

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 16 -17, 2023

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Sunday Connection

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor
Joe Schroeder, Deacon
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Kristina Hittson, Director, Religious Ed.
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Parish Council

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Weekday/Weekend Mass Schedule

Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday

Reconciliation 9:00 - 2:30 PM
Adoration 9:00 - 3:00 PM

*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 17

Religious Education 11:15 - 12:30 PM

Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 19

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Wednesday, December 20

Daily Mass 8:30

Quilting & Needlework Group 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 23

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 24

No Religious Education

Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM

Monday, December 25

Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

(office closed the remainder of the week)



St. Nicholas and his horse, Stan!

Merry Christmas!

The parish offices will close on Friday, December 22 for the Christmas holiday and remain closed until Tuesday, January 2.

There is no daily Mass on December 26, 27 or January 2nd & 3rd. There is no Reconciliation or Adoration on December 27 or January 3.

If you have a emergency during the week, please call the office and leave a message.

We will respond quickly.

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<https://stjosephcolbert.org/registration>

INCOME	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,140.00
Plate	\$ 577.00	\$ 493.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,481.00	\$ 1,730.00
Children's Fund		\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 5,308.00	\$ 7,363.00

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Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading *Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11*
Responsorial Psalm *Luke 1:46-50,53-54*
Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*
Gospel Reading *John 1:6-8,19-28*

As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

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Winter Book Sale

"The Faith in Action Ministry's winter book sale is on January 27-28. If you have gently used books to donate, we'd appreciate them. Thank you so much." Peggy Ellingson



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16 - St. Joseph's Parishioners
Sunday, December 17 - Joseph & Adeline Winter
Tuesday, Dec., 19 - Ceilan Hunter-Green (bday)
Wednesday, December 20 - Rich Saccomanno+
Saturday, December 23- St. Joseph's Parishioners



Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

12/23 - V. Mullen, L. Kueffler
12/24 (5:30 PM) - L. Kueffler,
 S. Charleboix, MB Charleboix,
 N. Schroeder
12/24 (8:30 PM) - V. Mullen,
 L. Harrison, B. Pederson,
 L. Whitman
12/25 (10:00 AM) Mary F.,
 A. Ascolese

Our Knights of Columbus council wants to sincerely thank everyone from the parish who generously donated and/or attended our Seminarian Fund Raising Brunch. After projected expenses, we netted \$1,017.95, achieving our goal to provide Andrew Kelly, our seminarian two \$500 stipends. Thank you! -- Tim Kitt



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visiting the
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education class on
his horse, Stan





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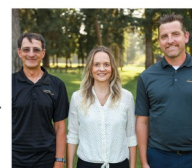


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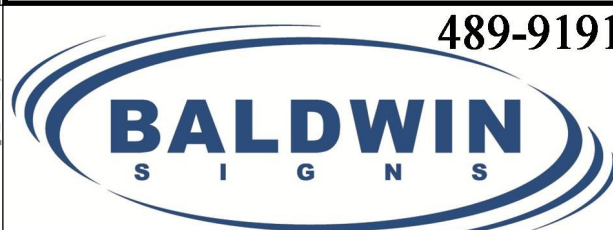


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