

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH | FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am



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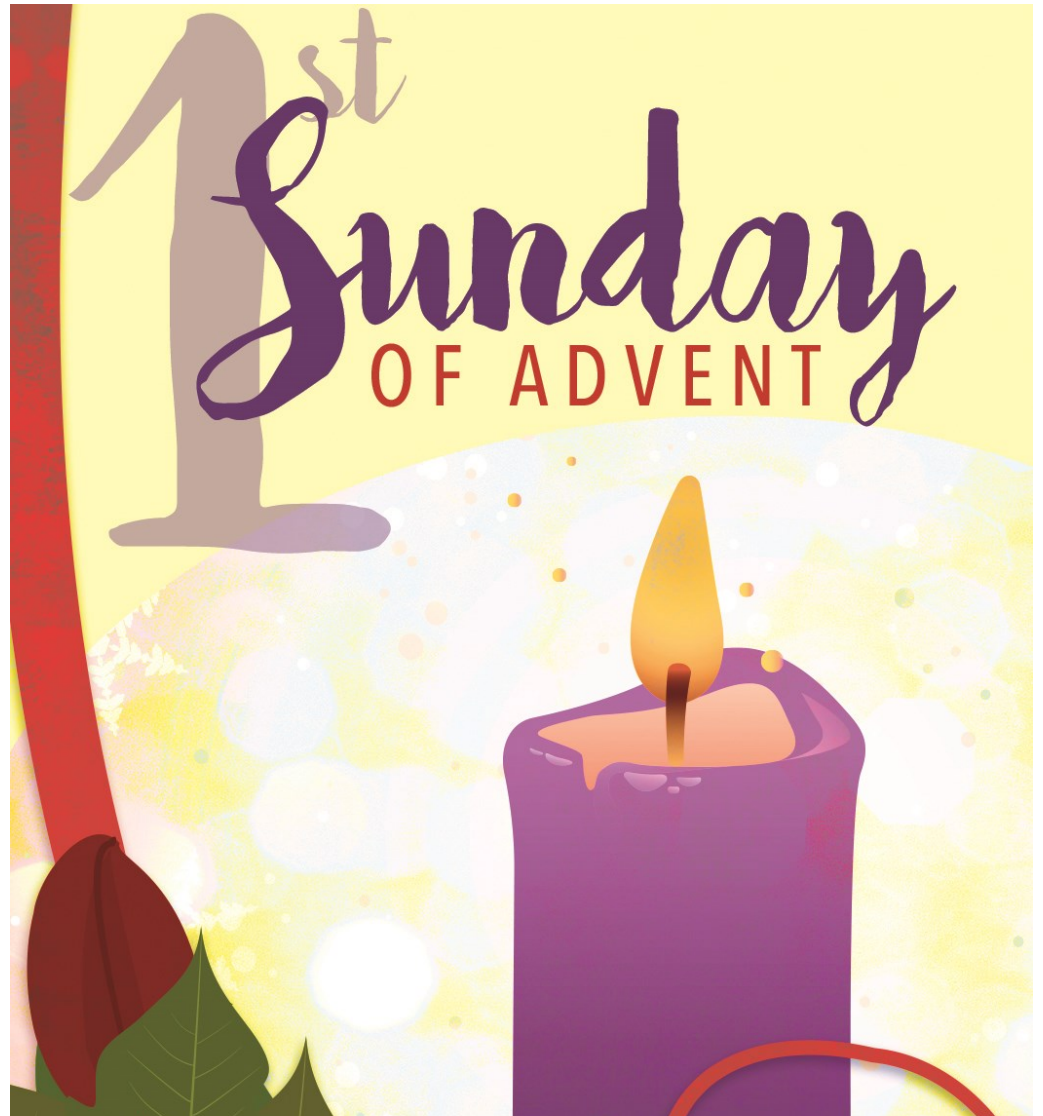
Sunday: 8:30 am

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PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the information presented in this bulletin was submitted for publication on Friday, November 20th. The COVID-19 environment causes last-minute adjustments to schedules. Please check the parish websites and Facebook pages for the most current information,.

Saint Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

Saint John the Baptist: We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

Where the
Community
Comes
Together

Weekly Schedules

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MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass for Blessings on the Marriage of
Matt & Ally Partain
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am Mass †Betty Heymans
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am Mass †Roger Eberle
Church of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 am Mass ††Phil & Betty Heymans
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am Mass †Delores Giroux
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00 pm Mass †Helen Shantz
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:30 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

8:30 am | Women's Advent Prayer Group, Zoom

MONDAY DECEMBER 7

6:00 pm | Baptism Prep Class, Saint Joseph Meeting Room

6:30 pm | Faith Formation, Gr. 1-8, Zoom

7:30 pm Faith Formation, Gr. 9-10, Zoom

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm | DIY Holiday Centerpieces, Heritage Hall

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

8:30 am | Women's Advent Prayer Group, Zoom

10:00 am | Saint Joseph Marriage Prep Class, Saint Joseph Meeting Room



BENEDICTINE DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

"Listen" is the first word of the Rule of Benedict, and is at the heart of discernment. Join other women, and Benedictine Sisters from across the Midwest for a series of five evenings in November and December. You'll discover how the Benedictine vows and our values of community, hospitality, prayer and service can help us hear and understand where God is moving in our lives. When: Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, Dec. 9th, Dec. 16th, & Dec. 23rd 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Where: Virtual Learn more and Register here: <https://bit.ly/35h6GRW> Questions: Sister Stefanie MacDonald, OSB-vocation@smmsisters.org



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP IN THE UNEXPECTED

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION—NOVEMBER 29

Today we begin the season of Advent – which means coming. It is a time of preparation for Christmas. How do we prepare for something that happened over 2000 years ago? This season is a call to each of us to connect with our own soul's longing for Christ's kingdom. It is a time for each of us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer and service.

O Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. These words from the responsorial psalm set the stage for this first Sunday of Advent. The Gospel reading from Mark reminds us as it did the disciples to "Be watchful! Be alert!" These words are reminding us to be prepared for Jesus coming – whenever that is! How do we prepare? Where do we see the face of Jesus? Recall the Gospel when Jesus gave us the two great commandments – love God and love your neighbor as yourself. It is the keeping of these two commandments that helps us to be prepared. We can show our love of God through, prayer and sacrifice, participation at Mass and private prayer and reflection. We show our love for our neighbor through acts of kindness and compassion for those around us. We show our love for ourselves by using the gifts that God gave us and by taking care of ourselves in body and spirit. It is in all these times that Jesus comes to us in others!

As the response says, let us turn back to God during these days of Advent and prepare our hearts for Jesus coming into our daily lives. Will we recognize him?

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Minister

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 29

- SUNDAY:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- MONDAY:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/ Mt 4:18-22
- TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24
- WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37
- THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- FRIDAY:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- SATURDAY:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- NEXT SUNDAY:** IIs 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all farmers, all frontline healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Rick Baron, Duffy Barton, Terry Bowar, Laurie Christen, Dorothy Court, Laken Court, Brenda (Anderson) Dahlheimer, Nelda Dehn, Audrey Elfering, Jill (Hoffman) Fussy, Gabby, Caroline Glatzel, Theresa Glatzel, Larry & Anita Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Peter Hoffmann, Blake Hogenson, Ashley Holmes, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Sandy Knudson, Anna Kostreba, Laura Kutzera-Gaarder, Ann Leedahl, Phil Maus, Becky Maus-Nelson, Judy Meemken, Sue Meers, Josie Meyer, Alban Mohs, Jean Nierengarten, Nate Osbourn, Jennifer Oswald, Pat Osterberg, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Cindy Schmitz, a Special Intention, Chris Schmidt, Kevin Schmidt, Anthony Scholz, John Steichen, Dennis Stueve, Darlene Thielman, Emmy Torborg, Bob Valek, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Julia Beckmann, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Marlin Faber, Bruce Jansky, Alvina Klocker, Sandy Knudson, Gen Ludowese, Leo Heck, Mark McKeon, Larry Notch, Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz, and Charlie & Nancy Wenner
To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died:

Katrina "Tina" Beste, Vera Theisen, Cheri Horsch, and Virginia Pfannenstein.

"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."



PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

Both Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist are witness to the increased number of COVID-19 cases throughout the country. We have been notified by multiple parishioners in each parish who have advised they have a confirmed positive test case. We also know a few members of our parish communities are currently in the ICU. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Navigating recommendations and knowing what the right response to this information is not easy. As a parish community, we have chosen a conservative approach since the start—knowing that the safety of you, your families and our community is most important. Keeping this in mind, Fr. Jerome Tupa encourages all to participate in Masses virtually and is temporarily suspending in-person Masses.

You will receive updates regarding this announcement via parish bulletins, parish emails, parish Facebook pages and websites.



CALLINGS OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: A YOUNG FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

It's an experience many women share: they are talented and passionate about discipleship, but they serve a church that puts limits on their participation simply because of their gender. Who can Catholic women turn to for encouragement? How is God calling people of all genders to speak their truths and stand up to the patriarchy? Presented through a young feminist lens, this presentation welcomes people of all genders to consider how the church can grow into a more inclusive, empowering community.

Friday, December 11, Webinar presentation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Stewardship Updates

Due to the early publication date and the presence of COVID-19 within parish offices, the count for the weekend of 11/14 and 11/15 collection is being reported and the collection for the weekend of 11/21 and 11/22 will be published at a later date. Thank you for your continued support of our parishes.

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There are two ways that you can support our parish financially while observing social distancing:

- Mail In Contributions
- Electronic Contribution Giving
 - Complete a form found on the parish website or contact the parish office

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There are three ways to continue giving while observing social distancing practices:

- Mail contributions to the parish office
- Set up electronic giving (one-time or recurring)
 - To sign-up, visit the parish website
- Drop contributions in the parish office drop box

Parish Updates

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KID'S CORNER

If you need more yellow children's envelopes they are on the cart as you enter the parking lot at Mass.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Julia Beckmann will be celebrating her 99th birthday on November 29th! Julia's family invites you to send her a card & birthday blessings at:

Mother of Mercy Nursing Home
Julia Beckmann #228
Grace Court
PO Box 676
Albany, MN 56307

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Fleece Blankets/ Food for the St. Joe Food Shelf

With the change of mass becoming virtual again, the drop off for fleece blankets and food/monetary donations will be December 6 from 9:15-10:30 am at the Parish Center. There will be a cart with a tote to place your items outside the Parish Center doors. I will be inside the building and will empty the tote as needed. Please consider donating.

Future Masses/Reconciliation Service on Dec. 16

Until it is safe to publicly celebrate together, we are delaying the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Another date will be set once we reopen.

Using Technology to Celebrate the Eucharist

Julie sends a link for masses to the email addresses which have been shared with her. Families may also watch the mass LIVE on Facebook.

Tess Koltes, Faith Formation

Advent
INSPIRATIONS
Sunday, Nov. 29 – Thursday, Dec. 24

SIGN UP TODAY!

Prepare for His coming as Father Rocky shares daily inspirations on air, online, and on the app with special lessons sent to you each day.
Go to RelevantRadio.com/Advent

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Bringing Christ to the world through the media

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
— JAN RICHARDSON

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Date:	Ushers:	Lectors:	Each. Ministers:	Sacristan:	Sound:	Video:
Dec. 6, 2020	Evan Acheson	Scott Wallner	Dan Ortloff	Dan Ortloff	Brian Posch	Julie Ortloff
8:30 AM			Volunteer Needed			

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FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Faith Formation Zoom Meetings-Interactive Reviews-Reflection Summaries

The next Zoom meeting for grades 1-8 is on Monday, December 7th from 6:30-7:00 pm and for grades 9-10 from 7:30-8:00 pm.

Thank you for the tremendous response in sending the assigned interactive reviews and reflection summaries. You are doing great! If you have any questions or need help, please let me know!

Parish Cookbooks

Don't forget to order your parish cookbook. The cookbook is a great gift as we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. They are on sale for \$15.00 each. To order, please call 363-7505 ext. 152 (be sure to leave your name and phone number) or email ffdirector@churchstjoseph.org. You will then be notified for a pick-up time.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm with First Communion practice following. First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Hopefully, we can keep these dates, however, know that we may need to change these dates, depending on the pandemic status at that time. The parent-child preparation day is scheduled for Sunday, February 7th at 2:00 pm in Heritage Hall or via a Zoom meeting if we cannot meet in person by then. Once this date is closer it will be possible to make a decision.

Marian Bach, Director of Faith Formation

2021 LECTOR WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Lectors, your Workbooks for 2021 are for to pick up in the East Entrance. These workbooks begin with the First Sunday of Advent: weekend of November 28/29.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish main office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Please note, when possible, for the safety of staff members and our parish community, staff members are working from home. Therefore, when possible, please reach out to staff members via email or leave a message at their extension. All messages will be answered as quickly as possible.

HOMELESS OUTREACH

A number of homeless people are living in tents and in their cars. If you could donate any of these supplies to help with their survival, please bring them into the East Entrance of the church. If you would like to donate financially to the outreach work that is assisting them you may send checks to Homeless Helping Homeless, P.O. Box 475, St. Cloud, MN 56302 or contact Harry Fleegel - hfleegel@aol.com or 612-868-0465.

Items Needed - winter coats of all sizes, mittens, hats, warm socks, long underwear, snowpants, sleeping bags, tents, space heaters, propane tanks, \$10-\$20 gas cards (this is for people living in their cars to stay warm). New or slightly used bath towels.

For more information contact Molly Weyrens with the Central MN Catholic Worker - centralmncw@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to Taylor Evalyn, daughter of Ryan & Nicole Willis, who was baptized this month! Welcome to our parish family!

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

