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December 22ND, 2019 † † Fourth Sunday of Advent



Advent, Week Four

In today's Gospel we are reminded
that Mary conceived
Jesus through the power
of the Holy Spirit.

His name was to be
EMMANUEL
which means God-is-with-us!

Let us pray that the
Reign of God fills us with the
spirit of holiness.

*When the angels went away
from them to heaven, the
shepherds said to one another,
"Let us go, then, to Bethlehem
to see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord
has made known to us."*

Luke 2:15-20



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St. Joseph Parish
Mass Schedule & Intentions



Saturday, December 21

4:00 P.M. † Patrick Primising
by Jo Wienckowski

Sunday, December 22

8:00 A.M. † Ed Lippert
by McCardell Family

9:30 A.M. † Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

12:00 P.M. Intentions of
(Spanish) **Yolanda & Lupe Cervantes**
by Ken & Karen Wenninger

Monday, December 23

8:00 A.M. † Amy Cerny Ramsay
by Mom and Dad

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 A.M. †
4:00 P.M. † George & Delores Martz
by Terry & Cindy Martz

7:00 P.M. † Spanish Mass

10:00 P.M. †

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 A.M. † John Peissig
by Dorothy Peissig

10:30 A.M. † Traditional Latin

Thursday, December 26

8:00 A.M. † Norbert Walejko
by Paul & Deanna Grimm

Friday, December 27

8:00 A.M. † Kathy Senkbeil
by Ray & Ginny Casper

Saturday, December 28

4:00 P.M. † Patrick Primising
by Mary Pat Thompson

Sunday, December 29

8:00 A.M. † Living & Deceased Members of
the Knights of Columbus

9:30 A.M. † Richard Locy
by Gerry & Mary Ellen Locy

12:00 P.M. † Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SCRIP cards are available after all weekend Masses.
Any questions or to place an order, call Jan at 622-3891. Thank you to everyone who purchased cards during the year. Profit since July 1, 2019 is \$3,001.29.

Financial Report

	Week Ending	Year-to-Date
<u>Income (Actual)</u>	<u>12/21/2019</u>	<u>7/1/19-6/30/20</u>
Envelopes	\$ 4,719.00	\$ 108,863.66
Basket	414.05	18,247.39
Other	704.13	45,049.84
Scrip	0.00	2,000.00
Raffle	0.00	0.00
Festival	0.00	8,432.16
Total Income	\$ 5,837.18	\$ 182,593.05
<u>Use of other funds</u>		\$ 11,700.00
<u>EXPENSES (Actual)</u>		
Parish Festival	0.00	7,692.99
Total Operating	9,811.98	\$ 195,106.90
Over (Under) Cash	\$ (3,974.80)	\$ (8,506.84)
<u>BUILDING & GROUNDS</u>		
Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 12,623.25
Use of other funds	0.00	14,509.51
Expense	394.69	15,229.64
B&G (Under) Cash	\$ (374.69)	\$ 11,903.12

Congratulations to our December 17th
Raffle Calendar Winners!

\$60 - Phyllis Dollar, East Troy
\$25 - St. Joseph Parish
\$25 - Diana Gitzlaff, La Crosse
\$25 - Kayla Gandy, St. Petersburg, FL
\$25 - Kathy Studebaker, Wautoma
\$25 - Jerry Locy, Wautoma
\$25 - Kay Schultz, Frankfort, IL

Get your 2020 calendars now!

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Maria Hilliker, Jack Ratzburg, 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.

**Liturgical Ministers
December 28 & 29**

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 Barcenas

Lectors

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

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 P.M. (H-T) Helen Cox
(H) Ray Casper
Ginny Casper
Butch Cox
Marv VanDeHey
8:00 A.M. (H-T) Dan Nowak
(H) Therese Kasuboski
Kathy Studebaker
Jeff Kasuboski
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

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

Monday, December 23

9:00 A.M. Mission Society
6:00 P.M. Las Posadas

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas

Office Closed

No Rel. Ed. Class

Thursday, December 26 - Office Closed

Friday, December 27 - Office Closed

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

8:00 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. Mass
12:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

Readings for the Week

Monday *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday *2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday *Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Friday *1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Saturday *1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

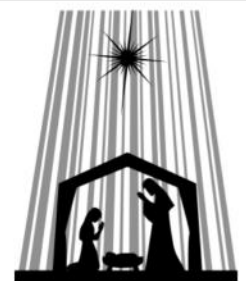


Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

24 December (Tuesday) 4:00 P.M. Family Christmas Vigil Mass
7:00 P.M. Spanish Mass
10:00 P.M. Early "Midnight" Mass
25 December (Wednesday) 9:00 A.M. Mass at Dawn
10:30 A.M. Mass During the Day (Traditional Latin)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

1 January (Wednesday) 8:00 A.M. English
9:30 A.M. English
10:30 A.M. Traditional Latin



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we prepare our hearts for the final week of Advent, we continue to remember the true meaning of Christmas... JESUS! To share the joy of Christmas, our evening students caroled at the Heartland House. Thank you to Deacon Paul for accompanying our students with beautiful Christmas music. Many of our students sent Christmas cards to our homebound. And, our Confirmation students rang bells for the Red Kettle Campaign.

For those students who will be participating in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 24th, please be at the Center at 3:15. Those in costumes, meet at the Center. All other students can meet in church.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Upcoming Important Events

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 1st

Happy New Year! No Classes

Blessings,

Therese Kasuboski

Coordinator of Religious Education, 1-5

Paula Caswell

Coordinator of Religious Education, 6-11

Christmas flower donations have been made

In Memory of...

*Virgil & Corinne Santi, Eric & Desi Bell Lind, James Doty, Hazel Konop
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Florence & Ellef Thompson, Bruce & Brian Thompson, Bernard & Josephine Kramer,
Norbert & Delores Walejko, Karel & Virginia Grimm, Alyce Langer
Donald & Mary Bruns, Melvin & Eldora Nero, Donald Simon,
Anne Elizabeth Triller & Michael John Triller, Sharon Brennan, Dave Tompkins
Parents of Tom & Kathy Larson, Kathy Senkbeil*

IRS REQUIREMENT

Any donation that is received in the Parish Office on or before December 31st will qualify for a 2019 charitable contribution deduction. Donations received after December 31st will be posted to the 2020 giving records. The only exceptions for 2019 posting are donations mailed to the parish that are postmarked on or before December 31, 2019.

Those of you who have taken Calendars please return them by the end of the year. Even if you are not going to purchase them we need you to return them, so we can account for all. Thanks, Butch

Free Community Christmas Dinner

Mt Morris Holden Lutheran Church at N2288 State Road 152 is hosting this dinner on Christmas Day. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at Noon until 2:00 P.M. Questions call Tara - 920-765-1672.

Thoughts on Christmas

The following is an article titled: *“Glad Tidings”—Christmas Day Reflection,”* by Monica Thom Konschnik, of the Catholic Apostolate Center, Catholic Volunteer Network Board of Directors, posted by Mike McCormick on 25 December 2018 on the *Catholic Volunteer Network* website:

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” – Isaiah 52:7-10

We hear such words of hope in the Gospel readings today! We are called to rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Savior, who has come to us in the form of a newborn baby. A new baby brings so much possibility to our lives. When holding a baby, one cannot help but imagine the potential this small child will have over the course of his or her life; the impact he or she will make in the world.

As a mother myself, I often think about what Mary must have felt when she saw her infant son for the first time: exhausted and sore from the trauma throughout her body after giving birth, the anxiety of how to care for this baby now and over the course of his life, and the fear of trying to keep him safe when she knew it would not be an easy road for him in life.

But all of that melted away in that first, beautiful gaze. The elation she must have felt upon meeting this little being that had grown inside of her; that had kicked and hiccupped and swam around inside her womb for nine long months. Despite her anxieties and fears, she knew she had made the right choice by saying “yes” to the angel when she saw that sweet little face for the first time.

In a world that is filled with darkness and negativity, we need to look into the face of the baby Jesus and remember our commitment to say “yes” even when it is difficult or frightening. We have chosen a life of faith and service and we are committed to spreading the good news of the Gospel through our words, but mostly, hopefully, through our actions of support, accompaniment, and presence to those who we serve, our communities, our families, and our world.

This Christmas season offers us the chance to be a light in a darkness and to be the face of Christ to someone in our lives – someone we may know or someone we have yet to meet. We can be that person who can bring glad tidings, announce joy, bear good news, and announce salvation because we have chosen, like Mary, to say “yes” to God’s call to make this world a place filled with hope, joy, and love.



Peace Be With You!

Dear St. Joseph Friends,

Greetings and best wishes to all of you as we get ready to begin our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the start of the Christmas season. Even though some Christmas items began showing up in stores back on Labor Day, and the Hallmark Channel began its “Countdown to Christmas” shortly before Halloween, and Black Friday sales specials began in some places on Thanksgiving night; in the Church’s calendar and liturgy the Christmas season will begin this Tuesday, Christmas Eve, and will continue through Sunday, 12 January, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So if you have not finished all your Christmas stuff yet, relax, you have plenty of time left.

But in the midst of all the gift buying, card-sending, performing works of charity and getting together with family and friends that we plan on doing, let us also take time to pray, receive the sacraments—particularly Confession and Eucharist, and reflect on the reality that Christmas is a time of celebrating that Jesus came to us once in human form, is with us now in Spirit, and will come again in glory. May we also do our part to make him real in our world that needs him so much.

Enjoy this time, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020 to every one of you, and in the words of the Charles Dickens character Tiny Tim—“God bless us, every one.” - Fr. David

Pensamientos sobre la Navidad

El siguiente es un artículo titulado: **"Buenas Nuevas" —Reflexión del Día de Navidad,** por Monica Thom Konschnik, del Centro De Apostolado Católico, Junta Directiva de la Red de Voluntarios Católicos, publicado por Mike McCormick el 25 de diciembre de 2018 en el *Voluntario Católico* sitio web:

Estamos llamados a regocijarnos y celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, que ha venido a nosotros en forma de bebé recién nacido. Un nuevo bebé trae tantas posibilidades a nuestras vidas. Al sostener a un bebé, uno no puede evitar imaginar el potencial que este niño pequeño tendrá a lo largo de su vida; el impacto que hará en el mundo.

Como madre misma, a menudo pienso en lo que María debe haber sentido cuando vio a su hijo por primera vez: agotado y dolorido por el trauma en todo su cuerpo después de dar a luz, la ansiedad de cómo cuidar a este bebé ahora y a lo largo de su vida, y el miedo a tratar de mantenerlo a salvo cuando ella sabía que no sería un camino fácil para él en la vida.

Pero todo eso se derretió en esa primera y hermosa mirada. La laación que debe haber sentido al conocer a este pequeño ser que había crecido dentro de ella; que había pateado y tuvo el hipo y nadó alrededor de su vientre durante nueve largos meses. A pesar de sus ansiedades y temores, sabía que había tomado la decisión correcta diciendo "sí" al ángel cuando vio esa dulce cara por primera vez.

En un mundo lleno de oscuridad y negatividad, tenemos que mirar a la cara del niño Jesús y recordar nuestro compromiso de decir "sí" incluso cuando es difícil o aterrador. Hemos elegido una vida de fe y servicio y estamos comprometidos a difundir las buenas nuevas del Evangelio a través de nuestras palabras, pero sobre todo, con suerte, a través de nuestras acciones de apoyo, acompañamiento y presencia a aquellos a quienes servimos, a nuestras comunidades, a nuestras familias y a Mundo.

Esta época navideña nos ofrece la oportunidad de ser una luz en una oscuridad y ser el rostro de Cristo para alguien en nuestra vida, alguien que podamos conocer o alguien que aún no hemos conocido. Podemos ser esa persona que puede traer buenas nuevas, anunciar gozo, llevar buenas noticias y anunciar la salvación porque hemos elegido, como María, decir "sí" a la llamada de Dios de hacer de este mundo un lugar lleno de esperanza, alegría y amor. ***¡La paz esté contigo!***

Queridos Amigos de San José,

Saludos y mejores deseos a todos ustedes a medida que nos preparamos para comenzar nuestra celebración de la Natividad de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo y el comienzo de la temporada de Navidad. En el calendario y liturgia de la Iglesia la época navideña comenzará este martes, Nochebuena, y continuará hasta el domingo 12 de enero, con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor.

Entonces en medio de todo el regalo para comprar, enviar tarjetas, realizar obras de caridad y reunirnos con familiares y amigos que planeamos hacer, tomemos también tiempo para orar, recibir los sacramentos—en particular la Confesión y la Eucaristía, y reflexionar sobre la realidad de que la Navidad es un tiempo de celebración de que Jesús vino a nosotros una vez en forma humana, está con nosotros ahora en el Espíritu, y vendrá de nuevo en gloria. Que también hagamos nuestra parte para hacerlo real en nuestro mundo que tanto lo necesita. Feliz Navidad y un Feliz Año Nuevo 2020 a cada uno de ustedes. - Padre David

Programa de Liturgia de la Temporada Navideña

Navidad

24 de Diciembre (martes)	4:00 P.M.	Misa de Vigilia de Navidad Familiar
	7:00 P.M.	Misa Española
	10:00 P.M.	Misa de Principios de "Medianoche"
25 de Diciembre (miércoles)	9:00 A.M.	Misa de la Aurora (Inglés)
	10:30 A.M.	Misa del Día (Tridentina Latina)

Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios (Día de Año Nuevo)

1 de Enero (miércoles)	8:00 & 9:30 A.M.	Inglés
	10:30 A.M.	Tridentina Latina





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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

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January 5, 2020	OPEN	February 2, 2020	OPEN
January 12, 2020	OPEN	February 9, 2020	OPEN
January 19, 2020	OPEN	February 16, 2020	OPEN

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