

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

## Celebrating 175 Years!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 5 PM (Saturday), 8 AM, and 10 AM

**Daily Mass:** 8 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 PM Wednesday

**Holy Day of Obligation Mass:** See bulletin

**Eucharistic Adoration** begins at 6 PM on Wednesdays and concludes with **Benediction** at 6:50 PM.

### Mass Intentions

19-Sat., 5 PM	Jan Schabell
20-Sun., 8 AM	Don Whitford
20-Sun., 10 AM	People of the Parish
21-Mon., 8 AM	George Louis Nienaber
22-Tues., 9 AM	Stella Franzen
23-Wed., 7 PM	Myron Born
24-Thurs., 8 AM	Iva K. Mayer
24-Thurs., 4 PM	People of the Parish
24-Thurs., 6 PM	Dolores See
25-Fri., 12 AM	Jack & Norene Martin
25-Fri., 9 AM	Kirk & Ralph Kremer
25-Fri., 11 AM	Carl, Schack & Saner families
26-Sat., 5 PM	Deceased Members of the Futscher Family
27-Sun., 8 AM	Joseph & Elizabeth Heeb
27-Sun., 10 AM	People of the Parish

To schedule a Mass intention for a person, living or deceased, or for some other particular intention, contact the parish office.

**Virtus: The December bulletin will be sent out December 6 and is due January 7.**

### Confession Schedule

Sunday 7:45 AM and 9:45 AM

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM

### Administration and Staff

#### Pastor

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**N.B.: The parish office will be closed  
Dec. 24 – Jan. 3.**

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

**Christmas Day: Midnight, 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.**

## Sunday Collection

December 12 & 13	\$ 6,046.00
Immaculate Conception	\$523.00
Retired Religious	\$2,374.00

## Parish News

You may have heard recently that Pope Francis has proclaimed a **Year of St. Joseph**, beginning on Dec. 8, 2020, and ending on Dec. 8, 2021. The year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree *Quemadmodum Deus*, which declared St. Joseph to be the patron of the universal Church. As a parish dedicated to St. Joseph, this is both a reason for us to rejoice and an opportunity for us to come to a closer relationship with our patron saint. Hopefully, the months ahead will offer us the ability to celebrate this special year both as a parish and as a diocese.

In these days of Advent, we often reflect upon the archangel's appearance to the Blessed Virgin and her simple acceptance of God's plan for her: "*Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*." Let it be done unto me according to thy word." It was through her act of courageous faith and humble obedience that God became flesh, which is the joyful news proclaimed by the angels and celebrated by us at Christmas.

But Joseph's role in this event should not be overlooked! He too accepted God's plan when it was announced to him by the angel and he set aside his fear and confusion in order to take Mary—and the Son of God already living in her womb—into his home. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Custos*, "One can say that what Joseph did united him in an altogether special way to the faith of Mary. He accepted as a truth coming from God the very thing that she had already accepted at the Annunciation." As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let's ask St. Joseph to help us welcome Christ as he did: with courageous faith, humble obedience, and generous love.

Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph by means of the apostolic letter *Patris Corde*. He concludes the letter with a prayer that we might make our own in the year ahead:

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

In other news, I want to thank everyone who bought a gift for our **giving tree** this year! It's always very touching to look at all the presents in the church and think about how much generosity is represented there. Thanks for helping to show the love of Christ to some families who are in need this Christmas. Special thanks to Holli Young for organizing this project once again!

Finally, the **offertory envelopes** for the upcoming year are in the vestibule of the church. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up. Thank you for all of your generosity towards our parish over this past year and for the support that I know you will continue to offer in the year ahead.

Fr. Stenger

## **Church Cleaning**

Team Three: Dec. 7 – Dec. 20

Team One: Dec. 21 – Jan. 3

Team Two: Jan. 4 – Jan. 17

## **Pray for Those Who Protect Us**

PFC Jared Allender, Staff Sgt. Dave Evans, E5 Staff Sgt. Nicholas Glossner, SRA Emily Wagner, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wagner, I CL Petty Office T.J. Waters. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way each day to protect us, including armed service personnel, police, and firefighters.

### **Pray for the Sick and Homebound**

Chris Arlinghaus, Janet Arlinghaus, Kim Brun, Roy Carl, Doug and Ella Carmack, Kent Enzweiler, Henry Glossner, Billy Guthier, Blake Hegner, Nathan Hessman, Flo Kaffenberger, Garry Kaffenberger, Mary Kettenacker, Earl Koeninger, Bernie Kohls, Kelli Kramer, Ed Kremer, Jim Kremer, Dick Mader, Jerome Makin, Kairi Marie Mullins, Dominic Ramler, April Schack, Lizzie Schack, Casen Schrock, Jill Shaner, Steve Tischner, Pauline Wade, Alisha Waters

### **Christmas Mass Times**

In order to accommodate more people at Christmas with the reduced seating capacity in the church, we will have two additional Christmas Masses this year. Our Christmas Masses this year will be at the following times:

**Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

**Christmas Day: Midnight, 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.**

### **Decorating Church for Christmas!**

Please join us in readying the church to celebrate the Christmas Season. We will be putting the trees, Manger, wreaths, flowers, and lights in place on Tuesday, December 22, at 4pm. We would really appreciate any and all help that we can get this year, as many hands make light work. If enough people come, maybe we can get this all completed in an hour or so. Thanks in advance! –Chrissy Bezold

### **2021 Calendars**

The church calendars for next year are available in the vestibule of the church. Thanks to our sponsors for generously helping us to provide these calendars for free every year!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the family of Sydney Mae Bridewell, daughter of Jerrit and Jennifer, who was baptized here this past weekend. Please pray for her as she begins her new life in the Church and for her parents as they nurture the divine life given to their child.

### **Memorials for Christmas Flowers**

Christmas is a special time of the year to remember our deceased loved ones. You are invited to use either the envelope in your box or one of the envelopes in the back of the church, write the names of those you wish to remember, and make an offering that will be used to decorate the church in the Christmas season with poinsettias. The names of those being remembered by these gifts will be printed in the Christmas bulletin and posted in the vestibule of the church. Please return your memorial envelope back to us today, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safety Protocols**

As you know, we are still observing several health and safety directives mandated by the bishop in response to concerns about the coronavirus. As time goes on, we all could benefit from some reminders:

- Masks must be worn inside church when attending liturgies. The mask must cover the mouth and nose. There are exceptions for people with medical conditions and children under the age of 5.
- Every other pew is closed. Do not move the ropes in order to sit in a closed pew. If the pews are filled, there is seating available in the choir loft.
- Maintain distance from other families when seated and when moving around the church.
- Please dispose of music sheets and do not leave them in the pews or attempt to return them.
- All nonessential meetings remain suspended.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience with all the diocesan guidelines.

### **PreK News**

We finished up Letter I last week talking about insects and ice cream. This week, we are focusing on Letter J.....for Jolly and Jesus! Everyone enjoyed a PJ day on Monday!

Ms. April's class talked about the 12 Days of Christmas and shared what they would like 12 of. They traced the letter J and talked about how Jesus

starts with a J. They also talked about how Christmas is all about Jesus and then they drew a picture of Jesus. Each day, Ms. April opens a door on the Advent calendar to reveal a sheep, cow, shepherd, etc. Tuesday was Winter Wonderland day. The students dressed in white, lights, or bright colored clothes. They practiced writing their names, drew snowmen and talked about the shapes they used, read "Sneezy the Snowman," and talked about what to wear outside to stay warm.

Ms. Dana's class finished up their insect week for Letter I. They spent time reviewing their letters by playing a game. Ms. Dana rolled a letter dice and whatever letter came up, the students would go on a hunt in their house for something that started with that letter. They have been talking about wants and needs. Ms. Dana held up pictures, and the students decided whether it was a need or a want. After deciding, they counted and added their needs and wants. They also read "Sneezy the Snowman."

Ms. Vanessa's class finished up last week with a "What do you see?" letter review, "What comes next," writing both upper and lowercase "i," math patterns, and making their own patterns with torn paper pieces. They had Show-and-Tell with the insects they picked, sharing 3 facts about the insect, what they liked best about it, and drawing its picture. This week started out with PJ day and the story, "Twelve Hidden Days of Christmas". They discussed needs and wants; they sorted their needs and wants into appropriate shopping carts. They read "What Can Sneezy the Snowman Do?" while watching for their sight words in the story. They finished off their Winter Wonderland and Be Bright Day with a directed snowman drawing.

### **Looking Back at Over 175 Years!**

To commemorate over 175 years of being a parish, we will continue the weekly column from Chuck Taylor to "look back" at the rich history of our church community.

1878: Mathias Franzen & Maria Wagner married. Witnesses-Elizabeth Wagner & Thomas Franzen.

1891: Carolinus Kohls, daughter of Henericus & Carolinus Kohls, was baptized. Godparents- Jacob Gunkel & Anna Gunkel

1901: Rosa Roth died from Typhoid Fever at 43.

#### *1988 First Communion Class*

Molly Callahan, Albert Glossner, Nicole Heiert, Russell Klein, Jason Neises, Gregory Pelle, Stefanie Ritter, Emily Roth, Joshua Schultz, Randall Schultz, Gregory Schwegmann, Stanley Wagner, Sarah Zeff

#### *The Catholic Order of Foresters*

On December 7, 1920, the Catholic Order of Foresters C#1725 at St. Joseph was established. The original certificate can be viewed on the wall of the Parish Office. The charter members were: Joseph Ritter, Michael Enzweiler, John Kremer, Philip Sauerbeck, Clement Sandfoss, Frank Neltner, Aloysius Futscher, Jacob Sandfoss, Andrew Ritter, Bernard Kohls, Edward Leick, Harry Kohls

### **Cemetery on Website**

You can now access Cemetery Information on our St. Joseph's website! Go to the Cemetery Tab to check out the map, which is divided in sections, and the list of all who are buried here.

### **Out of Parish News**

### **Online Masses**

The Diocese has posted a document to show all the online Masses that are available and where to find them. You can visit our church website and find this list under our Mass times. Click the link and the document will download and save to your computer to view.

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