

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

DECEMBER 11TH, 2022 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 10:00 am



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Wednesday: 8:30 am
Sunday: 8:30 am

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 17, 2022

1:00 p.m.

St. John 's Parish Center



STAFF SHARING—NOAH

CONFESSION: THE DAWN DISH SOAP OF THE SOUL

The other day I was talking to a friend studying for the priesthood, and in our conversation, we were discussing historical events of our lifetimes. In the conversation, we listed events such as 9/11, Barack Obama becoming the first African American president, and the death of the Queen. However, one of the things that my friend mentioned is the Gulf Oil Spill of 2010. This was a rather surprising inclusion in our conversation because I had frankly not thought of that as historic, but upon hearing my friend mention the damage it did to the environment. I made the concession that it was indeed historically damaging.

While we did reach this conclusion, it ultimately got me thinking about the damage of the oil on the Gulf Coast is very similar to the damage of sin. When we sin, we are essentially polluting our soul with the gunk and murkiness of our bad actions that we chose which is against God. While baptism cleans us of the guilt of

St. 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.

St 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 & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph

5:00 pm Mass †Joe, †Magdalene &
†Eugene Schmidt
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

10:00 am Mass †Jennifer Wenning
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

No Mass Today

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 am Mass †Alice Supan
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 am Mass †John & †Evelyn Schindler
Saint John the Baptist Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am Mass †Gerald Zimmer
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 am Mass Harold Brinkman
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph

5:00 pm Mass †Andy Loso
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 am Mass †Charley Wenner
Saint John the Baptist Parish

10:00 am Mass for Our Parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am | Saint Joseph FF Gr. 1-8, Heritage Hall

10:00 am | Children's Liturgy of the Word,
Gathering Space

6:30 pm | Saint Joseph FF Gr. 9-11, Heritage Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 am | Church Cleaning Volunteers,
Church of Saint Joseph

9:30 am | 500 & Cribbage, Heritage Hall

4:00 pm | Our Loss, Our Gain, Parish Meeting Rm

6:30 pm | Knights of Columbus, Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

7:00 pm | Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 am | Coffee & Conversation, Saint John the
Baptist Parish Center

9:30 am | Advent Reflection Group, Saint John the
Baptist Parish Center

10:00 am | Willing Hands, Heritage Hall

1:30 pm | Chair Yoga, Heritage Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness, Heritage Hall

7:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30 am | Friday Social, Heritage Hall

5:00 am | Kids Night Out, Heritage Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am | Women's Prayer Group, Heritage Hall

1:00 am | Advent Penance Service, Saint John the
Baptist Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 am | Saint Joseph FF Gr. 1-8, Heritage Hall

9:15 am | Saint John the Baptist Faith Formation,
Parish Center

9:15 am | Speaker: Kevin Kluesner, Parish Center
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10:00 am | Children's LOW, Gathering Space

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STAFF SHARING—NOAH

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Original Sin, we are not fully free of the temptation of sin. So, throughout our life when we choose wrong and sin, we collect "oil" onto our soul and it pollutes us from being fully and truly united with God. However, while we do collect the "polluting oil" onto us when we sin. We do have a way to remove the sin, and that is confession.

When my friend and I were talking he reminded me of these TV ads which featured Dawn Dish Soap, of all things, was being used to wash the oil off impacted animals in the Gulf. While the point was to show how effective the soap was in removing grime off the animal in the ad, confession is like the same thing. When we go to confession, this is basically how God removes the oily grime from our soul. God uses His infinite mercy "spiritual Dawn Dish Soap" to remove the sins from our soul through the priest, and it returns us to a perfect union with God. Not only that, but when the priest says "I absolve you" it is not the priest who forgives us, but it is Christ forgiving us as the priest acts in the person of Christ in the confessional. I think this is one of the true gifts of the Catholic faith because so often people just think they can pray away their sins. While the idea is nice. From a psychological perspective, not hearing the words "I absolve you" can lead to so many questions of "am I truly forgiven?" Along with that, when a priest hears a confession, they are bound by penalty of automatic excommunication/removal from the priesthood to never reveal what someone confesses, and priests who I have spoken with on this topic say that it is a gift of their ministry where they do not remember a person's sins. So, this Advent, let us all try to go to confession so we can be rid of the oil of sin and cleansed by the infinite mercy of God.

*Noah Nordengren
St. John the Baptist Parish Intern*

Prayer & Reflection

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GOSPEL REFLECTION—DECEMBER 11



“Lord, come and save us!” These words from the Responsorial Psalm remind us of the meaning of Advent. It is a time of preparation for Christmas.

In the Gospel John sends some of his followers to Jesus to ask if he is the one who is to come, or

should they look for another. Jesus responds by telling them to share all the events they have witnessed as marks of the kingdom – the blind see, the hungry are fed and those who are bowed down are raised up. Where do we see the marks of the kingdom today?

Jesus then goes on to questions the people about John. What did you go out to see? To see a prophet? Yes, and I tell you more than a prophet. He is the messenger that I send ahead of you to prepare your way before you. Who are the messengers sent to us today? Who are the people who help you grow closer to God?

During these days of Advent take time to thank God for the people in your life who have helped you to deepen your faith.

S. Betty Larson, OSB, Pastoral Ministry

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 11

- SUNDAY:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1
- MONDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- TUESDAY:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
- WEDNESDAY:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
- THURSDAY:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a
and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
- FRIDAY:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
- SATURDAY:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17
- NEXT SUNDAY:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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, healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

A Special Intention, Duffy Barton, Judy Bruemmer, Vince DeVargas, Carol Fries, Caroline Glatzel, Beatriz Adriana Gomez, Larry Hering, Cliff Hilsgen, Bernie Imholte, Anita Janey, Jack Johnson, Amy Klaphake, Becky Klaphake, Connie Lacher, Ann Leedah, Becky Maus-Nelson, Jean Nierengarten, Nic Nierengarten, Jennifer Oschwald, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Carol Schindler, Susan Sink, John H. Stang, Kay Tintes, Bob Valek, Eileen Walz, Bill Wasner and Sue Zimmer.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

George Bauer, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Denis Hynes, Leo Heck, Baby Henry Lomheim, Gen Ludowese, Larry Notch, Anthony Scholz, and Nancy Wenner

To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Remember in your prayers those who have recently died.

Arlene Thiesen, Shirley Bloch, Todd Case, Marjorie Pfannenstein, Phillip Janey, and Thomas Shantz.

“May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.”

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

SAINT BENEDICT'S MONASTERY MASS TIMES

You are welcome to join in the Christmas celebration at Saint Benedict's Monastery at Sacred Heart Chapel.

- Christmas Eve 8:00pm
- Christmas Day 10:30am

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY MASS TIMES

Saint John's Abbey welcomes you to join them in celebration of the birth of our Lord. Masses will take place in the Abbey Church.

- Christmas Eve 5:00 pm
 - This Mass is hosted by Saint John the Baptist and Saint Joseph.
- Christmas Eve 10:00 pm
- Christmas Day 10:00 am

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Join Us for Mass!

CHRISTMAS EVE — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2022

5:00 PM — SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY (2900 ABBEY PLAZA; COLLEGEVILLE, MN)

9:00 PM — CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH (12 W. MINNESOTA ST; ST. JOSEPH, MN)

CHRISTMAS DAY — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2022

9:00 AM — CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH (12 W. MINNESOTA ST; ST. JOSEPH, MN)

Stewardship Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Contributions	\$2,170.00
Donations Fiscal Year to Date	\$45,492.00
Budgeted Donations Fiscal YTD	\$55,335.00
Catholic Charities Donations	\$55.00
Archdiocese Military Service Collection	\$359.00

Thank you to those who continue to mail contributions and contribute via Electronic Bank Transfers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SAINT JOSEPH

Budget 11/27	\$9,320.99
Adult 11/27	\$7,072.00
Youth 11/27	\$47.50
Holy Days & Holidays	\$1,833.00
Difference	-\$368.49
Budgeted Year to Date	\$256,561.78
Received Year to Date	\$230,853.21
Year to Date Difference	-\$25,708.57

Parish Updates

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

ADDITIONAL MASS OPTIONS

We will continue to offer LIVE radio broadcast of our Sunday Mass to vehicles in our parking lot (Communion will be distributed to the parking lot). If you are ill, please do not attend Mass. Sunday Masses will also continue to be livestreamed on YouTube and our Facebook page. There is also over-flow seating available on Sundays in Mary Chapel with televised Mass Live. If you are home-bound and need Eucharist delivered, please contact Julie in the parish office to make arrangements.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

December 18:

- Faith Formation 9:15-10:30am
- Adult Session: 9:15-10:30: Kevin Kluesner, a retired financial planner and parishioner of St. Joseph will be explaining and answering questions. This is an add-on to last year's talk about IRAs, Roth IRAs, investments and how to plan for retirement whether you are 30, 40, 50, 60 years of age, or retired. Kevin will give us some sensible tips on how to maneuver financially through life. (An important life topic) Breaking Bread follows serving Tacos in a Bag and a cookie

January 8th, 2023 is the next Faith Formation session.

COFFEE CAKES—PICK-UP 12/11

Coffee Cake orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11th following Mass. We would like to offer a very special thank you to the many volunteers who mix the dough, bake, package and clean up after the baking of our coffee cakes, without you all this fundraiser would not be possible!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This Sunday we will take a second Collection in support of the annual Retirement Fund for Religious. A specific envelope is in your pack designated especially for this collection. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your donations help provide medications, nursing care, and more. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions. Checks can be made payable to the parish, so one payment can be forwarded to the Diocese.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Please plan to join us for an Advent Reconciliation Service for our Benedictine Area Catholic Community of Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist on Saturday December 17th at 1:00 pm at St. John's Parish Center.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Join our Advent Reflection Group each Wednesday mornings during Advent. The group meets following Mass and Breakfast on Wednesdays in the parish center (approximately 9:30 am). The group's discussions focus on the book: **Advent, Season of Divine Encounter** by Amy Ekeh. Join us, as we look closely at key Scripture passages to recall, recognize, and anticipate the ways God comes into our lives and our world.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS!

- Parish Life wishes to thank ALL who helped with our November Craft Fair - From preparing the parish center, setting up vendor tables, cooking and serving the lunch, to putting our worship space back together and retrieving signage from around the area, hard working volunteers made the event amazing once again! THANK YOU!
- A HUGE thank you to the St Joseph Knights of Columbus for sponsoring Turkey Bingo on November 13! The food, drink and turkey prizes provided by the Knights, along with Knight presence at the bingo party helped ensure this community event was a smashing success.
- Big shoutout to Brother David Paul Lange for serving as Bingo Caller Extraordinaire!
- Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Pageant: Brian Posch for doing all the videotaping and putting all of the clips together, the children who costumed up and withstood the cold, and Megan and Cece McNair for assisting with costumes

PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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

December 12, 1894: Margaretha Groetsch

December 12, 1914: Agnes Kaevenhoerster

December 12, 1944: Norbert Dillenberg

December 12, 1949: Lawrence Neussendorfer

December 13, 1963: Bernard Hiltner

December 13, 1992: George Dullinger

December 14, 1968: Theresa Sauerer

December 15, 1910: Barbara Knoblach

December 15, 1928: Else Pantalin

December 15, 2002: Cy Schoener Jr.

December 16, 1962: Wayne Klein

December 16, 2014: Al Waverek

December 17, 1987: Georgia Koelbl

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

DATE	LECTOR(S)	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	SACRISTAN	SERVER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Dec. 18 th 8:30 am	Nick Hansen Greg Hansen	Scott Wallner (O), Greg Hansen, Caroline Glatzel, Deacon Matthew	Arnie Sauerer	Nick Merdan	Arnie Sauerer Alan Glatzel	Jane Simon Bob Simon

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH

CHRISTMAS TREASURES

As you decorate for Christmas and find items that you would like to share with others please think about donating them to the 2023 Christmas Treasure Sale. Items can be left in Heritage Hall or if you need help with larger items please call 363-4588 for pick up service.

NEED A CARD FOR A GIFT?

Looking for the perfect card to hold a gift? Willing Hands has specially designed numerous cards to hold a check, cash, or a gift card. Now available in Heritage Hall!

FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sunday, December 11

- Faith Formation: Grades 1-8: 9:00-9:50 am
- Liturgy of the Word for Children: During 10 am Mass.
- Faith Formation: Grades 9-10-11: 6:30-8pm

Friday, December 16

- KID'S NIGHT OUT: 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, December 18

- Faith Formation: Grades 1-8: 9:00-9:50 am
- Liturgy of the Word for Children: 10 am Mass.

Sunday, December 25

- Liturgy of the Word for Children: 10 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus have donated Christmas cards for sale, all proceeds go to Youth Ministry. The cards are available for purchase on the table in the gathering space.

WE REMEMBER

Please pray for **Vince & Valerie Sturm**, parents of Sandi Stocker, who recent died within a few days of one another.

We also remember parishioner **Jill Zimmer**, wife of Ron Zimmer, who recently passed away. A funeral will be scheduled in the spring.



KID'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 16th, 2022
Heritage Hall--5:00-6:30 pm
Church of Saint Joseph--Saint Joseph, MN

There will be "carnival games,"
a coloring corner, food, prizes, and surprises!

Children--Ages 4 through grade 6

Admission: \$5.00 per child and a non-perishable
food item for the Saint Joseph Food Shelf.

Please call or email to let us know you are coming
so, we have enough of everything!
ffdirector@churchstjoseph.org or 320-363-7505 ext. 533

If it's a last-minute decision and you cannot
"register" beforehand, come anyway!

Students--Grade 7 and older are invited to sign up as
helpers by calling or emailing the Faith Formation Office.
ffdirector@churchstjoseph.org or 320-363-7505 ext. 533

Hannah Miers, SOT Conversatio Intern
Marian Bach, Director of Faith Formation.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the bake sale and turkey luncheon. Thank you to all who donated baked goods! The generosity of all volunteers and those who brought baked goods and donations for the turkey lunch was tremendous.

We are grateful!

As a result of the generous parish and community supporters, the bake sale and the turkey luncheon brought in over \$2,000.00 for the Saint Joseph Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programs.