

CHRISTMAS

A Savior Is Born

December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Advent

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SS PETER & PAUL	December 13, 2020
Adults[47].....	\$2,231.00
Loose.....	\$87.00
Youth[1].....	\$1.00
Votive.....	\$125.00
Thanksgivings [1].....	\$200.00
Total.....	\$2,644.00

Parish Center:
Total Donations..... \$375,020

ST ELIZABETH	DECEMBER 13, 2020
Adults[28].....	\$778.00
Loose.....	\$141.00
Votive.....	\$31.22
Thanksgiving[2].....	\$35.00
Total.....	\$985.22

ST. JOSEPH	DECEMBER 12, 2020
Adults[15].....	\$945.00
Loose.....	\$68.00
Votive.....	\$5.00
Total.....	\$1,028.00
Fall Collection [12].....	\$950.00

Due to the early publication the December 12th & 13th stewardship of treasure will not be in this week's bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism—Please contact the Parish Office. Baptism class is required to arrange the date of baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—1/2 hour before the Weekend Masses. Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony—Couples planning a wedding should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance. No date should be set without first consulting with Fr. Matthew

Sacrament of Holy Orders—Parishioners are urged to pray for and encourage anyone who might feel called to be a priest or deacon, or who might serve the church in religious life.

RCIA—Those who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Visiting the Sick—Please notify the parish office of any parishioners who are homebound, sick, in hospitals, nursing homes and wish to be visited or receive Communion.

Prayer Network—If you know of someone in need of prayers, please call Diane Kieffer 355-2178 dikieffer@jetup.net Colleen Kasella 355-2733, Linda Zimmer 387-3275 lzimmer@jetup.net

Parish Registration—Registration of new parishioners should be made with the Parish Office. Parish registration is necessary before arranging for a baptism or a wedding.

****Please notify the Parish Office if you have moved within our parish or have moved away from our parish.***



FAITH FORMATION Students Volunteer to help with the Christmas Decorating at the Churches. PP on Sunday Dec 20th after the 8am Mass, SE Dec. 20 after the 10am Mass and SJ Dec. 19th after the 4pm Mass, Check the bulletin for any changes on this.

TRI-PARISH INFORMATION

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

Jesus: My daughter, look at My merciful Heart.

St. Faustina: As I fixed my gaze on the Most Sacred Heart, the same rays of light, as are represented in the image of blood and water, came forth from it, and I understood how great is the Lord's mercy. 177

ST JOSEPH PARISH

HALL MANAGER WANTED—St. Joseph Parish is looking to hire Hall Manager/Managers by the first of the year for the Parish Hall. If interested contact Lou Brown @ 355-2333 or Joyce Helmin @ 355-2229 for more information.

SJAS NEWS-

December 2020 The season of Advent has begun, and the staff and students at SJAS are praying and preparing for a peaceful and Blessed Christmas season. Please continue to do everything you can to follow all safety protocols and stay healthy! The students are excited about the possibility of being able to do some of our traditional Christmas activities.

Cookie Bake 2020 –

Learn More about SJAS: Check out our great little school with a faith based education for Fall 2021! You can call us at 320-968-7972 or visit our website at saintjohnsschool.net. You can also follow us on FaceBook and Instagram

Safety: Please continue to do everything you can to follow all safety protocols and stay healthy! Your continued support helps to keep our students and staff in school!



TRI-PARISH INFORMATION

NOTICE –BULLETINS WILL BE PUBLISHED EARLY IN DECEMBER IF YOU WANT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN PLEASE HAVE THE January 3rd by Dec 22nd.

SCRIP ORDERING Note change of ordering date-

Scrip orders from Great Lakes will be ordered **Typically the Second Monday of the Month** this will vary depending on how much is ordered. Unless we run out earlier so get your orders in **as soon as you can. Coborn's, PO JO'S** can be ordered any time. Call or E-mail your order to the Parish Office. You can also place an order from the person who is selling Scrip after the Masses. Order forms are also on our website and in the back of the Churches.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship as a Way of Life: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28 **After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you and those you love on this fourth Sunday of Advent. As we celebrate the birth of our savior, let us remember that even in difficult times there is much to be grateful for, and know that you are being lifted up in prayer. We are the Church together!

Finding the Light



Sometimes it feels like all we talk about these days is the pandemic that we are currently living in... This can be exhausting, but it can also be incredibly helpful to process and acknowledge the difficulty of this situation that we are living in. Yet, with the days getting shorter, the wind blowing colder, and the reality of lonely holidays taking place for many, it starts to feel like an open wound that we just keep hitting.

As we enter December, the New Church year, and the start of Advent, we are reminded that even in the darkest of times, the light of the world is on its way. My favorite Bible Verse ever is from the beginning of the Gospel of John: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it" (John 1:5). This is the verse that I am constantly coming back to, now more than ever, as we enter the Christmas season and look to the end of what feels like the longest year. This light is brought through Jesus coming into the world, so this light represents hope, faith, the life of the entire human race, and really anything else that brings us joy and peace.

Without making light of any of the struggles that we are facing as a world, country, church, etc., I think this a good time for us to look for the opportunity we have been given to spend time looking to the Light of the

World. In our busy lives, somehow feeling more chaotic every day, we are asked to make room for Jesus. Is it easier or harder this year? That answer is probably different for everyone. For some, it might feel natural to seek out more ways to engage in our faith journey and community. Regardless, maybe we can take a few extra minutes in prayer this Advent season, find a way to donate to a local food shelf or charity organization, or call a loved one, especially one who is feeling more alone than usual this Holiday season. Often as we search for light, we can become light for others.

There is light. Whether it be from the candles on the altar, the tiny bulbs on the Christmas Tree, or the hope that comes with the joy of knowing that God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus to us. Stay awake, be ready, the light is coming, the light is here. May we find light in the darkness.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it"
(John 1:5)

December Dates to Remember:

1st — World AIDS Day

Words of Wisdom:

"Advent is a journey

Liturgical Ministers

December 24th & 25th, 2020 SS Peter & Paul
PP 4pm, 10pm, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day 8am
Lectors

4pm Rob Stay 10pm Kathy Lewandowski

8am Chad Barthelemy

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Rhonda Stay, Terri Janson, Jamie Ranweiler

8pm Jeff Mastery Jody Garceau, Karen Lieser

8am Sara, Gadacz., Steve Novak, Julie Sobania

Ushers –VOLUNTEERS

December 24, 2020 8pm at St. Elizabeth

Lectors

8pm Michelle Buettner

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

8pm Cheryl Pick, Joyce Fleck, Eileen Wojciechowski

Ushers

8pm Leo Zimmermann, Mike Fleck, Tim Helmin

December 25, 2020, 10am at St. Joseph

Lectors

10am Colleen Kasella

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

10am Colleen Kasella

Ushers

10am Steve Kasella & Issaac Kasella

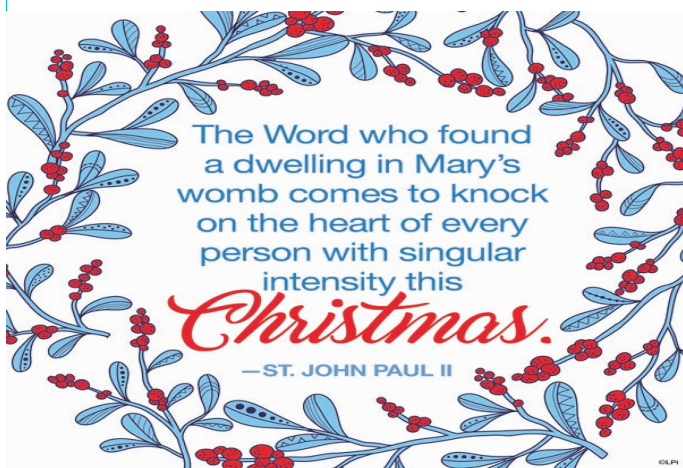
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SS Peter and Paul Christmas Eve 4pm, 10pm &
Christmas Day 8am Need Reservations

St. Elizabeth Christmas Eve 8pm No Reservations

St. Joseph Christmas Day 10am No Reservations

Liturgical Ministers new schedules are being worked on, if you would like to be added or taken off the schedule please email or call the office. Thank you



4A St. Elizabeth, St. Joseph and SS Peter & Paul

CHECK US OUT ONLINE:

Website: WWW.SESJPP.ORG

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday December 21 Late Advent Weekday
NO MASS**

Tuesday December 22	Late Advent Weekday
SE 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm	+Alvin Novak
6:30pm	Reconciliation

Wednesday December 23	Late Advent Weekday
PP 8:00am	+JoAnn Jedlicki
8:30am-6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm-6:30pm	Reconciliation

Thursday December 24	Christmas Eve
	The Nativity Of The Lord
PP 4:00pm	++Faith & Lisa Stachovich
SE 8:00pm	+Sylvester Helmin
PP 10:00pm	+Alvin Legatt

Friday December 25	The Nativity Of The Lord
PP 8:00am	+Ann Czech
SJ 10:00am	Tri-Parishes of SJ, SE, PP

**Saturday December 26 Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary & Joseph**

SJ 4:00pm	+Raymond Kroll
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Sunday December 27	The Holy Family of Jesus
	Mary & Joseph
PP 8:00am	+Naomi Larson
SE 10:00am	Tri-Parishes of SE, SJ, PP

NOTICE—NO MORNING OR EVENING MASS if there is a Funeral scheduled that day.



December 19th 3:00pm and 5pm-6pm at St. Joseph

December 20th 5:00pm-6:00pm at St. Elizabeth

December 23rd 5:30pm-7:30pm at SS Peter and Paul

Reconciliation times also after the 6:00pm Mass on Tuesday at St. Elizabeth

And Wednesday's at 5:30pm at SS Peter & Paul

Reconciliation half hour before each weekend Mass

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