

The Saint Joseph Journal

Form Community. Share the Good News of Christ. Be Witnesses for Christ in Everything We Do.

Recently I received in the mail a Christian pamphlet with a devotional about the meaning of Christmas from a well meaning friend. Upon reading the introduction I was saddened with the premise of the devotion.

"Rummaging through our garage one December afternoon, I sniffed the unmistakable fragrance of new leather. My seven year old fingers found it behind a box—a new pony bridle. From that moment, Santa Claus was dethroned from my childhood. No more leaving milk and cookies on the mantelpiece on Christmas Eve. No more pleading letters to the North Pole. No more sugar and carrots for the reindeer. I was relieved. Something deep down had told me that it was all a ploy, anyway. From then on, December 25th carried a new meaning. It was a special day—a holy day."

Though I cannot remember when I stopped believing in Santa, whether as a first grader or later, such faith in the mystery of an individual from a place so far removed from my existence and yet having the capability to reach every child throughout

Our Parish



By Fr. Tim Johnson

the world in a single evening, was crucial to the belief in a God and His Son who was ever present in my life. Oh, I remember

veloping our winter days with the canopy of stars shining at a distance, the church bells sounding all drew me towards an even deeper belief in the mystery of an infant born in stable within a village so far removed from my existence. As my childlike imagination ran, I believed so strongly in that night with a glow surrounding the infant and his parents kneeling so protectively close within that tiny barn. I somehow grasped and felt that peaceful and protective grace at my side, within my home, my neighbors' and those families within my simple little town. Belief in something so mysterious became a reality for me though I could no more explain how God could be born in a stable then a white bearded

man was able to travel from that distant frozen land to home of every child in the world—in one evening! But as simplistic as it may have been, I

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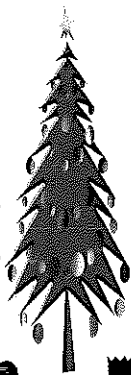
Pastor's Christmas Message



the anxiety of questioning whether I had behaved well enough to receive gifts from Santa leading right up to Christmas Eve; and yet, the snow, the chill, the darkness en-

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December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<div>1</div> <div>Mass at 4:30 p.m.</div>
<div>2</div> <div>Mass at 8 and 10 a.m.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>AA-8 pm-Naz Al-Anon-8 p NE</div>	<div>4</div> <div>✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5 Choir Practice 5:30-7 p.m.</div>	<div>5</div> <div>✓ Faith Formation K-6: 3:45-5 pm ✓ Fam. Form @ 6:45 ✓ 7-12: 7-8 pm</div>	<div>6</div> <div>✓ 8 a.m. Bible Study, Naz.</div>	<div>7</div> <div>✓ First Friday Communion Calls ✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass at Milford Care Center</div>	<div>8</div> <div>HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION: Mass at 7:30 a.m. Mass at 4:30 p.m.</div>
<div>9</div> <div>Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. ✓ Christmas Open House at Rectory, 2-4 ✓ 4:30 p Benson Singers, church</div>	<div>10</div> <div>AA-8 pm-Naz Al-Anon-8 p NE</div>	<div>11</div> <div>✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5 Choir Practice 5:30-7 p.m.</div>	<div>12</div> <div>✓ 8 a.m. Peace & Justice meets, Naz. Faith Formation: K-6: 3:45-5 p; 7-12: 7-8 pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>✓ 8 a.m. Bible Study, Nazareth ✓ 11 a.m. "Ones" meet @ Minerva's</div>	<div>14</div> <div>✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass at Milford Care Center</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Mass at 4:30 p.m. Private Party PC, 6-??</div>
<div>16</div> <div>✓ Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. ✓ KC Coffee 9-11 a ✓ 1 p.m.: Advent Reconciliation ✓ 4 p.m. Christmas Program</div>	<div>17</div> <div>AA-8 pm-Naz Al-Anon-8 p NE</div>	<div>18</div> <div>✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5 ✓ 12 noon - Deadline for December newsletter ✓ Choir Practice 5:30-7 p.m.</div>	<div>19</div> <div>12 noon- Jan. Newsletter deadilne. Faith Formation: K-6: 3:45-5 pm 4-8 KC/CDA Christmas Party 7-12: 7-8 pm</div>	<div>20</div> <div>✓ 8 a.m. Bible Study, Nazareth</div>	<div>21</div> <div>✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass at Milford Care Center</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Mass at 4:30 p.m.</div>
<div>23</div> <div>Mass at 8 and 10 a.m.</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Parish Offices close at 12 noon. Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.</div>	<div>26</div> <div>No Daily Mass Parish Offices open 8 to 12 noon.</div>	<div>27</div> <div>No Daily Mass Parish Offices open 8 to 12 noon.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>No Daily Mass Parish Offices open 8 to 12 noon.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Mass at 4:30 p.m.</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Mass at 8 and 10 a.m.</div>	<div>31</div> <div>✓ Parish Offices open 8 to 12 noon. ✓ New Year's Eve Mass at 4 p.m. Wittrock/Viedenkamp Vows at 6 p.m.</div>	<div>HAPPY NEW YEAR</div>				



2:52 PM
11/08/18
Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of October 31, 2018

	<u>Oct 31, 18</u>	<u>Oct 31, 17</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	240,938.60	201,102.98
12000 · INVESTMENTS	417,156.67	377,116.08
Total Checking/Savings	658,095.27	578,219.06
Total Current Assets	658,095.27	578,219.06
Fixed Assets		
18000 · FIXED ASSETS	3,364,844.43	3,364,844.43
19000 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-501,968.01	-501,968.01
Total Fixed Assets	2,862,876.42	2,862,876.42
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,520,971.69</u>	<u>3,441,095.48</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	486.43	889.44
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	2,195.80	1,910.80
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,682.23	2,800.24
Total Current Liabilities	2,682.23	2,800.24
Long Term Liabilities		
26000 · NOTES & LOANS PAYABLE	0.00	37,975.62
Total Long Term Liabilities	0.00	37,975.62
Total Liabilities	2,682.23	40,775.86
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	3,314,195.36	3,179,908.52
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND B...	110,838.70	110,838.70
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	15,602.21	15,602.21
Net Income	77,653.19	93,970.19
Total Equity	3,518,289.46	3,400,319.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,520,971.69</u>	<u>3,441,095.48</u>

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison

		Oct 18	Oct 17	Jul - Oct 18	Jul - Oct 17
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
40000 · PARISH INCOME		91,825.07	59,507.29	241,306.13	257,217.77
40173 · Peace & Justice Income		2,518.25	467.00	4,063.98	3,907.63
41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME		814.90	1,279.00	7,601.41	5,548.17
42000 · SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		-29,993.17	0.00	0.00	-1,061.20
44000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS		638.42	591.70	6,369.31	6,724.91
47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS		56.00	155.00	233.00	362.00
49000 · OTHER INCOME		25.00	25.00	5,219.39	125.67
49911 - Memorial Income				2,530.00	707.25
Total Income		65,884.47	62,024.99	267,323.22	273,532.20
Expense					
50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES		21,412.84	21,345.02	88,877.82	89,816.40
51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		7,612.51	10,059.19	38,321.36	26,413.95
51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENESS		609.41	396.92	6,012.92	6,579.58
51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS		10,069.41	6,397.95	28,498.46	20,339.31
51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES		35.26	67.50	70.26	524.94
53000 · ASSESSMENTS		13,132.00	1,805.00	24,388.00	7,220.00
54000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS EXP		650.68	4,206.79	4,502.44	10,008.65
59000 · OTHER EXPENSES		1,103.20	3,082.69	4,928.05	9,217.95
Total Expense		54,625.31	47,361.06	195,599.31	170,120.78
Net Ordinary Income		11,259.16	14,663.93	71,723.91	103,411.42
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
49905 · Haiti Connection Income		3,437.23	0.00	11,729.28	4,108.77
Total Other Income		3,437.23	0.00	11,729.28	4,108.77
Other Expense					
59905 - Haiti Connection Expense				5,800.00	13,550.00
Total Other Expense				5,800.00	13,550.00
Net Other Income		3,437.23	0.00	5,929.28	-9,441.23
Net Income		14,696.39	14,663.93	77,653.19	93,970.19

For Your Information

November Statistics

(November 20, 2018)

Baptized in Christ:

Vivienne Elizabeth Wehde
daughter of
Bradley & Aimee Wehde
Oct. 21, 2018

Evelyn Mae Dunleavy
daughter of
Jessica Dunleavy
Nov. 4, 2018

Maverick Michael Buffington
son of
Isaac & Hannah Buffington
Nov. 11, 2018

Taevan Ren Lloyd and
Brinley May Lloyd
children of
Taylor and Brittne Lloyd
Nov. 11, 2018

Kayla Bandomo,
Layla Bandomo and
Nicolas Cayetano
children of
Nicolas and Randi Bandomo
Nov. 11, 2018

Alexa Rose Krieg
daughter of
Cody and Randi Holtz
Nov. 11, 2018

Married in Christ

None

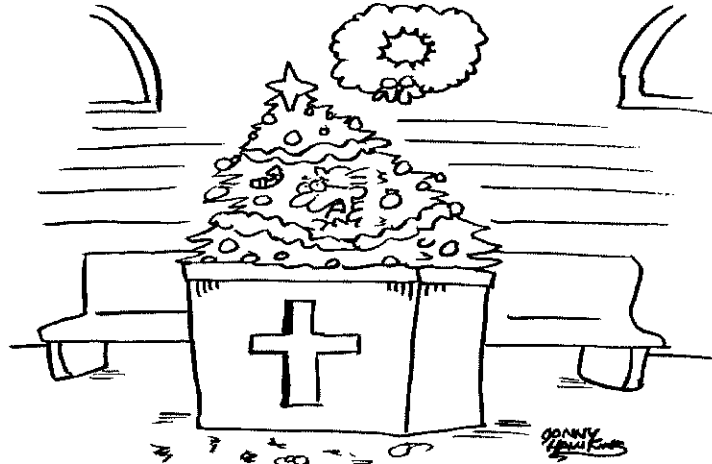
Deaths

+Frank Petska
Died: Oct. 17, 2018
Buried: Oct. 23, 2018

+Scott Hughes
Died: Dec. 27, 2017
Buried: Oct. 28, 2018

+Patricia Lynch
Died: Oct. 27, 2018
Buried: Oct. 31, 2018

+John "Dick" Notestine
Died Nov. 7, 2018
Buried: Nov. 11, 2018



"Yes, it's beautiful — but can we
talk about its placement?"



The St. Joseph Parish
Family warmly welcomes the
following into membership:

- ✓ Michele Shortley,
of Milford; and
- ✓ Laurence and Jennie
Strohman, of Spirit Lake.

Pick-Up Reminder

It's time to pick up any bowls
or dishes you may have
brought to St. Joseph for a
past event. Most items can be
found on tables in the kitchen.
or parish center.

Thursday Bible Study



Don't miss

Thursdays,
8 a.m.

in
Nazareth Hall
Refreshments.
Fellowship.

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Fr. Tim

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believed and more importantly, had faith in that mystery that was indeed reality for me, and so many others.

We woke up early—sometimes too early for my parents' convenience—with much anticipation and wonder of what was left under the tree. And I can still feel that gentle peace and protective grace sitting next to my parents in the pew of our humble church, the fresh evergreen trees near the altar, the numerous candles lit, the nativity scene providing me the reassurance of a God who was very present in our daily lives. Those very visible symbols provided a re-assurance for the simple but confident faith I had in the reality of the mysteries so many adults have lost touch with in the everyday reality of their lives. To believe in such mystery is to capture one's spirit, to hold onto a deeper meaning to life than the motions we go through each day to fulfill our responsibilities, to attend to our activities. Such mysteries draw us to concede that truth is more than what we can visibly witness and credibly explain.

I can't explain how a child can hold so fervently onto the simple belief of the preposterous notion of a Santa Claus; and I can't quite grasp the peace I have witnessed within the faces of the individuals who were just minutes from taking their last breath. There is truth in the world, and the existence of reality beyond the visible, beyond what can be credibly explained. For me at least, the reality of a Santa and the anticipation I felt as the 25th drew closer, was a stepping stone to the faith I held in a distant, all-powerful God who could be born as an infant in a simple barn—with a glow and unspeakable peace emanating from that manger forever present in soul of each person. As another Christmas approaches I long to grasp the wonder, the faith, the belief in such mystery that alone frees me to receive the gift of peace, the gentle spirit of hope that is and can be a reality of God's intimate presence in our world.

"And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
the Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
Merry Christmas, and May God Bless.

Fr. Tim



Finance Council

The St. Joseph Finance Council met Thurs., Nov. 15, 2018, in Nazareth Hall. Fr. Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and led the group in prayer. The following were in attendance: Lay Directors Pam Fisher and Cory Knudtson, Council Members Holly Skopec, Chad Harms, Tony Peschong, Connie Jones and Steve Anderson and Financial Secretary Susan Reiser. Absent and excused was Jim Baumgard.

The minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Skopec moved with a second by Jones to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Newly appointed Finance Council member Tony Peschong was welcome by the group.

Financial Reports

The comparative balance sheet ending Oct. 31, 2018, the profit and loss statement as of Oct. 31 and the budget vs. actual statement as of Oct. 31 were reviewed. Discussion was held. Harms moved with a second by Anderson to approve the reports. All ayes. Carried. The members reviewed a transaction list.

Bells/Clock Tower

Fr. Tim updated the group on the bells/clock tower project. Verdin Bell Company has been on site and started preliminary work. The company will return in the spring to complete the project. The total \$55,000 cost of the project has been raised.

Second Collection Discussion

Fr. Tim presented a recommendation for next year's summer second collection. After discussion, Anderson moved with a second by Fisher to allow a detailed solution that includes: two collections to be for the work of the Haiti Committee and two collections for the Peace and Justice Committee. One of the Haiti Committee collections will include an envelope in the pew. Representatives from the Peace and Justice Committee and the Haiti Committee will meet jointly with staff to determine the dates for those collections. The remaining weekends of the summer, approximately 11 additional, will be pooled by and split equally by the music department, youth ministry, building and grounds, Catholic Charities, Seminarian Support and Outreach, faith formation, parish charity fund and Catholic Relief Services. In addition, the Haiti Committee will receive \$3,500 from the general budget. All ayes. Carried.

Good of the Order

Fr. Tim reported that the weekend of Nov. 17-18 would be the final weekend for Music Director Jennifer Johnson. Applications are being taken for her replacement. A job description was reviewed by those in attendance.

Finance Council members toured the northwest corner of the school to view the location of the music director's office. Fr. Tim would like to move the door to the music director's office to the south so a clear, visual of the room can be seen. This would convert this room into a permanent classroom. Another door into the northwest classroom would be added to separate the two rooms. The former office of the Faith Formation Director is expected to become the new office for a new music minister.

Staff presented carpet bids for offices that were discussed last fall. After discussion, Harms moved with a second by Skopec to recarpet the offices and include the furniture moving fee in the bid. All ayes. Carried.

Fr. Tim reported that beginning in January, parishioners will receive their stewardship envelopes in the mail rather than picking up a box at church. In the past, over 350 boxes have been discarded because they were not picked up. This new system will track parishioners' addresses and reduce the amount of envelopes printed.

Discussion was held on automatic withdrawal availability for stewardship. St. Joseph currently has about 10 parishioners who have established ach payments on a weekly and monthly basis. More information will be published in the future about the various options available.

In the past, a local business has purchased religious calendars for distribution to St. Joseph Parishioners. This business will no longer be providing calendars. Fr. Tim is working with a company to produce a calendar. Thanks to a memorial gift, religious calendars will be available to parishioners in December.

Fr. Tim reported that four persons had applied for the part time rectory housekeeping position. Lois Eckard has been hired for this job.

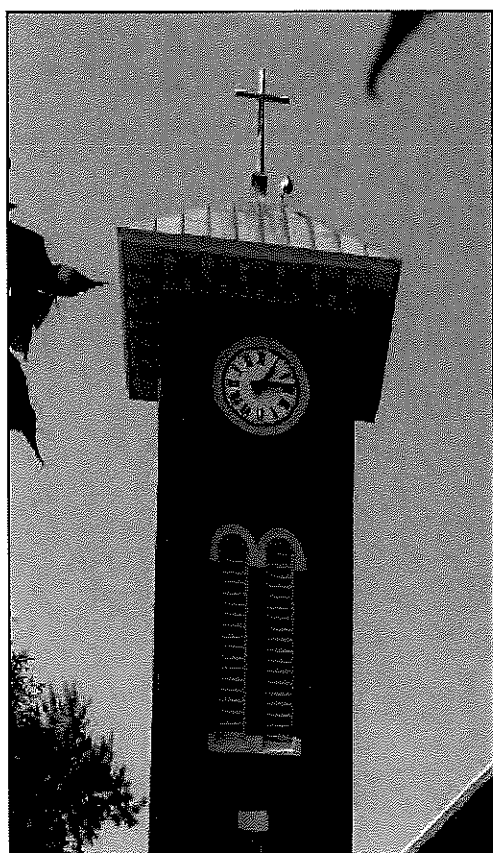
Fisher moved with a second by Harms to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

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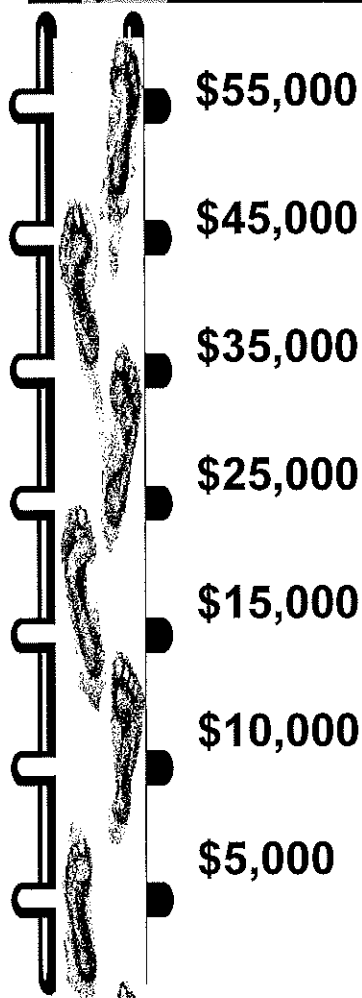
Finance Council Secretary



OPERATION: CLOCK TOWER *WE MADE IT TO THE TOP!*

Thank you to the many
generous parishioners
and visitors we have
at St. Joseph.

The Verdin Bell Company
will be back in the spring
to complete the project.



As the Verdin Bell Company begin the work next spring, refurbishing our three bells and the installation of the new parts and digital control system, may I provide a brief background. Our existing three bells were cast by the Stuckstede Bell Foundry out of St. Louis at the time the present church was constructed in 1920. They are valued at \$45,000, \$15,000 and \$8,000 respectively. Forty years ago, in 1978, Verdin Bell Company installed the digital control system we are presently using; and, as they have informed us, it is certainly at the end of its life expectancy. Inspecting the bells and steeple clock last fall Verdin Company noted the swinging bell ringers were not operating on the large, medium and small bells, and need to be replaced. They will install a new custom engineered swinging bell ringer with the correct horsepower to properly strike the bells. Verdin will complete their work with the installation of the new digital bell controller capable of handling several different rings at the touch of a button (or pre-programmed): Westminster Chime, funeral tolls, hour and half hour strikes, wedding peals, the Angelus, call to worship before weekend Masses. All programming will be stored in the battery back-up memory, automatically correcting after power failures as well as spring and fall time changes. Without having to climb the steeple, our clock tower will be controlled from the digital box in the sacristy. May we continue to protect and enhance our church and surrounding property, providing an environment that is inviting and welcoming to all who desire to share in our Eucharist, our faith and parish gatherings.

Thank you for your generosity and faith.

Fr. Tim

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

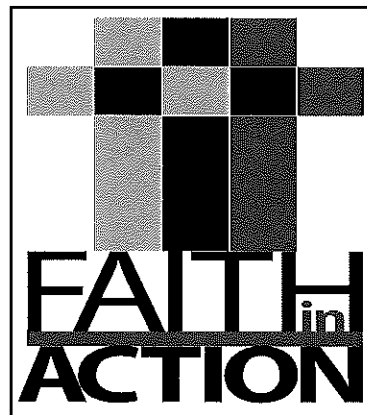
There is a saying "the spirit is willing but the body is weak". I would like to change that slightly and say "the body is willing but the Spirit is weak". Since Thanksgiving we are now supposed to be in the "spirit" of the season. I would like to share a different point of view on that.

Our lives are busier than ever. If you have children and they are in activities either through the schools or through the community, they have you coming and going, jumping through hoops and scheduling your life around those activities. Those activities are on Wednesdays and weekends not just schooldays. What is left for time to be with family, to be involved in church doings? The body is willing but the Spirit is weak.

I am referring of course to the Holy Spirit. People are supposed to have "spirit" for their school and their town functions like Milford's Holiday Fantasy coming up Nov. 30-Dec. 2. This event, which is once a year, involving a parade, raffle, free soup and other activities competes with school and other events. It however, depends on community spirit to make it successful. School functions depend on school spirit to make them successful. At times all this pull on having "spirit" makes you tired. How much do you have to give? Do you have anything left for the other "Spirit"?

Church activities usually get pushed to the back burner I'm sorry to say. Parents and other individuals might want to get more involved but they just don't have much left to give. Out of time, out of energy, out of Spirit! This year I am asking you to dig deep and find the Holy Spirit in your life. What is the Spirit trying to tell you and will you allow the conversation to take place. Thanksgiving is a family time, we should be thankful for what we have and what we are able to do. The Spirit is at the forefront of that. Advent is here- that time to reflect and prepare for Christ's coming three ways: His birth, His place in our hearts, and His coming at the end to us personally. The Spirit is here for each of those times.

Allow your minds and hearts to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit, the most important Spirit of all. The Holy Spirit is our guide for life. It is what helps you have the "spirit" for everything else that you do. It does not want to be on the back burner, or pushed aside, or eliminated altogether. This third person of the Trinity is your helper every day. When you are too busy, or stressed or troubled, rely on the Holy Spirit to help your body take on the day to day and say "Thank you God for this gift".



BLESSED
are those...
whose hope
is in the **LORD** their God.

Psalm 146:5, NIV

Get in the Christmas Spirit with the



**Bring new mittens, gloves, scarves,
hats, etc. to be placed on the Mitten Tree
in the church.**

(Tree will be up and ready on Mon., Nov. 26)

**These items will be distributed to less
fortunate families this holiday season.**

**Deadline is Mon., Dec. 17.
Items will be delivered later that week.**



JOIN FR. TIM.....

**Sunday, December 9
from 2 to 4 p.m.
to celebrate the
reason for the season
at a Christmas
open house
at the rectory.
Refreshments.
Fellowship.
Fun.**

**Hosted by the
Rosary/Altar Society.**

The Benson Family Singers Christmas Concert December 9

The 'Arts at St. Joseph' presents The Benson Family Singers Christmas on Sunday, December 9, 2018, 4:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The free Advent concert will feature the family music group from Faribault, Minnesota who will share their unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass and gospel music. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m.

The Benson Family Singers are a family music group that specialize in tight, a cappella harmonies and play a variety of instruments. Pete and Rachelle, parents, David (17), Aaron (15), Luke (12), Paul (6) and Keziah (3) have performed for many shows, festivals, churches throughout the Midwest.. Pete (Dad) is a music professor at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and an award winning director of barbershop choruses and quartets. He plays the upright bass. Rachelle (Mom) is an accomplished singer and violinist. David (son) plays the banjo, sings baritone/bass and has a great ear for harmony. Aaron (son) plays guitar and sings wherever his low voice will fit. Paul (son) has recently started performing on the stage with his family. Keziah (daughter) is in charge of wardrobe and being cute! The Bensons use their music, humor and message to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

'The Arts' at St. Joseph' is proud to host this concert as part of our series of sacred arts presentations. We are grateful to our corporate sponsors: The Patrice and Rita Leary Foundation and United Community Bank.





2018 Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 23

Regular Sunday Masses at 8 and 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Mon., Dec. 24

4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 12 midnight

Christmas Day

Tues., Dec. 25 @ 9 a.m. only

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 29 @ 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30 at 8 and 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass

Monday, Dec. 31 at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass:

Tuesday, Jan. 1 @ 7:30 a.m.



**“It’s In
The Stars....”**

**Join the
St. Joseph Faith Formation Students
for their annual Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 16, 4 p.m.
at St. Joseph Catholic Church.
Pizza to follow in the Parish Center.**

Join Us....

for our 18th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Sun., Jan. 20
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Joseph
Parish Center
Free will offering.

Suggested
donation:
\$8 for adults;
\$5 for children.

In-Milford
delivery
available by calling
338-2274.

Each St. Joseph
Family is asked to
bring the following:
A-H: a pan of bars
I-P: a bag of lettuce
Q-Z: a loaf of French
bread



18th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meat Prep - Sat., Jan. 19 @ 9 a.m.

Alex Jones Dean Reiser
Randy Eckard Ron Swartz

Set-Up Saturday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m.:

Merlin Wuebker Mary Johnson
Marian Feldhacker Dorothy Tatman
Mark Kollasch

Water-Milk-Coffee: - (Need 4-6)

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Dessert Servers:

Shift 1: 10:30-1 p.m. - (Need 2)

Dishwashers:

One Shift: 10:30-1:30 p.m.

Clean-Up: 12:30 PM

Bus People: (need 2 adults and 5 youth)

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Coffee Makers

John and Tutti Willison

Kitchen Helpers:

Shift 1: 10:30-1 p.m.

Salad Tossers:

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Salad Dressing:

Lois Eckard

Take-Out Line: Need 2))

Marlene Nelsen Pam Hanson

Ticket table: (Full)

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Mary Lou Schroeder

Jean Kennedy

Greeters and Seaters:

One Shift: 10:30-1 p.m.

Rich and Nancy Crepeau

Delivery People

Merlin Wuebker

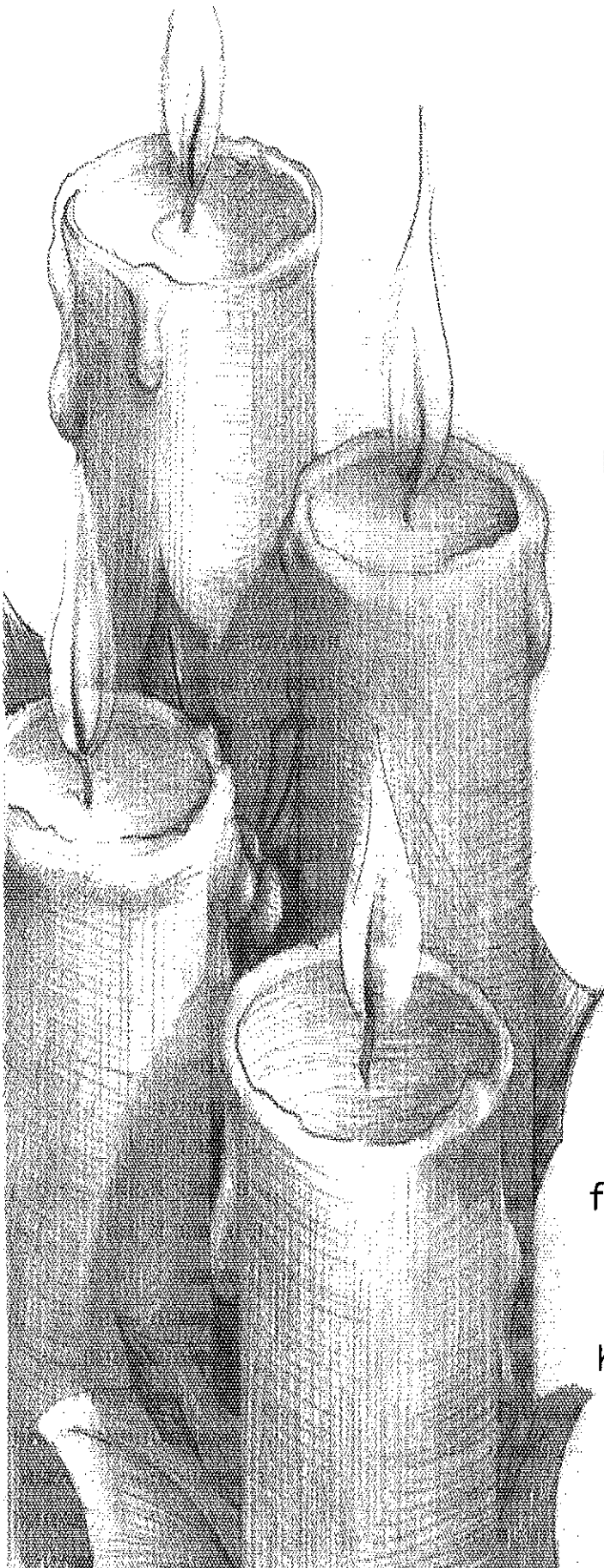
Mick Baack

Serving Line (One Shift 10:30-1 p.m.)

1) Bonnie Duhn 2) Sharon Mayer

3) Dori Lippon

Extras:



Christmas Beatitudes

Blessed is December, for
Christmas is near.

Blessed are the poor of
pocket, for they shall
be called parents.

Blessed are the artistic,
for they shall get stuck
wrapping everyone's gifts.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall restrain
children from knocking over
the Christmas tree.

Blessed are they who are
heavily laden, for they
shall be called shoppers.

Blessed are they who weave
paper garlands, produce
plays and wear a
confused look, for they
shall be called teachers.

Blessed are they who hunger
for turkey and trimmings
(and happily do the dishes)
for they shall be satisfied.

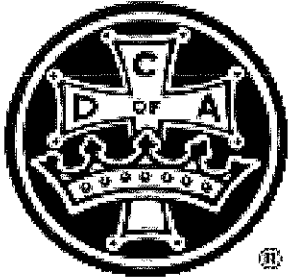
Blessed is the sweater knit in
secret, coins sent to a
food bank, dinner for a shut-in,
for they shall be called love.

Blessed are we who,
despite the chaos,
hold the real Christmas closely
in our hearts...

For we shall be
called joy-filled.

Joan Wester Anderson

Catholic Daughters News



The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of LaSalette # 1585 was called to order by Regent Darlene Moritz on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:16 p.m. in Nazareth Hall. Roll call of officers found all officers present along with 15 members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The correspondence was read. A letter from National informing us of the changes in officers at the National Level as well as 2 letters from state.

The Treasurer's report and bills were approved by general consent.

By general consent, the following bills were approved for payment: National Dues \$435.00 and Darlene Moritz \$37.45 for poster.

Circle of Love Reports: Cheryl asked members present to sign up for the Veterans Soup Supper on November 3. Member Bev Sporrer has asked for help with finding people to assist with Adoration on Tuesdays. Any members who would like to sign up for a one-hour shift should call her to volunteer. In the Legislation area, all members were urged to exercise their right to vote on November 6.

Old Business: Julie reported on the shirts and all comments were positive on how nice they are. If anyone would still like one, please talk to Julie. Deb and Darlene reported that the table for the remembrance program is in place and pictures of loved ones are now being accepted for display. Jan P, Donna G., Lynnette and Darlene will be putting the white ribbons on the trees this week for the WRAP program. The officers will be attending a meeting on Saturday to help formulate plans for The State Convention in April of 2019. We will be gathering the old Breaking Bread song books at the end of the current liturgical year to use at this convention. A 50-year pin was presented to Carol Kirschbaum and she was truly grateful for being remembered. Darlene thanked all who helped with the Mass duties on October 21. Our next mass will be in December with more details at our November meeting. We will all continue to seek new members to bolster our numbers. Amy, Jeannette and Lynnette will be meeting soon to formulate plans for the combined CDA/KC Christmas party. More details in November.

New Business: Darlene will be presenting a pin to Fr. Tim as our Court Chaplin. Our new yearbooks were handed to members. Rosary cases are available to members at a cost of \$2.00. See Amy if interested. The next healing mass will be November 8 after the 7:30 mass. Loretta, Donna, and Ramona will be in charge. Please call Loretta if you want to help. Lynnette discussed several parts of the upcoming Holiday Fantasy program sponsored by the Commercial Club. Call her if you are interested in helping. We need a chairman for the Salad luncheon and if no one comes forward to accept this challenge, we will need to find another way to raise funds for our scholarship program. The possibility of having a Convert dinner sponsored by KC's and CDA has been brought to the table. More discussion in the future. November 18th is First Reconciliation for our First Communion class. Julie F. will chair the reception and several members volunteered to provide the cupcakes. Prayers were asked for Sharon Knudtson and Dee Bryant and cards were sent to them.

Financial Secretary reported we have 62 members

Good of the Order: Donna read a prayer thanking our veterans for their service and asking out support for them. The Announcements were read and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aumer

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Knight News

By Don Breuker



Knights News, St Joseph Council 7284 November Review

Christmas Food Boxes: Just a couple days before Christmas, Knights and their helpers deliver food boxes to families who are have some rough times. It is a very fulfilling experience to be part of that delivery crew. One of our Knights said, "I'm not sure who gets the most from the project". Our Parish Family has always been so generous in their giving of nonperishable food. It is just amazing. You are also part of the delivery crew. Thank you. Our Council adds to those items with bread, milk, potatoes, and meat. We already have 12 turkeys donated. Those donations

are also greatly appreciated. Last year we were able to give 35 families food at Christmas time. Again, the eyes and expressions on the faces when they open the door and we are standing there with two boxes of food, is just amazing. What a gift back to us.

Grand Knight Chris Eilers: Chris announced at our November meeting that he has accepted a position with his company in Garner starting January 2nd. Chris is one of the many who has worked and led our Council. Chris, we appreciate the dedication of time, energy, financial and most important, heart, given to our Council. We wish you and Amy the best in your new chapter of your Book of Life. We thank you for sharing your life with us. Not a good-bye but rather "God Speed".

NOVEMBER – THE COMMUNION of SAINTS

By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.

This time of year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas, is a time of reflection. It is a time of 'Family'. No matter how small (1) or how large. There many 'Families' that we are part of. Sometimes we don't think of our Parish as Family, but it is. We may not think of our Community as Family, but it is. Our State, Nation, World, as a Family but it is. Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. Our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. But the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint. Each member of the family has the task of helping the others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and love.

A Family Prayer – Composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

November Events

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Parish Youth Contest

Christmas Food Basket Donations Begin

KC Mass – Nov 25th – 8 AM Mass

KC Koffee After Mass –November 25th

KC Mass for Deceased Brother Knights – Nov 25 – 8 AM Mass

December Events

Christmas Food Basket Donations

Bingo – Dec 12 – 2nd Wednesday at 7PM– Milford Nursing Center

KC Mass – December 15th – 4:30

KC Koffee After Mass – December 16th

KC Poster Contest Judging – December 15th before Mass

Pack Food Boxes – Dec 18th Tuesday

CDA / KC Christmas Party – December 19th Wednesday – Invitations with Details to go out

KC Meeting – December 20th

KC Christmas Food Baskets Delivery – 5 PM Friday December 21st.

KC Sponsored Alter Servers Appreciation Outing – Tentative Dec 27th or 28th Thursday or Friday

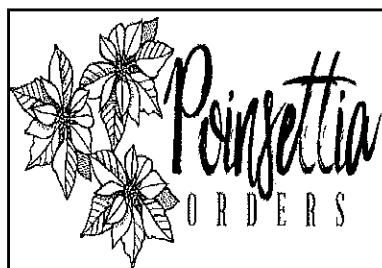
Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



- 1 Andy and Amber Wolf
- 3 Marty and Treva Anderson
- 4 Doug and Joy Roetzel
- 8 Ryan and Kimberly Mehalovich
- 10 Aaron and Erin Lorch
- 13 Dan and Hillary Henningsen
- 19 Paul and Myrna Herbers
- 23 Jim and Kathleen Baumgard
- 26 Dale and Mary Langel
- 26 Curt and Susan Willette
- 27 Robert and Kathy Brown
- 27 Gordon and Pat Graves
- 27 Charles and Mary Reckard
- 28 Ron and Jean Baack
- 29 Bernie and Janet Saggau
- 29 Scott and Chelsea Swenson
- 30 Thomas and Linda Keenan
- 30 Todd and Amy Maschino
- 31 Gary and Nancy Espinoza
- 31 David and Angela Matthews
- 31 Steve and Jerilyn Streit

St. Joseph volunteers will travel to Sioux City for the Soup Kitchen ministry in January. If you would like to go, please call the office.



Remember a loved one or a friend with beautiful Christmas flowers on the St. Joseph altars during this holiday season. Poinsettias

and other Christmas flowers will be purchased from Marcy Wittrock, owner of Red Roses & Ivy, in Milford, for \$13 each which includes foil wrap and satin bow. There is an envelope for this purpose in your packet or you can call the office. If you wish to contribute, the deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is Wed., Dec. 19 at 12 noon.

Peace and Justice Notes

The St. Joseph Peace and Justice Committee met Wed., Nov., 14, 8 a.m. in Nazareth Hall. Those in attendance 11/14 were Carol Lee, Bob Moore, Connie Stein, Merlin Wuebker, Kathy Christensen, Connie Bjornstad, Fran Cery and Dennis Lippon.

Moved by Connie B. and seconded by Kathy that the minutes of the 10/3/18 meeting be approved. Carried.

Moved by Carol and seconded by Bob that the financial statement be approved. Carried.

Moved by Dennis and seconded by Fran that \$1,000 be paid to the St Joseph's Haiti committee for the education of 20 children. Carried.

Moved by Carol and seconded by Connie S. that \$1,000 be paid to Caasa in Spencer. Carried.

Moved by Bob and Seconded by Merlin that \$1,000 be paid to Discovery House in Spirit Lake. Carried.

Moved by Connie B. and seconded by Bob that \$500 be paid to the Okoboji Back Pack Program to be delivered by Dennis on 11/16 to NW Bank who will then match that amount. Carried.

There was discussion on two requests received by Fr. Tom for housing and education in Africa. It was tabled until Fr. Tom is here.

There was discussion about the Thanksgiving dinner at St. Joseph's. Dennis will donate the turkeys and Connie S. will donate pies.

Dennis will contact Fr. Tim requesting that the last Sunday collection for P&J be announced from the altar. He will also ask Fr. Tim if he is receiving requests at the door.

The next meeting is 12/12.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lippon

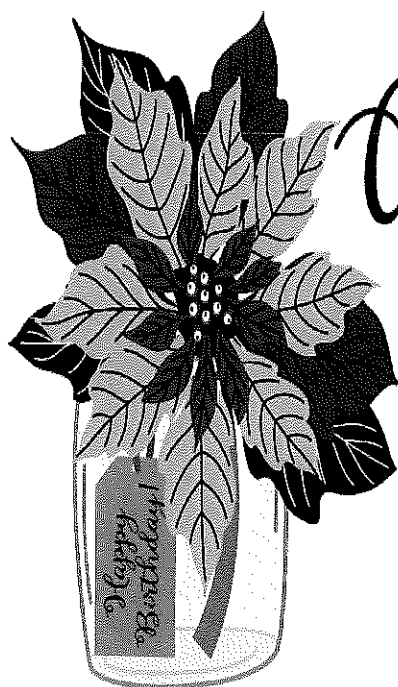
Dennis Lippon

Secretary Pro-tem

Thank You, Thank You!

✓ Thank you to the the family of +John "Dick" Notestine for supplying St. Joseph Parishioners with a 2018 religious calendar in memory of their loved one. Calendars can be picked up in the church lobby or parish office.

St. Joseph has moved to a new contribution envelope system. Instead of picking up a box of envelopes, contribution envelopes will be mailed to your home bi-monthly. Those who use automatic withdrawel or pay annually by check will receive envelopes in January only.



December

BIRTHDAYS

1 Bill Aumer	12 James Sporrer	20 Blake Kliegl	26 Mary Mittag
1 Connie Hinrichs	13 Josh Appel	21 Kent Eilers	26 Logan Ruble
1 Lisa Langel	13 Audrey Herbers	21 John Higgins	26 Amber Wolf
2 Gavin Kramer	13 Lawton Kramer	21 Douglas Schwaller	27 Fred Schmidt
2 Michael Jensen	13 Dean Reiser	21 Dustin Schwaller	28 Max Grisham
2 Ryan Mehalovich	14 Bryan Bailey	21 Jerry Westcott	28 David Johnson
2 Michael Roth	14 Vince Bronson	21 Gary Wuebker	29 Raymond Schley
3 Donna Asher	14 Maggie Fairchild	22 Landi Hunziker	29 Annabelle Soat
3 Lisa Spieker	14 Jim Nelson	22 Miley Hunziker	30 Treva Anderson
4 Colleen Anderson	14 Jack Schaben	22 Martin Hoyt	30 Sherie Kleve
4 Chanda Bender	15 Mary Jo Coffey	22 Adam Skopec	30 Chelea Swenson
4 Virginia Hermanson	15 Chad Loreth	23 Michaela Berglund	30 Edward Wollner
4 Walt Homan	15 Beth McCabe	23 Elizabeth Brunsvold	31 Elizabeth Loebach
4 Denise Norland	15 Gene Mohni	23 Teegan Hunziker	31 Hillary Henningsen
4 Tom Spies	16 Mary Johnson	23 Jimmy Petitti	31 Dave Muller
5 Becky Hyatt	16 Donna Kramer	24 Steven Anderson	
5 Linda Sievert	16 Tammi Schnetter	24 Kayla Banks	
6 Kay Sewell	16 Tom Johnson	24 Brian Cable	
7 Alana Kliegl	17 Perry Pearson	24 Finley Brunsvold	
7 John Willison	17 Max Simonson	24 John Harmelink	
8 Kent Baschke	17 Carol Sporrer	24 Karen Jurgens	
8 Donna Clark	18 Jane Christensen	24 Joseph Walker	
8 Philip Maschka	18 Aiden Clark	25 Matthew Bender	
9 Roseann Doyle	18 John Long	25 Nancy Springman	
9 Chad Frerichs	18 Tyler Wittrock	25 Denise Sporrer	
9 Jean O'Connor	19 April DeMuth	26 Ann Barry	
9 Ann Myhre	19 Keith Feller	26 Jim Hamil	
9 John Yore	19 Linda Louwagie	26 Nicole Ingvall	
10 Margaret Vos	20 Paul DeMuth	26 Madaline Matthews	

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This Christmas.....

Mend a quarrel.....Seek out a forgotten friend.....Write a love letter.....
.....Share some treasure.....Give a soft answer.....Encourage youth.....Keep a promise.....Find some time.....Forgive an enemy.....Listen.....Apologize if you were wrong.....Think first of someone else.....
Be kind and gentle.....Laugh a little.....
Laugh a little more.....Express your gratitude.....Gladden the heart of a child.....
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.....Speak your love.....Speak it again.....Speak it still once again!

Anonymous

“PEACE BE  **WITHIN THEE.”**

Psalm 122:8

December Volunteer Ministry Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Marlys Nolan, Mary Dunleavy, Holly and Paul Skopec, Larry Arndt, Alex Jones

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Bryce Anderson

USHERS/GREETERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Larry Arndt Family

Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Kris and Steve Feld, Ron Swartz, Chris Hinshaw, Bev Kruger

LECTOR: Irene McCoy

SERVERS: Mark Johnson, Jerron Heller

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Brad Shell, Beth Lorch, Lori and Terry Gray, Jim and Laurie Murray

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

USHERS/GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Faith Garcia

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 8 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Jim Baumgard, Jeff Nelson, Pat and Susy Carr, Bonnie Duhn, Kathy Eilers

LECTOR: Nancy Crepeau

SERVERS: Will Anderson, Isabel Nelson

USHERS/GREETERS: Jeff and Pat Rolfes

GIFTS: Paul Skopec Family

Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Tom and Jan Johnson, Loretta Halbur

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Aubrey Knudtson

USHERS/GREETERS: Linda Thiesen, Julie Reynolds, Ron and Carol Swartz

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 10 a.m.

3rd Grade Class Mass

EMES: (6) Dori Lippon, Chad Harms, Denise Cole, Mike and Becky Wittrock, Aaron Hyatt

LECTOR: Susan Willette

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Dalton Kilgore

USHERS/GREETERS: Ray Heller, Doug Heller and students

GIFTS: Students

CHILDREN'S LIT: Lynnette Cook

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 4:30 p.m.

KC Mass

EMES: (6) KC's

LECTOR: KC's

SERVERS: John Gracia, Loretta Halbur

USHERS/GREETERS: KC's

GIFTS: KC's

Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Jim and Irene McCoy, Marlene Nelsen, Faith Garcia, Charree Sweeten

LECTOR: Chris Bjornstad

SERVERS: Alex Stoll, Ethan Weston

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Donna Clark, Aaron and Erin Lorch, Bill and Cheryl Aumer, Connie Lange

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Addison Frerichs, Dakota McDonald

USHERS/GREETERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni

GIFTS: Doug Svoboda Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Heidi Wittrock

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 22 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Sujatha Marneui, Deb Faulkner, Eldon Kraninger, Anathasia Marneui, Steve Eral, Marlyn Nolan

GREETERS: Ted and Joanne Lyons, Lois Koelder

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Brianna Swenson

USHERS: Jim and Kathleen Baumgard

GIFTS: Kirby Berhow Family

Sunday, December 23 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Jeff Knudtson, Jean Petitti, Mark and Deb Johnson, Mary Lack

GREETERS: Chris and Connie Bjornstad

LECTOR: Teresa Place

SERVERS: Jay Garcia, Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Jim and Irene McCoy

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, December 23 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Connie and Dick Mataloni, Susan Willette, Patti Scott, Mick and Jeanette Baack

GREETERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

December Volunteer Ministry Schedule

LECTOR: Roger Moss
SERVERS: Jack Laven, Oliver Miller
USHERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley
GIFTS: Laven Family
CHILDREN'S LIT: Sharon Mayer

Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 24 @ 4 p.m.

Children's Mass

EMES: (7) Jeff and Pat Rolfes, Tony Peschong, Karen Naber, Connie Lange, Connie Hinrichs, Alma Klute

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Melika Smith, Kaleb Peschong

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill and Cheryl Aumer

GIFTS: Chris Bjornstad Family

Monday, Dec. 24 @ 6 p.m.

EMES: (5) Deb Travis, Connie and Chris Jones, Pete and Sara Laven

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Nick Stein, Will Anderson

USHERS/GREETERS: Linda Thiesen

GIFTS: Tom Johnson Family

Monday, Dec. 24 @ 12 midnight

EMES: (7) Bonnie Duhn, Dori Lippon, Sharon & Jim Metzger, Jerilyn Streit, Mark and Deb Johnson

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Dawson Kuker

USHERS/GREETERS: Duane and Tammi Schnetter

GIFTS: Mark Johnson Family

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

Tuesday, Dec. 25 @ 9 a.m. ONLY

EMES: (5) Darlene Moritz, Tom and Terri Rierison, Bob and Barb Kollasch

LECTOR: Donna Clark

SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Loretta Halbur

USHERS/GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

GIFTS: Volunteers

The Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 29 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Roger and Cheryl Moss, Pat Rolfes, Alex Jones, Eldon Kraninger, Marlys Nolan

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Dylan and Brian Jones

USHERS/GREETERS:

GIFTS: Tom Rierison Family

Sunday, Dec. 30 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Marlene Nelsen, Aaron Hyatt, Connie

and Chris Bjornstad, Karen Naber

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Cory Knudtson, Liam Knudtson

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 30 @ 10 a.m.

CDA Mass

EMES: (6) CDA members

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Deb Johnson

USHERS: CDA Members

GIFTS: CDA Members

CHILDREN'S LIT: Molly Foss

New Year's Eve

Monday, Dec. 31 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: Jean Kennedy, Jim and Laurie Murray, Holly and Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Loretta Halbur, Dakota Swanson

USHERS: Jim and Sharon Metzger

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

Financial Books Close Dec. 31, 2018

Please note that the financial books of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 2018 will close on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

We have always been required by the IRS to not accept contributions after Dec. 31 but we have given parishioners the benefit of the doubt.

However, the diocese is now requiring that we accept NO contributions dated after Dec. 31 for the 2018 year.

Contribution statements will be sent around Jan. 9, 2019. Books will be rolled over on Jan. 18, 2018. Thank you for our attention to this matter.

Altar/Rosary Society to Meet

The St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society will meet Mon., Jan. 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center for their quarterly wine and cheese social and business meeting. All women of the parish are automatic members of the Altar/Rosary Society. Please join us for outstanding fun and fellowship.

Christmas Parish Office Hours

Tues., Dec. 25 - Closed for holiday

Wed., Dec. 26 - Open from 9-12 noon

Thurs., Dec. 27 - Open from 9-12 noon

Fri., Dec. 28 - Open from 9-12 noon

Mon., Dec. 31 - Closed for Holiday

Tues., Jan. 1 - Closed for holiday

Wed., Jan. 2 - Offices reopen