

The Saint Joseph Journal

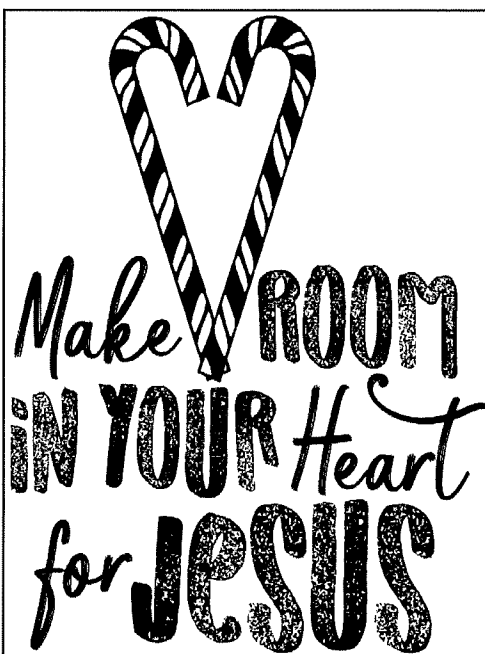
Form Community. Share the Good News of Christ. Be Witnesses for Christ in Everything We Do.

Do you ever wonder at times "what gets into people's minds?" Nearly fifty years have passed since the Christmas Eve day my dad dragged my brother and I out with him into the late December cold. Earlier that year dad purchased a Canon camera, very rudiment in today's standards, but nonetheless an intriguing opportunity for him. We bundled up that early evening on the day before Christmas and set off around our little town, stopping when he saw some possibility of a unique picture. Setting up his tripod and affixing the camera, he patiently set the lease and time exposure. I recall the cold seeping through my layers of clothes, the white blanket of snow covering everything, the lights on our main street boulevard, the Christmas trees alit through the various picture windows, the slight northerly breeze, and the silence. Silence. No cars, no voices, no commotion. Our only break for that hour or so we trudged alongside our dad came when we stopped in Grandma's house. Of course my brother and I were afforded a homemade cookie. I haven't a clue what gifts we unwrapped the following morning, or the Christmas meal, but that unusual, brief interlude on that early evening the day before Christmas has

Our Parish



never escaped my memory. Yes, dad was intrigued



by his toy if you will—the Canon camera—but more so his desire to find that true Spirit of Christmas within the silence and the lights, within the peace and grateful anticipation—on that Holy Eve. I call such endeavor we all desire, "A Sense of Place." Finding the essence, the

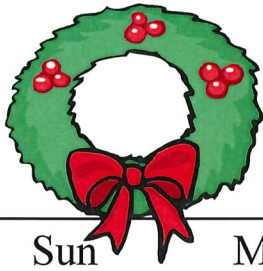
Spirit, the holiness of this Season beyond the cards sent and received, the gifts wrapped and given, those received; a Sense of Place where we find the presence of God before and within us, and the purpose of life at that moment. Such resonated within Mary on that cold evening in Bethlehem as retold by Luke: "Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. (2:19)" Approaching this beautiful season, we seek a sense of holiness within our hearts through all the efforts in decorating, sending cards, purchasing gifts, extending help to others who are struggling, putting up the tree. We seek a "Sense of Place," touching the indescribable presence of holiness, ushering in a purpose to our place in this season and the place of

Christ in our life—no less than my father's quest that quiet, cold Christmas Eve night. Such as reflected in the conversation within the precious Christmas movie "Miracle on 34th Street" (in black and white): "Look Doris, someday you're going to

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December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. Praise Band at 10 a.m.	 AI-Anon-8 p NE AA-8 pm- NazE	✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5	8 a.m. Peace & Justice Nazareth Hall ✓ 3:40-5 pm Faith Formation K-4; 6:30 p.m. Family Formation ✓ 7-8 pm 5-12	Bible Study, Naz	First Friday Comm. Calls ✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass at Accura Care Center.	Mass at 4:30 p.m.
✓ Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. ✓ 9th Grade Class Mass ✓ 1 p.m. Communal Reconciliation ✓ 4:30 p.m. Brown Family	 AI-Anon-8 p NE AA-8 pm- Naz	✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5	 ✓ 3:40-5 pm Faith Form K-4; ✓ 7-8 pm 5-12	✓ 8 a.m. Bible Study, Naz. ✓ 11 a.m. "Ones" meet at Minerva's	First Friday Comm. Call 10:30 a.m. Mass at Care Center	Mass at 4:30 p.m.
✓ Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. ✓ 2-4 pm- Holiday Open House at Rectory ✓ 4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant	 AI-Anon-8 p NE AA-8 pm- Naz	✓ Eucharistic Adoration, 8-5	✓ Deadline for Jan. Journal ✓ 3:40-5 pm Faith Formation K-4; ✓ 7-8 pm 5-12 ✓ Reconciliation	✓ Bible Study, 8 am, Naz. KC/CDA Christmas Party in PC	First Friday Comm. Call ✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass @ Care Ctr.	Private Christmas Party, basement, 10-6 ✓ Mass at 4:30 p.m.
✓ Mass at 8 and 10 a.m.	 AI-Anon-8 p NE AA-8 pm- Naz	✓ No Euch. Adoration ✓ Parish Offices Closed at noon. Masses at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. 	Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. Parish Offices Closed	Parish Office Open 9-12. ✓ Bible Study, 8 am, Naz.	First Friday Comm. Calls ✓ Parish Office Open 9-12. ✓ 10:30 a.m. Mass @ Care Ctr. Life Serve Blood Drive, PC	✓ Mass at 4:30 p.m.
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Accrual Basis

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of October 31, 2019

	<u>Oct 31, 19</u>	<u>Oct 31, 18</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11000 · CASH	275,617.94	268,893.35
12000 · INVESTMENTS	517,741.24	408,079.29
Total Checking/Savings	<u>793,359.18</u>	<u>676,972.64</u>
Total Current Assets	793,359.18	676,972.64
Fixed Assets		
18000 · FIXED ASSETS	3,364,844.43	3,364,844.43
19000 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<u>-501,968.01</u>	<u>-501,968.01</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,862,876.42</u>	<u>2,862,876.42</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,656,235.60</u></u>	<u><u>3,539,849.06</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
22000 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	8,718.49	486.43
24000 · FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	<u>2,342.52</u>	<u>9,674.05</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>11,061.01</u>	<u>10,160.48</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>11,061.01</u>	<u>10,160.48</u>
Total Liabilities	11,061.01	10,160.48
Equity		
31000 · UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	3,473,820.96	3,314,213.68
32000 · PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND B...	110,838.70	110,838.70
33000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	15,602.21	15,602.21
Net Income	<u>44,912.72</u>	<u>89,033.99</u>
Total Equity	<u>3,645,174.59</u>	<u>3,529,688.58</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,656,235.60</u></u>	<u><u>3,539,849.06</u></u>

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Profit Loss Prev Year Comparison October 2019

		Oct 19	Oct 18	Jul - Oct 19	Jul - Oct 18
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
40000 · PARISH INCOME		31,812.49	91,825.07	194,566.94	241,306.13
40173 · Peace & Justice Income		1,080.58	2,518.25	9,140.96	4,063.98
41000 · INVESTMENT INCOME		307.83	-3,494.57	3,320.09	-1,332.79
42000 · SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		0.00	-29,993.17	0.00	0.00
44000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS		348.03	638.42	5,959.51	6,369.31
47000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS		149.00	56.00	30,206.52	233.00
49000 · OTHER INCOME		80.00	25.00	2,202.12	5,219.39
49911 · Memorial Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,530.00
Total Income		33,777.93	61,575.00	245,396.14	258,389.02
Expense					
50000 · SALARIES AND WAGES		24,484.32	21,412.84	91,042.82	88,877.82
51000 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		7,732.44	7,612.51	25,152.58	38,088.30
51300 · MISSION EFFECTIVENES		189.96	609.41	4,376.70	6,012.92
51400 · BUILDING AND GROUNDS		9,603.01	6,832.95	59,004.61	25,262.00
51900 · OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES		42.35	17.76	694.85	70.26
53000 · ASSESSMENTS		1,980.00	1,876.00	7,920.00	7,504.00
54000 · ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVALS E		124.00	650.68	3,355.56	4,502.44
59000 · OTHER EXPENSES		1,369.41	1,141.72	5,810.54	4,966.57
Total Expense		45,525.49	40,153.87	197,357.66	175,284.31
Net Ordinary Income		-11,747.56	21,421.13	48,038.48	83,104.71
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
49905 · Haiti Connection Income		0.00	3,437.23	3,656.24	11,729.28
Total Other Income		0.00	3,437.23	3,656.24	11,729.28
Other Expense					
59905 · Haiti Connection Expense				6,782.00	5,800.00
Total Other Expense				6,782.00	5,800.00
Net Other Income		0.00	3,437.23	-3,125.76	5,929.28
Net Income		-11,747.56	24,858.36	44,912.72	89,033.99

For Your Information

November Statistics

(as of November 20, 2019)

Baptized in Christ:

None

Deaths

Jim Cates

Died: Oct. 22, 2019

Buried: Oct. 28, 2019-

Weddings

None



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

- ✓ Jerry & Sheila Finch,
of Milford
- ✓ Zachery Herrig,
of Spirit Lake
- ✓ Tim & Kate Pieper,
of Lincoln, NE and Okoboji;
- ✓ Wesley & Lindsay Radunz,
of Spirit Lake.

Thank You, Thank You!

✓ Thank you to the St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society for supplying St. Joseph Parishioners with a 2019 religious calendar in memory of their loved one. Calendars can be picked up in the church lobby or parish office soon.

Bible Study
Thursdays, 8 a.m.
Nazareth Hall.



Good Fellowship.
Refreshments.



"That's why I say, 'Fleece Navidad!'"



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. 18 at 12 noon.

Pick-Up Bowl Reminder

Please remember to pick up your bowls and pans that you brought to St. Joseph for a recent event. They are on the steel tables in the kitchen.

January Soup Kitchen

St. Joseph volunteers will travel to Sioux City for the Soup Kitchen ministry on Thurs., Jan. 9, 2020. If you would like to go, please call the office.

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Copy for the next issue is due on
the 20th of the preceding month.

This and That

Fr. Tim

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to find that your way of facing this realistic world just doesn't work. And when you do, don't overlook those lovely intangibles. You'll discover those are the only things that are worthwhile. Faith is believing when common sense tells you not to. Don't you see? It's not just Kris that's on trial, it's everything he stands for. It's kindness and joy and love and all the other intangibles."

As reflected in the song, "Who Comes This Night:"

Who comes this night, this wintry night,

As to the lowly manger?

The Shepards and the Kings did come

To welcome in the stranger.

Who sends this song upon the air,

To ease the soul that's aching?

To still the cry of deep despair

And heal the heart that's breaking.

Brother Joseph bring the light

Fast, the night is fading.

And who will come this wintry night

To where the stranger's waiting?

May this season approaching, bring us to the holiness—we like Mary—can treasure and ponder the silence and light, the peace and grateful anticipation.

God Bless you this Christmas Season.

Fr. Tim

In Need Of Hangers

The Clothing Room is in need of additional plastic hangers. If you have some to donate, please place them on the desk near Mary Lou's Office.

Merry Christmas From The "Snow" Staff!



"Head"
Snowman
Fr. Tim



"Traveling"
Suz



"Educational"
Sharon



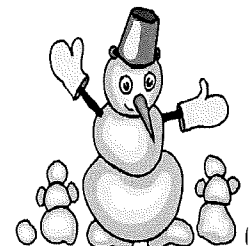
"Musical"
Cain



"Scooping"
Shane



"Youthful"
Teresa



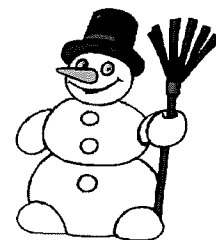
"Fashionable"
Mary Lou



"Sweeping"
Pam



"Tidy"
Lois



"Dusting"
Alice

Finance Council

The St. Joseph Finance Council met Thursday, Nov. 5, 2019, in the parish office. Fr. Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and lead the group in prayer. The following were in attendance: Fr. Tim Johnson, Lay Director Pam Fisher, Council Members Tony Peschong, Chad Harms, Steve Anderson, Jim Baumgard, Connie Jones and Holly Skopec and Financial Secretary Susan Reiser. Absent and excused as Lay Director Chris Stein. The minutes from the Sept. 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Baumgard moved with a second by Skopec to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Projects Update

Gutter Project: Fr. Tim reported that repairs to the copper gutters have been completed and repair of the window and walls inside have also been completed.

Bell Tower: Fr. Tim updated the group on the bells/clock tower project. The motor on the clock is having difficulty keeping time. Verdin Clock Company suggested that we install a new motor to be digitally updated. This repair is expected to save about 90% of the electricity we are now using to operate the clock. Baumgard moved with a second by Anderson to purchase the new motor at a cost of \$14,000 to solve the problem. This part will automatically set the time on the clocks to be in sync with daylight savings time.

Landscaping: Lisa Pederson has started on revamping and sprucing up the landscaping on the grounds. Her work will continue next spring.

Cemetery: Gayle Weiskircher has mowed twice, filled graves and seeded various areas of the cemetery.

Commercial dehumidifier: Fr. Tim said that a new commercial dehumidifier will be installed shortly in the basement. It will be connected directly with a floor drain and can be shut off and moved in the case of an event being held in the basement.

Financial Reports

The comparative balance sheet ending October 31, 2019, the profit and loss statement as of October 31 and the budget vs. actual statement as of October 31 were reviewed. Discussion was held. Fisher moved with a second by Jones to approve the reports. All ayes. Carried.

After discussion, Harms moved with a second by Peschong to authorize Fr. Tim to move funds from the checking account to certificates of deposit in increments of \$25,000 as needed. All ayes. Carried.

Good of the Order

Discussion was held on *The Globe* and the new "Together As One" campaign, formerly known as Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The Clothing Room situation was discussed. At this time, members feel the clothing room should remain as is.

Some members asked about the status of the adjacent house and garage to the west of the church. Fr. Tim said he would check the status with the owner.

Finance Council member Holly Skopec was thanked for her years of service to the council. Her second term has expired and this meeting was her final meeting of her term. Fr. Tim is expected to appoint a new member in the near future to fill Skopec's position.

Harms moved with a second by Skopec to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. All ayes. Carried. The next meeting will be held in February of 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reiser

Susan Reiser

Finance Secretary

Together In Faith

By Sharon Mayer
Director of Faith Formation

Happy Holidays from the office of faith formation. 'Tis the season of food, gifting, more food, remembering friends and family, more food, decorations, happy songs and more food. Isn't it great! But... where would we be without the reason to do all those things? The main thing in all of our celebrations and festivities is that we put Jesus first and foremost in our thoughts. He came and taught so that we would have the sense to reach out to others, care for them and be happy to make them happy. After all, isn't that what it's all about-the love we share with others? Yes, we are all very busy during the holidays but it's such a good kind of busy.

Advent starts us off for the month of December; the time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Our Lord. Well, as children say, that was a long time ago, what does that have to do with us now? We are waiting still as Jesus promised to return someday and preparing for that time includes being ready and in His Light when that day arrives. We celebrate this Christian holiday by preparing our homes for guests and decorating to show an outward sign that this holiday is very special.

Our church is dressed in purple for 4 weeks with scripture to match to prepare us to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives by remembering He is God's gift to us. To help with that process our K-4th grade students will present "The Birth of the King on Dec 15 at 4:30 followed by pizza for all in the parish center. This will follow the open house at Fr. Tim's from 2-4 that same day. If you are still not in the spirit by then or if you are, please think about joining the people who sing in the choir at Midnight Mass. Now there...you will definitely have that Christmas feeling then. I have been attending midnight Mass for as far back as my memory will go and it isn't Christmas until I have attended that Mass.

Here are some other ways to make this season special for your family:

Check out some December Saints, like John the Baptist, Stephen or Juan Diego.

▲ Celebrate St. Nicholas by counting your blessings and put by the Christmas tree.

☺ Make a plan to serve others of the parish.

▲ Make Christmas cookies together.

☺ Build a living room fort and come together to read a Christmas story by flashlight.

▲ Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mexican food.

☺ Bless your Christmas tree.

▲ Spend some time just looking at the inside of the church.

☺ Play Catholic charades.

▲ Go outside and look at the stars. Think about the Wiseman's journey.

☺ Make an angel, even outside if snow.

▲ Talk about one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

☺ Buy a Poinsettia and talk about its meaning.

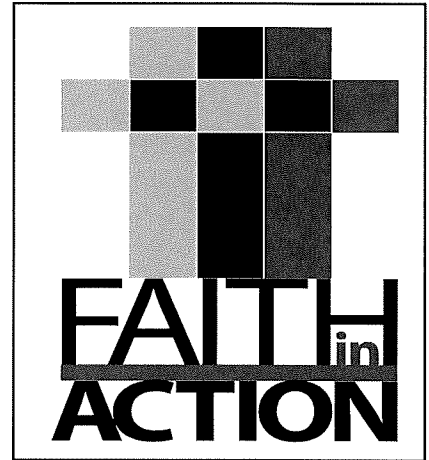
▲ Drive around to look at Christmas lights.

☺ Set up your manger scene and pray for travelers.

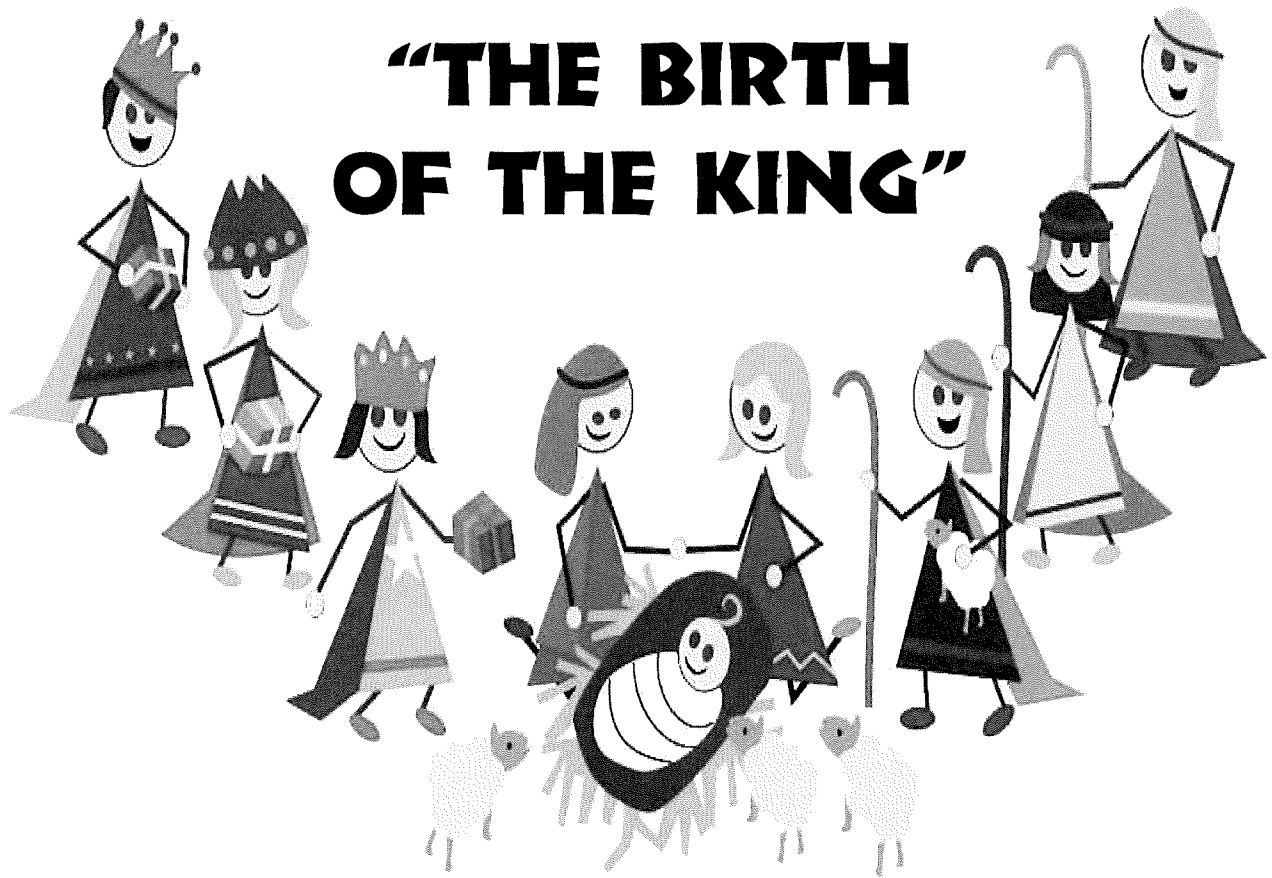
▲ Have a Merry Christmas!

☺ Our last religious education class for 2019 will be on Dec. 18. Our 5-12 students will finish the year celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their Christmas celebration will be the week prior to that.

I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and the warmth of the Lord's blessings to be in your homes this holiday season to take us into the new year.



Please join the Students of the
St. Joseph's Religious Education Program
as they present...

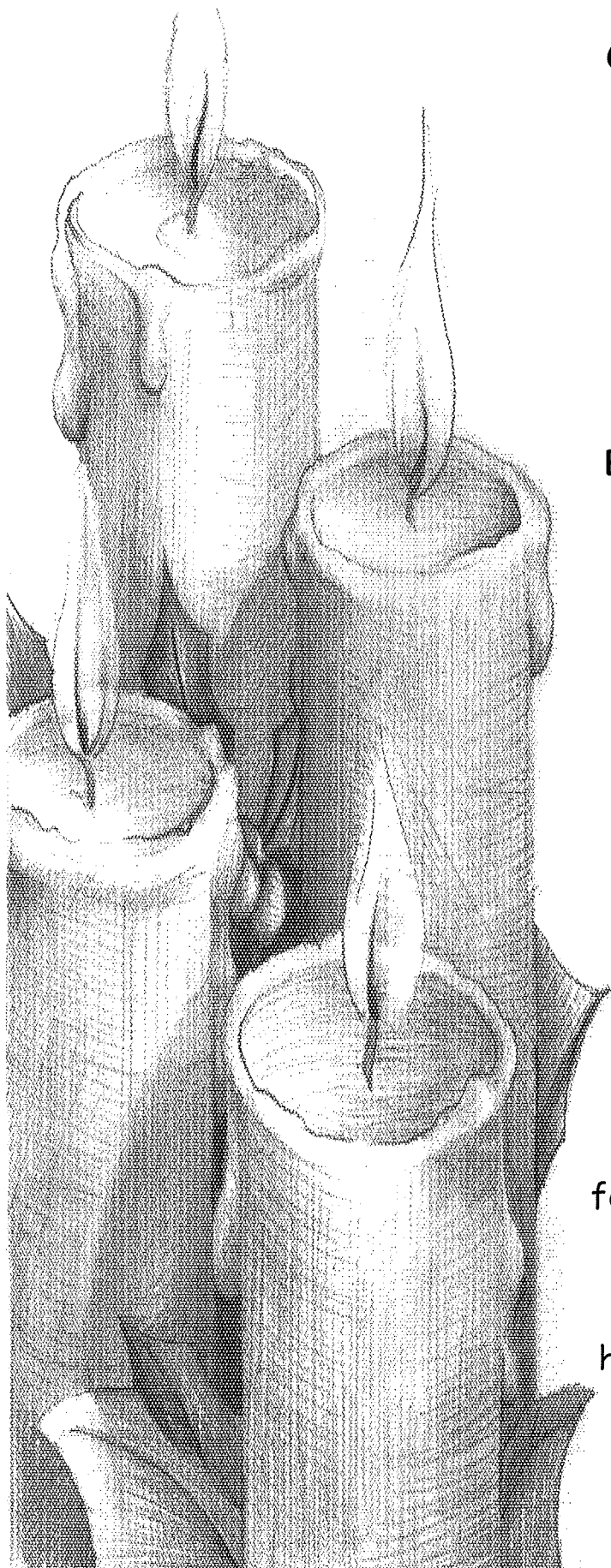


A play inspired by Leanne Guenther
Adapted by Sharon Mayer

Sunday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

The K-4th grade students will present their annual
Christmas Pageant in the church.
It promises to be
a meaningful and delightful evening.

Pizza to follow in the Parish Center.



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

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. 25)

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

**Deadline is Mon., Dec. 16.
Items will be delivered later that week.**



2019 Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 22

Regular Sunday Masses at 8 and 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Tues., Dec. 24

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

Christmas Day

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

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 28 @ 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29 at 8 and 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass

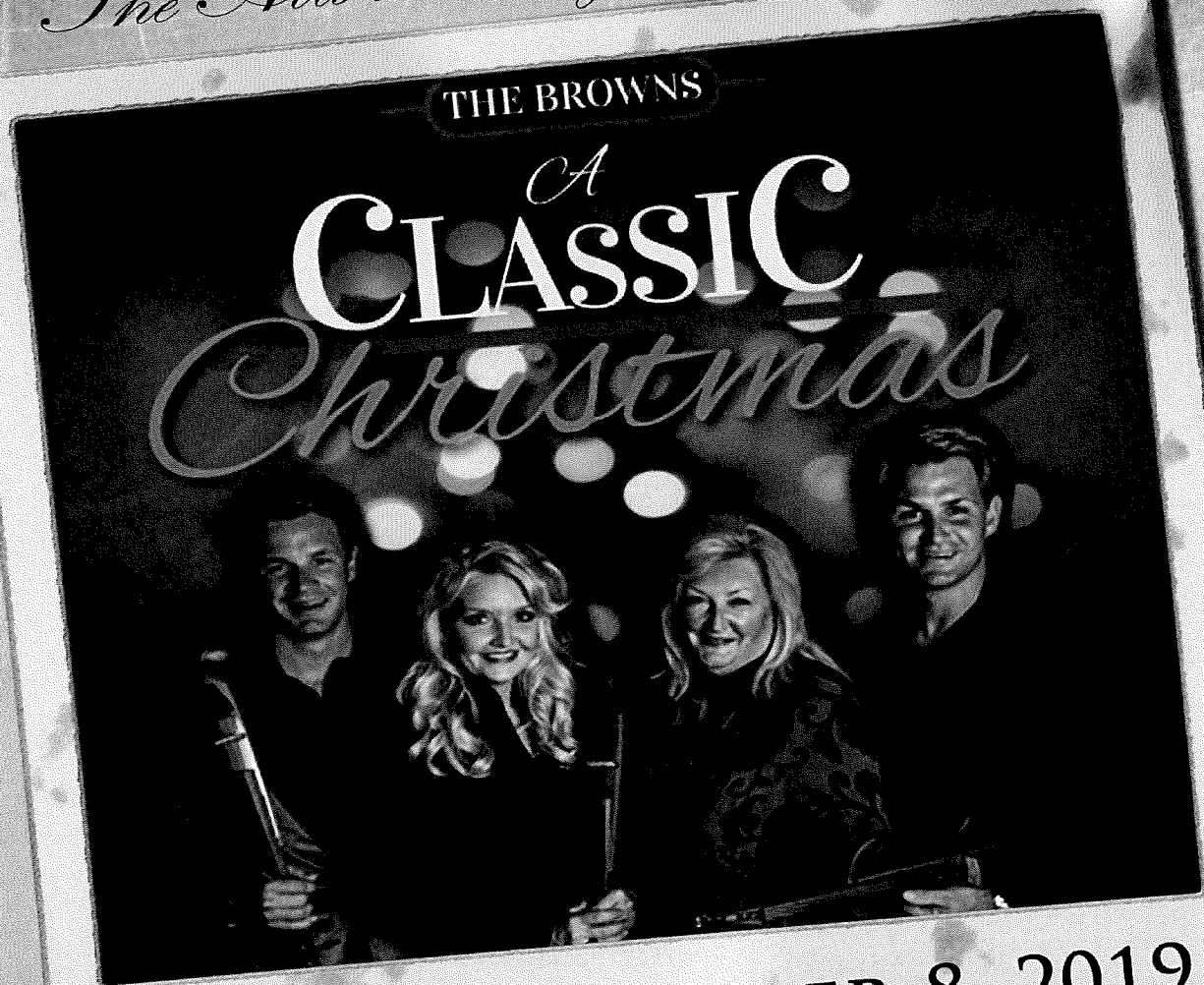
Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass:

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church Presents

The Arts at St. Joseph's:



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
4:30 P.M.**

at St. Joseph Church in Milford, Iowa

**Free Will Offering
Reception Following Performance**

Corporate sponsors:
The Patrice and Rita Leary Foundation
United Community Bank



JOIN FR. TIM.....

Sunday, December 15

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.**

Join Us....

for our 19th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Sun., Jan. 19
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 bag of lettuce
I-P: a loaf of French
Bread
Q-Z: a pan of bars



19th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Alex Jones

Dean Reiser

Randy Eckard

Ron Swartz

Kitchen Helpers:

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

Set-Up Saturday, Jan. 18, 1 p.m.:

Merlin Wuebker Mary Johnson

Marian Feldhacker Dorothy Tatman

Mark Kollasch

Salad Tossers:

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

Salad Dressing:

Lois Eckard

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

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

Take-Out Line: Need 2))

Marlene Nelsen Pam Hanson

Dessert Servers:

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

Ticket table: (Full)

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

Mary Lou Schroeder

Jean Kennedy

Dishwashers:

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

Greeters and Seaters: (Full)

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

Rich and Nancy Crepeau

Clean-Up: 12:30 PM

Delivery People

Merlin Wuebker

Mick Baack

Bus People: (need 2 adults and 5 youth)

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

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

1) Bonnie Duhn 2) Sharon Mayer

3) Dori Lippon

Coffee Makers

John and Tutti Willison

Extras:

Celebrating 100 Years: 1920-2020

SAVE
THE DATE



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, IA, will
celebrate their Centennial July 25-26, 2020.**

Plan to be a part of this historic event!

Saturday night, July 25, 2020

All St. Joseph School Reunion Social

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Centennial Mass at 10:30 a.m.

With Bishop Walker Nickless

Roast Beef Dinner to follow

Program at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments to follow.

**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS**



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 Skopce	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	31 Trudy Pedersen
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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Peace and Justice Notes

The St. Joseph's Peace and Justice Committee met on November 6, 2019 at 8: 00 a.m. in Nazareth Hall. Members present were Carol Lee, Connie Bjornstad, Connie Stein, Fran Cerny, Merlin Wuebker, Bernie Kramer and Bob Moore.

1. Justin Bouse, Student Services and Activities Director of Okoboji Community Schools was the guest speaker. He reviewed the various "Success Team" programs currently in place as well as some proposed projects which included "At Risk", "Mentoring", "Bereavement", "After School" and "Summer" programs. These programs are not funded by State or Federal tax dollars.

2. The business portion of the meeting opened at 8:30 am.

3. Review of financial statement.

4. Discussion regarding Okoboji Schools "Success Team" programs. Motion by Bob Moore to donate \$1,500.00 to the "Success Team" programs, seconded by Carol Lee, motion passed.

5. Via an email from Fr. Flanagan we were made aware of an Opus Spiritus Sancti priest in Malawi who is in need of a car. This priest has been saving for some time and is near his goal. Bernie Kramer made a motion to send him \$500.00, seconded by Fran Cerny, motion passed.

6. An email from Sister Crispina of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Tanzania was received requesting assistance for food and education for the children. Motion made by Carol Lee to donate \$1,500.00, seconded by Connie Stein, motion passed.

7. Next meeting December 4, 2019 at 8 a.m. in Nazareth Hall.

8. Adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Carol Lee and Bob Moore

Miracle Choir Plans for Christmas

The St. Joseph Miracle Choir is enlisting members to join for the midnight Christmas Eve Mass. Need not be a member of the choir to participate.

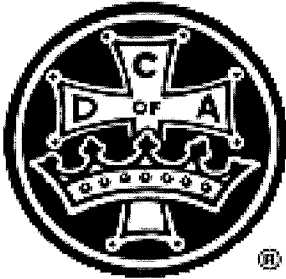
Rehearsals: Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. Both rehearsals will be held in the church.

We will sing on Christmas Eve at the midnight Mass. We will warm up at 11:00 p.m. in the overflow room.

Participation in the rehearsals are highly encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Cain at cain@stjosephmilford.org.



Catholic Daughters News



Following a short presentation by Mary Emgarten on the 40 days of Life Program, Regent Darlene opened the October 22, 2019 of Court #1585 Our Lady of LaSalette with prayer. Following the Pledge and opening ode, roll call showed all officers, 2 guests and 13 members present.

Cheryl read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. Correspondence was read by Cheryl and Donna.

Patti read the treasurers report and it was approved. The following bills were submitted and approved:

National Dues	\$ 442.50
Donna Goebel – card table and ribbon	91.07
Cheryl Aumer – mileage and conference reg	63.40
Ramona Boese – conference reg	15.00
National Projects and charities	120.00

Chairman reports: Our next healing mass is on November 7th. Loretta is in charge and will be calling if she needs help. Ramona and Cheryl reported on a very successful fall workshop in Emmetsburg.

Circle of Love reports: Darlene gave us more information on the retreat we will be hosting with the Spirit Lake Court in February of 2020. After some discussion, it was moved and approved that we would share food expenses and felt that there should be a small charge for registration so people would be more committed to coming and so we would have a better idea of numbers of participants. We were reminded to vote in the upcoming election on November 5. Our White Ribbons project will be tying bows on the trees on October 25 and the program will be noted on the church sign. Information was shared about the upcoming program on sex trafficking with Sister Shirley Finneran to be held in Spirit Lake on November 5.

Unfinished Business: Ramona reported on the Fall Food Event. We will be assembling the jars on November 22 with sales at masses on November 23 and 24 and 30 and 12/1 if necessary. Sign-up sheets for the upcoming Veterans Soup Supper were passed around. Darlene and Kim Miller are chairing the event this year. It was decided to send a card to the Spencer CDA Court in honor of their 100th anniversary. This Saturday, October 26 is Make a Difference Day and we were all asked to do one thing toward this goal. Members were urged to participate in the Education Contest. Darlene has more details if you are interested. Short discussions were held on the National Convention in July of 2020, the reception for incoming National Regent Sherri Nilles in September 2020 and our salad luncheon in May of 2020. Darlene handed out a form of items that need to be included in our budget.

Financial Secretary: Julie reported that we have 61 members with all paid for 2019 and dues for 2020 are coming in.

District Deputy Angie Beem greeted our court and thanked us for inviting her. She said she always enjoys the hospitality of our Court.

Good of the Order: Donna read a short essay on "Heroes of our Court from the National Newsletter.

Following announcements about future events, and that the financial review will be held following adjournment and the closing prayer and ode, Darlene adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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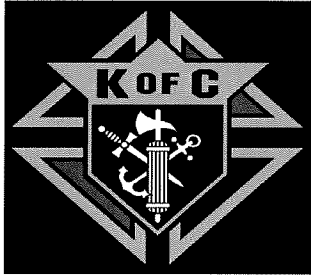
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Knight News



Knights News
St Joseph Council 7284
November 2019 Review

Altar Servers Appreciation – One of the activities the Council has had is an Appreciation Event for ALL Altar Servers. We are continuing that again. Details will be put together at our November meeting on the 21st. It probably will be bowling again. It probably will include a lunch. It probably will be during Christmas break. We are open to suggestions. Watch and listen for details.

CPID Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities – The intent of the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) Drive is that the monies are be used to specifically and explicitly benefit individuals who have Intellectual Disabilities. Five of our Council Members presented a check to Hope Haven for \$1,960.33 on Wednesday Nov 6th. A portion of the donations (10%) goes to State Council for help with Special Olympics this year was, \$217.84. This was accomplished by generosity of so many people that donated at Masses and at Sunshine Foods. A special thanks to Travis at Sunshine Foods for permitting us to accept donations on Friday late afternoon and Saturday August 30 and 31 in support of God's special people. When we presented the check Danette Tolan told us that the donation goes towards helping with transportation and mainly for the activities of the people of Hope Haven. Again, we thank everyone for their sharing of their means to help those special people.

Christmas Food Boxes – So many of us are so very fortunate that we don't even think about being able of putting food on the table including for our Christmas Family Meal. Some are not as fortunate. Our Council has a long-standing tradition of helping others that are not as fortunate. We again this year will have totes out to collection food items and supplies. Be it canned goods, non-perishable foods and other supplies that are needed around the home. Last year we gave 'thousands of pounds' of food to people in our local area. We have had some very generous anonymous donors in the past that gave turkey and beef. Our Council then purchases potatoes, bread, milk and supplement the meat. We give to each family according to size to help ensure that all family members have ample food for Christmas dinner and even more that just one day. We give with respect of pride of those who are receiving our gifts.

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest – Terry Abbas is coordinating our project again this year. He has meet with the teachers and classes that would be able to participate. The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Entries in the contest must include the theme of 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' reflecting the topic and an original visual image. This contest is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 14 as of November 1. There are three age groups: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Parents, encourage and support your kids to participate. Our Council is providing Certificates to each participant and we will provide a cash award of \$25 to 1st place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place for each of the divisions of the contest. First place winner's poster will be submitted to State Competition by December 15th for judging in January.

November Events

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Parish Youth Contest

Christmas Food Basket Donations Begin –Thanksgiving Day

Adoration – Special Intention for Religious Vocations – Nov 26th 8AM to 5:15PM

December Events

KC Collecting Food Donations

KC Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Judging - Recognition will at classes Wed., Dec. 18.

Bingo – Dec 11th

KC Meeting – Dec 12th - Early because of Christmas Party

KC Mass – Dec. 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

CDofA and KC Christmas Party – Dec 19th

KC Christmas Food Box Delivery – Tentative is Sunday afternoon – December 22nd

Altar Servers Appreciation – To be announced in December

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 7 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Jim Baumgard, Larry Arndt, 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. 8 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Chris and Connie Bjornstad, Tom and Jan Johnson, Jeff Knudson

LECTOR: Loretta Halbur

SERVERS: Asher Knudtson, Aubrey Knudtson

USHERS/GREETERS: Ron and Carol Swartz

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 10 a.m.

9th Grade Class Mass

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

LECTOR: Student

SERVERS: Austin Harms, Dalton Kilgore

USHERS/GREETERS: Jay Scott, Doug Heller

GIFTS: Students

CHILDREN'S LIT: Patti Scott

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

KC Mass

EMES: (6) KC's

LECTOR: KC's

SERVERS: John Gracia, Mark Johnson

USHERS/GREETERS: KC's

GIFTS: KC's

Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 8 a.m.

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

LECTOR: Chris Bjornstad

SERVERS: Brianna Swenson, Ethan Weston

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Terri Rierson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 10 a.m.

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

LECTOR: Sara Laven

SERVERS: Addison Frerichs, Alyssa Wittrock

USHERS/GREETERS: Dick and Connie Mataloni

GIFTS: Doug Svoboda Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Heidi Wittrock

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 21 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: (6) Mary Ann Dunleavy, Deb Faulkner, Eldon Kraninger, Donna Elser, Steve Eral, Marilyn 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 22 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Jeff Knudtson, Jean Petitti, Mark and Deb Johnson, Cory Knudtson

GREETERS: Chris and Connie Bjornstad

LECTOR: Pat Carr

SERVERS: Jay Garcia, Andrew Frerichs

USHERS: Jim and Irene McCoy

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, December 22 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: (6) Connie and Dick Mataloni, Susan Willette, Patti Scott, Mick and Jeanette Baack

GREETERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

LECTOR: Roger Moss

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Oliver Miller

USHERS: Wayne and Barb Woodley

GIFTS: Laven Family

CHILDREN'S LIT: Sharon Mayer

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 4 p.m.

Children's Mass

EMES: (7) Jeff and Pat Rolfes, Tony Peschong, Karen Naber, Steve and Kris Feld, Connie Hinrichs

LECTOR: Joseph Schmidt

SERVERS: Kaleb Peschong, Brianna Swenson

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

GIFTS: Chris Bjornstad Family

Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 6 p.m.

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

LECTOR: Lois Eckard

SERVERS: Noah Walleck, Simon Walleck

USHERS/GREETERS: Curt and Susan Willette

GIFTS: Tom Johnson Family

Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 12 midnight

EMES: (7) Bonnie Duhn, Dori Lippon, Bev Kruger, Chris Hinshaw, Jerilyn Streit, Mark and Deb

December Volunteer Ministry Schedule

Johnson

LECTOR: Beth Lorch

SERVERS: Isabel Nelson, Dawson Kuker

USHERS/GREETERS: Kraninger Family

GIFTS: Mark Johnson Family

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

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

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

LECTOR: Donna Clark

SERVERS: Jocelyn Heller, Kailee Herman

USHERS/GREETERS: Jack and Julie Kliegl

GIFTS: Volunteers

The Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 28 @ 4:30 p.m.

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

LECTOR: Jeff Rolfes

SERVERS: Dylan and Brian Jones

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim and Kathleen Baumgard

GIFTS: Tom Rierson Family

Sunday, Dec. 29 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: (5) Marlene Nelsen, Brad Shell, Connie and Chris Bjornstad, Jeff Nelson

LECTOR: Molly Mulqueen

SERVERS: Kayla Kollasch, Liam Knudtson

USHERS/GREETERS: Tom and Jan Johnson

GIFTS: Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 29 @ 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: Faith Garcia

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 31 @ 4 p.m.

EMES: (5) Ron Swartz, Jim and Laurie Murray, Holly and Paul Skopec

LECTOR: Kathy Eilers

SERVERS: Dakota Hesseltine, John Garcia

USHERS: Carol Swartz, Bonnie Duhn

GIFTS: Jim Murray Family

Altar/Rosary Society to Meet

The St. Joseph Altar/Rosary Society will meet Mon., Jan. 20, 2020, 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.

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

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| 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 | Gordon and Pat Graves |
| 27 | Charles and Mary Reckard |
| 28 | Ron and Jean Baack |
| 29 | Bernie and Janet Saggau |
| 29 | Scott and Chelsie Swenson |
| 30 | Thomas and Linda Keenan |
| 30 | Todd and Amy Maschino |
| 31 | Gary and Nancy Espinoza |
| 31 | David and Angela Matthews |

Financial Books Close Dec. 31, 2019

Please note that the financial books of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 2019 will close on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

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 2019 year.

Contribution statements will be sent around Jan. 20, 2020. Books will be rolled over on Jan. 20, 2018. Thank you for our attention to this matter.

Christmas Parish Office Hours

Tues., Dec. 24 - Closing at 12 noon

Wed., Dec. 25 - Closed for holiday

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

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

Mon., Dec. 30 - Open from 9-12 noon

Tues., Dec. 31 - Closing at 12 noon

Wed., Jan. 1 - Closed for holiday

Thurs., Jan. 2 - Normal business hours