

St. Joseph Parish

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December 1st, 2019 †† First Sunday of Advent

Advent, Week One

As we begin the season of

Advent, we cry out with

John the Baptist:

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

It is time to become aware
and alert, waiting anew for
the coming of the Lord.

Let us pray that the
Reign of God be near
and bless our world with
justice and peace.



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**St. Joseph Parish
Mass Schedule & Intentions**



Saturday, November 30

4:00 P.M. † Clarence Kovalski
by Family

Sunday, December 1

8:00 A.M. † Emil VanWassenhoven
by Julie Vargas

**9:30 A.M. † Living & Deceased Members
of the Council of Catholic Women**

**12:00 P.M. † Living & Deceased Members
(Spanish) of St. Joseph Parish**

Monday, December 2

8:00 A.M. †

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 A.M. †

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 A.M. †

9:00 A.M. †

Thursday, December 5

9:00 A.M. † Kathy Senkbeil
by Jan Klicka

Friday, December 6

8:00 A.M. † Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Linda Lederer Gibson

Saturday, December 7

9:00 A.M. †

4:00 P.M. † Theresa Elizabeth See
by Mary & Kelly Schmid

Sunday, December 8

**8:00 A.M. † Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish**

9:30 A.M. † Deacon Steve Rocchi
by Gary & Carol Williams

12:00 P.M. † Jose Amparo Castillo
by Rosa Castillo

SCRIP cards are available after all weekend Masses. Any questions or to place an order, call Jan Klicka at 622-3891. The profit since July 1, 2019 is \$1,702.76. Christmas shopping made easy—buy SCRIP cards!



As of last weekend, we've sold 447 calendars and many people took some home to fill out and return. Please help us reach our goal of selling all 1000. There are only 5 weeks left. They make great Christmas gifts! Butch

Financial Report

| | Week Ending | Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Income (Actual)</u> | <u>11/30/2019</u> | <u>7/1/19-6/30/20</u> |
| Envelopes | \$ 3,398.00 | \$ 92,353.66 |
| Basket | 698.54 | 16,794.58 |
| Other | 483.10 | 40,058.36 |
| Scrip | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Raffle | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Festival | 0.00 | 8,432.16 |
| Total Income | \$ 4,579.64 | \$ 159,638.76 |
| <u>Use of other funds</u> | 0.00 | 3,200.00 |
| <u>EXPENSES (Actual)</u> | | |
| Parish Festival | 0.00 | 7,692.99 |
| Total Operating | 4,092.42 | \$ 166,313.49 |
| Over (Under) Cash | \$ 487.22 | \$ (11,167.72) |
| <u>BUILDING & GROUNDS</u> | | |
| Income | \$ 46.00 | \$ 10,849.82 |
| Use of other funds | 0.00 | 14,509.51 |
| Expense | 1,037.38 | 14,559.89 |
| B&G (Under) Cash | \$ (991.38) | \$ 10,799.44 |

**Congratulations to our November 26th
Raffle Calendar Winners!**

\$60 - Bob & Penny Doherty, Chanhassen, MN
\$25 - Kay Freeman, Brookfield
\$25 - St. Joseph Parish, Wautoma
\$25 - David Peterson, Greenfield
\$25 - Sue & Ron Jansen, Barnes
\$25 - Ella Schumacher, Wautoma
\$25 - St. Joseph Parish, Wautoma

Get your 2020 calendars now!



THE FATIMA STATUE

*The Fatima Statue will be
at the home of
Jo Wienckowski
during the week
of December 1st
Please join her in your
home praying for peace,
at the request of
Our Lady of Fatima.*

**Liturgical Ministers
December 7 & 8**

Servers

4:00 P.M. Youth
8:00 A.M. Anna Caswell & Abby McCardell
9:30 A.M. Youth
12:00 P.M. Valeria & Lupita Barcenaz

Lectors

4:00 P.M. Helen France
8:00 A.M. Connie Huhn-Melone
9:30 A.M. Greg & Juanita Palo

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 P.M. (H-T) Helen Cox
(H) Marv VanDeHey
Ray Casper
Ginny Casper
Butch Cox
8:00 A.M. (H-T) Dan Nowak
(H) Jeff Kasuboski
Therese Kasuboski
Kathy Studebaker
Paula Caswell
Jeanine Nowak
9:30 A.M. (T) Colleen Kasubaski
Keith Kasubaski
12:00 P.M. Cindy Loa



Hospitality Ministers

4:00 P.M. Barb Przybylski
Dave & Patti Williams
8:00 A.M. Harry Handel
Charlie & Mary Plach
9:30 A.M. Ed Schroeder
Tom & Mae Lauritzen
12:00 P.M. Lupe Cervantes
Sergio Sierra

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Shirley Barton, Gloria Sanchez, Kathleen O'Connell, Yolanda Cervantes, Jose Contreras, Geoffery Yeska, Holly Kallestad, Jenn Gustafson, Donna Tompkins, Jerry & Mary Ann Berkshire, Gary Russell, Maureen Fahrenholz, Dawn Tyler, Jim Wolter, Sue Strey, Denise Przekurat, Gail Trapp, Jean Unger, Ron Bollig, Paul Duquette, Dick Yeska, Marianne Rubiano, Chuck Mrkvicka.



**The Week Ahead
at St. Joseph Parish**

Monday, December 2

NO Mission Society
12:00 P.M. Mission Society Luncheon

Tuesday, December 3

10:00 A.M. Religious Ed - Compendium Class

Wednesday, December 4

Rel. Ed. Class for all Grades
6:00 P.M. Alpha

Thursday, December 5

6:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus - Hall

Saturday, December 7

3:00 P.M. Confessions
4:00 P.M. Mass

Sunday, December 8

8:00 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. Mass
12:00 P.M. Mass - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Lunch and music in the Hall following Mass

Readings for the Week

Monday *Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday * Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday * Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

Thursday * Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday * Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

Saturday * Is 30:19-21, 23-26 /
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



Sunday, December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent Wreath Lighting

There is a sign up sheet for individuals or families to volunteer to light the Advent candles at Mass.

Choose a weekend Mass that you will be attending and sign up.

Fr. David will invite you to come up and participate with the lighting of the candles at the beginning of Mass.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the Gospel today, Jesus says He will return at a time we will not expect. Jesus tells us to be prepared. Our tasks during the season of Advent include “stay awake” and “be prepared.” The season of Advent, with all of its anticipation, is a time to be alert and awake, ready for the coming of the Son of Man into our hearts and into our world.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we count our many blessings. We are thankful for having such wonderful families in our parish. The presence of our youth is a gift to our church.

Religious Ed Families, please take advantage of the Advent Calendar as it has many great ideas for families to partake in during Advent. A reminder there will be practice on Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 5:00 for those who will be participating in the Children’s Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions, please call the office.



Upcoming Important Events

Wednesday, December 4th

Class – all grades - 4:00 First Reconciliation

5:00 Practice for Children’s Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 11th

Class for all grades

5:00 Practice for Children’s Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 18th

Class for all grades

5:00 Practice for Christmas Eve Mass

6:00 Grades 6-11 Community Christmas Projects

Therese Kasuboski
Coordinator of Religious Education, 1-5

Paula Caswell
Coordinator of Religious Education, 6-11

Community Christmas Project

Our parish is again participating in the Community Christmas project. There are trees in the Gathering Space decorated with tags, showing the names of children in need of a little Christmas cheer. If you choose to participate, please be sure to attach the tag with the child's name and family number on it, to the package. All wrapped gifts **must** be brought back to church by **Sunday, December 8th**. Thank you for your generosity!



To women of all ages... join us for an Advent retreat this year and give yourself the best Christmas gift ever...withdrawing from the sounds of Christmas to the silence of the presence of God.

Dec. 12-15 at the Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, the Women’s Advent Retreat promises God’s presence in Mass, conferences, spiritual direction, Reconciliation and a healing service. Register at www.jesuitretreathouse.org or call 800-962-7330. Break away from the Christmas turmoil and find the true meaning of Christmas.

“Living Faith” subscribers may pick up their new issues in the multi-purpose room in the Gathering Space.

Free Community Christmas Dinner at Mt. Morris Holden Lutheran Church on Hwy 152. Dinner served 11:30 - 2:00 pm. Questions call Tara at 920-765-1672.

Fr. Dennis Ryan from Prince of Peace Parish in Green Bay, would like to invite everyone to join him on a trip to Ireland on September 22—October 3, 2020. Visit historic and religious places of interest with Mass being offered daily. More information is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all the men of St. Joseph Parish to attend an informational meeting about the organization. The meeting will be held at our combined November and December meetings on Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Food and drinks will be provided. If you are interested in attending this gathering and learning more about the Knights, call Tom Larson at 920-787-7942.



The Ministry of Altar Servers

Here at St. Joseph Parish we are making a concerted effort to attract more young people, particularly boys and teens, to the ministry of Altar Serving. We hope we can be successful in doing so because it is such an important ministry; and so we are featuring a series of articles in the bulletin regarding Altar Serving. This one is an excerpt taken from an article titled: ***“Represent the Angels & Saints”: The Heavenly Role of an Altar Server, According to this Parish Priest,*** by Fr. Dwight Longenecker, dated 28 January 2019 on the *ChurchPOP* website. *This article originally appeared on Fr. Dwight Longenecker’s blog.*



What I Tell My Altar Servers

...before we get down to particulars, I want you to know why we have altar servers at all.

Do the deacons and I need you to bring the bread and the water and wine to the altar? No, we could do that ourselves. Do we need you to carry candles and the cross and hold the book? Not really. The priest is supposed to extend his hands in prayer, so he can’t hold the book, but we could just put it on the altar. Do we need you to ring the bell and turn the page and wash our hands? No. We could do all that without you. You’re not really employed to be useful. You’re employed to help lead the worship. As long as you understand that, everything else that we teach, you will follow.

You see, all of us work together to lead the people of God in the worship of God — it’s not just the priest and deacons. I rely on you not just to do those particular jobs. **Instead, I rely on you for something far greater and nobler and more beautiful and more true.**

Our worship on earth reflects the worship in heaven. What we do here at the holy sacrifice of the Mass is a kind of distant echo of what goes on in heaven. There, the Lamb of God is offered in one timeless and eternal sacrifice. There, the saints and angels worship around the throne of the Lamb. In that city there is no sun, moon, or stars, **for the Lamb Himself is the light of that city.**

This altar you see here is a reflection of the altar in heaven...The chalice...is a sign of the eternal Precious Blood of the Lamb. This host is, on earth, the sign of the Eternal Bread of heaven. The priest is an icon of Christ the Lord — and who are you? **You represent and reflect on earth the heavenly host. That’s right. I want you to represent the saints and angels.**

That’s why we have children serve the Mass if we can, because you children (and youth) remind us adults of what the Lord Jesus said: “Unless you become like a little child, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.” So just by being children (and youth) you remind us what we must be like to become like the saints and angels. Therefore, since you represent the heavenly host of saints and angels, I want you to behave as such.

Of course, I know that you are not yet saints, and I know you are not angels...Nevertheless, you have a role to play in the Divine Liturgy, because despite all that, you are called to reflect something greater. You are called from what you are not to become all that you shall be; and if you are struck with a sense of awe at what I am expecting of you, think how I feel, for I am a sinner just like you are, and I am called to represent Christ Himself to the people. Since all of this is true, this is what we are going to do.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feastday of the United States. Since it falls on a Sunday this year, its observance has been transferred to Monday, 9 December.

Our Mass schedule for that day will be 8:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.



El Ministerio de Monaguillos

Aquí, en la Parroquia de San José, estamos haciendo un esfuerzo concertado para atraer a más jóvenes, en particular niños y adolescentes, al ministerio de Monaguillos. Esperamos que podamos tener éxito en hacerlo porque es un ministerio tan importante; y por lo que estamos presentando una serie de artículos en el boletín sobre Servicio de Altar. Este es un extracto tomado de un artículo titulado: **"Representar a los Ángeles & Santos": El Papel Celestial de un Monaguillo, Según este Sacerdote Parroquial**, por el Padre Dwight Longenecker, fechado el 28 de enero de 2019 en el sitio web de *ChurchPOP*. Este artículo apareció originalmente en el blog del Padre Dwight Longenecker.

Lo que le Digo a Mis Servidores de Altares

... antes de que lleguemos a los detalles, quiero que sepan por qué tenemos servidores de altares en absoluto. ¿Los descongestionamos y yo necesitamos que traigas el pan, el agua y el vino al altar? No, podríamos hacerlo nosotros mismos. ¿Necesitamos que lleves velas y la cruz y sostengas el libro? La verdad es que no. Se supone que el sacerdote debe extender sus manos en oración, así que no puede sostener el libro, pero podríamos ponerlo en el altar. ¿Necesitamos que toques la campana y acabes la página y nos laves las manos? No. Podríamos hacer todo eso sin ti. No estás empleado para ser útil. Estás empleado para ayudar a liderar la adoración. Mientras entiendas eso, todo lo demás que enseñemos, lo seguiremos.

Verás, todos trabajamos juntos para guiar al pueblo de Dios en la adoración de Dios, no es sólo el sacerdote y los diáconos. Confío en ti no sólo para hacer esos trabajos en particular. **En cambio, confío en ti para algo mucho más grande y noble y más hermoso y más cierto.**

Nuestra adoración en la tierra refleja la adoración en el cielo. Lo que hacemos aquí en el santo sacrificio de la Misa es una especie de eco lejano de lo que sucede en el cielo. Allí, el Cordero de Dios se ofrece en un sacrificio eterno y atemporal. Allí, los santos y los ángeles adoran alrededor del trono del Cordero. En esa ciudad no hay sol, luna ni estrellas, **porque el Cordero Mismo es la luz de esa ciudad.**

Este altar que ves aquí es un reflejo del altar en el cielo... El cáliz... es un signo de la eterna Sangre Preciosa del Cordero. Esta hostia es, en la tierra, el signo del Pan Eterno del Cielo. El sacerdote es un icono de Cristo el Señor, ¿y quién eres tú? **Ustedes representan y reflexionas en la tierra a la hueste celestial. Así es. Quiero que representen a los santos y ángeles.**

Es por eso que tenemos niños sirviendo a la Misa si podemos, porque ustedes los niños (y los jóvenes) nos recuerdan a los adultos lo que el Señor Jesús dijo: "A menos que se conviertan en un niño pequeño, no pueden entrar en el reino de los cielos". Así que sólo siendo niños (y jóvenes) nos recuerdan cómo debemos ser para llegar a ser como los santos y los ángeles. Por lo tanto, puesto que representas a la hueste celestial de santos y ángeles, quiero que te comportes como tal.

Las Posadas

Celebraremos Las Posadas del 16 al 23 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Si usted desea patrocinar una de las Posadas por favor ponga su nombre y número de teléfono en la hoja de registro en el Espacio de Reunión. Gracias.



**Los invitamos a la Celebración de
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Domingo, 8 de dic, 2019 a 12:00 p.m.**



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St. Joseph Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM Spanish 12:00PM

HERE ARE THE CURRENT SCHEDULED COVER SPONSORSHIP DATES

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|------|
| December 8, 2019 | TAKEN | January 5, 2020 | OPEN |
| December 15, 2019 | TAKEN | January 12, 2020 | OPEN |
| December 22, 2019 | OPEN | January 19, 2020 | OPEN |
| December 29, 2019 | OPEN | January 26, 2020 | OPEN |

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