

BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am



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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am

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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, DECEMBER 6

Mass for Our Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Mass †Chuck Kutzero
Church of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am Mass †Deceased Members of the Tom
Herzog Family
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am Mass †Bernie Schloemer
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

In observance of the Feast of Our Lady
of Guadalupe, a special prerecorded
Mass is available online for viewing at
any time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Mass †Marvin Mastey
Mass for Our Parishes

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY DECEMBER 7

6:00 pm | Baptism Prep Class, Zoom
6:30 pm | Faith Formation, Gr. 1-8, Zoom
7:30 pm Faith Formation, Gr. 9-10, Zoom

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

8:30 am | Women's Advent Prayer Group, Zoom
10:00 am | Saint Joseph Marriage Prep Class, Saint
Joseph Meeting Room
5:00 pm | Drive Thru: Cookies & Cocoa, Heritage Hall
Parking Lot
**Use this time to drop off any giving tree
gifts and/or 2021 Offering Pledge Cards

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph Confirmation Session,
Candidates Only, Zoom

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

5:00 pm | RCIA Session, Zoom

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

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



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 to 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. 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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in our Lord Jesus:

Work has been done in the Parish Center this week. There was painting and decorating for the Advent season, all in preparation for our taping some of the Masses and Reconciliation Services over the next weeks of Advent. As to taping of the Christmas pageant and Mass we will warn you well ahead of time so you and your families can enjoy, online, these services. Our new camera equipment, for recording in the church, has arrived and is in the process of being installed, so there should be much better reception for you at home in the near future. From what we are able to see the virus is well and alive in our neighborhoods. This is why we are only doing online Masses. From our point of view these services are no substitute for your presence with us. Eucharist is not a private affair but is meant for a community of believers.

On another note, I want to share with you that my dear friend Buster is having some real health issues. He is very hard of hearing and I think blind in one eye. He bumps into things and is quite uncertain about his surroundings. So in the near future I may once again be dogless. He has been a dear companion and right now I am savoring every day with him. I miss you all and look forward to the days when we can celebrate together in person.

Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB, Pastor



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GOSPEL REFLECTION—DECEMBER 6



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

These words from the Gospel set the stage for us during these days of Advent. It is the announcement of John the Baptist and his role in preparing for the immediate coming of Christ. He preaches a baptism of repentance, calling the people to look at their lives and change what they need to change.

This is our call, too. How can or will we prepare for the Feast of Christmas? Participation in the sacrament of reconciliation, if that is possible is one way. We can also reach out to others who may be in need; those who are hungry, homeless and lonely. Take some extra time to pray these days, either with your family or by yourself. Pray for the sick, especially those suffering from COVID 19, and those who are experiencing loneliness. You may want to read the Bible – using the readings for the Mass of the day which is listed in the bulletin.

May God bless you as you walk this journey of Advent.

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Minister

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 6

SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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

TUESDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
[1]/Mt 11:28-30

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
[cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: 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

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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, 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, Esther J. Merkling, Josie Meyer, Alban Mohs, Jean Nierengarten, Nate Osbourn, Jennifer Oswald, Pat Osterberg, Marjorie Pfannenstien, Cindy Schmitz, a Special Intention, Chris Schmidt, Kevin Schmidt, Anthony Scholz, Susan Sink, 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:

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



DRIVE-THRU HOT COCOA & COOKIES

Driving around to take in the holiday lights around town is a tradition for many this time of year. We want to make that experience more fun!

Join us for drive-thru hot cocoa & cookies from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 12th. Pull into the Heritage Hall parking lot for a no-contact delivery of holiday cheer.

While you stop by, feel free to drop off your Giving Tree gifts and your 2021 Sunday Offering Pledge Cards.



HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Keeping the Christmas tradition of our parish alive, we are partnering with the St. Joseph Food Shelf to provide gifts of clothing to those in need.

This year, tags with the age, gender and size of a person in need, are located in the parish office entry way. There are still many giving tree tags available.

If you do not feel comfortable shopping, but would like to participate, please visit www.churchstjoseph.org and click on 'Giving Tree Gift' to donate. You may also drop off a monetary donation at the parish office.

Thank you for your giving spirit!

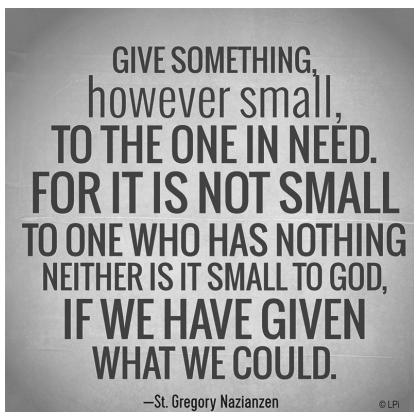
Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Nov 15, 22, & 29 Adult Envelope	\$5,705.00
Donations Fiscal Year to Date	\$47,169.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$53,529.00

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



SAINT JOSEPH

Nov 15 & 22 Adult Envelope*	\$11,664.00
Nov 15 & 22 Youth Envelope*	\$2.00
Nov 29 Adult Envelope	\$3,162.00
Nov 29 Youth Envelope	\$10.00
November Online Giving**	\$5,356.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	\$217,533.35
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$266,663.01
Variance of YTD to Current Budget	\$49,129.66

*Please note: Due to restrictions in place, as a result of COVID, the November 15th and 22nd were counted together.

**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, many November donations were not processed and deposited until 12/1. The December online giving will reflect this increase.

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

Parish Updates

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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

KID'S CORNER

Faith Formation families are encouraged to check out the following websites for Advent themed prayers and activities.

<https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/advent-catholic-prayers-advent-activities-for-kids>

<https://fun-a-day.com/countdown-to-christmas-advent-for-kids/>

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers:

December 6, 1940: John Eisenschenk

December 6, 2001: Albert Kuebelbeck

December 7, 1941: Edith Meyer

December 8, 1920: Peter Eich

December 10, 1932: John Kraemer

December 12, 1914: Agnes Kaevenhoerster

December 12, 1944: Norbert Dillenberg

December 12, 1949: Lawrence Neussendorfer

May the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

Everyday Stewardship

JUBILATION TO SHARE

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being

a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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!

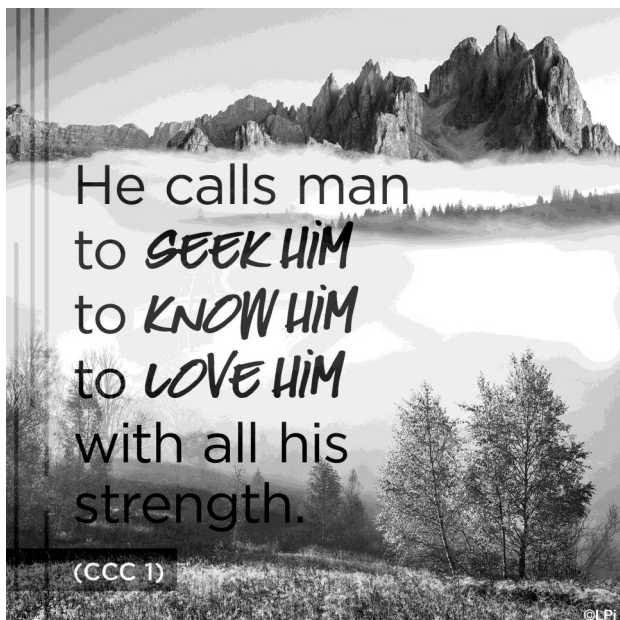
Parish Cookbooks

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.

GIVING TREE

You are invited to participate in this years giving tree. Please see page 5 of the bulletin for additional information.

HOT COCOA & COOKIES

We look forward to providing some Christmas cheer on December 12th! Stop by from 5 to 7:00 pm. For more details—see page 5 of the bulletin.

PARISH CALENDARS

The parish office has received a number of inquiries regarding the annual parish calendar. These have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the coming week. A notice will be provided via email and on our parish Facebook page.

CALLING ALL WHO SEW

Saint Joseph Catholic School has the need for some Barbie and Ken doll clothes. If you are willing to sew and donate these clothes, it would be appreciated. Please drop Barbie and Ken doll clothing donations off at the parish office.

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.

WE REMEMBER

Delores Hilter died on November 17 th and Richard Hiltner died on October 25, 2020 . Delores and Richard are the parents of parishioners Brian and Mary Hiltner. Let us keep them in our prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them."