy

- Art and Environment
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Hospitality Ministers / Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Sacristans
- Music Ministry
- Liturgical Planning
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Altar Society

### Community Outreach

- Catholic Daughters
- Knights of Columbus
- Respect Life Ministry
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Widows Ministry
- Motherhood of Mary (MOM)
- Honey Creek Festival
- Holy League

### Ministry and Service

- Arts and Crafts Group
- At-Home Prayer
- Bereavement Meals
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Rosary Guild
- Spiritual Direction
- Stephen Ministry
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry

### Faith Formation

- Religious Education to Grade 5
- Sacrament Preparation
- Middle School and High School
- Adult/Young Adult Formation
- Vacation Bible School
- Little Flowers/Blue Knights
- ACTS



## SING A NEW SONG!

<https://theincarnation.life/retreat>

### AN EIGHT DAY EPIPHANY RETREAT DISCOVERING OUR INHERITANCE

*"God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." [Ephesians 2:4-5](#)*

Information for more winter studies at <https://buildingchurchescelebratingvirtues.org/>





*Christmas Prayer*

God,  
you became human through the obedience  
of a simple young woman named Mary.  
Mary is our model of faith.  
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.  
Give us the courage to face each day  
with the yes that Mary gave to you.  
We ask this through the incarnate God,  
who comes to us again during this  
Christmas season. Amen.

**A note from the Pastor:**



We welcome all parishioners and guests to our parish and celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. As our parish prepares for the New Year in these uncertain times of COVID-19, I invite all my parishioners and friends to call me if you are in need of sacramental or pastoral assistance. My parish and staff are here to help in any way we can. At this time, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. We must remember, despite this current time of uncertainty, to celebrate with great joy and excitement the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. During this Christmas season let us all take time to reflect on the Birth of Jesus and the gift and great love God has shown us by sending his Son to earth. May we be reminded to keep this feeling of Christmas in our hearts, in our homes, and in our actions. Please know that my prayers of health and happiness are with all parishioners, families, and friends in the coming year. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives always.

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*Damos la bienvenida a todos los feligreses e invitados a nuestra parroquia y celebración de la Natividad del Señor. Mientras nuestra parroquia se prepara para el Año Nuevo en estos tiempos inciertos de COVID-19, invito a todos mis feligreses y amigos a llamarme si necesitáis asistencia sacramental o pastoral. Mi parroquia y mi personal están aquí para ayudar en todo lo que podamos. En este momento, os extiendo mis mejores deseos de oración para una Santa y bendita Navidad. Recordemos mantener, a pesar de este tiempo actual de incertidumbre, celebrar con gran gozo y emoción el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo. Durante este tiempo navideño, tomemos tiempo para reflexionar sobre el Nacimiento de Jesús y el gran amor que Dios nos ha mostrado enviando a su Hijo a la tierra. Que se nos recuerde guardar este sentimiento de Navidad en nuestro corazón, en nuestros hogares y en nuestras acciones. Por favor, sepan que mis oraciones de salud y felicidad están con todos los feligreses, familias y amigos en el próximo año. Que la paz, la alegría y el amor de la Sagrada Familia estén presentes en sus vidas siempre.*

**Fr. Francis McHugh, Pastor**