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December 7, 2025 | Second Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME & WORSHIP!

Our faith community welcomes you! St. Joseph Community was established over 150 years ago, and it continues to be a growing and thriving community which over 1,700 families call their faith home. Throughout our website (www.stjosephcommunity.org) you will find information about programs, outreach, prayer, leadership, our 150+ years of history, and so much more.

For Padre's Pondering see page # 7

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
5:00pm
Sunday
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY

Monday
8:30am
Wednesday
8:30am
Thursday
8:30am
Friday
8:30am

PRAYER & REFLECTION

ADORATION

Tuesday
9:00am - 10:00am
First Friday of the Month
9:00am - 4:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:30pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

DIVINE MERCY

3rd Sunday of the Month
After 7:00 & 8:30am Masses

ROSARY

Monday - Friday
7:30am

WORD & COMMUNION

Tuesday
8:30am

VOCATION VIEWS

Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and whom are you teaching today?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 12/7

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

MONDAY, 12/8

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY, 12/9

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY, 12/10

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY, 12/11

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY, 12/12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

SATURDAY, 12/13

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/14

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 12/6

5:00pm + Arlene Luzum

SUNDAY, 12/7

8:30am + The Gahlon Family (Living)
10:30am + Lisa Vojtech

MONDAY, 12/8

8:30am + Richard A. Gossilen, III

TUESDAY, 12/9

8:30am + Word & Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, 12/10

8:30am + Christal Welty-Peters

THURSDAY, 12/11

8:30am + Raymond Longo

FRIDAY, 12/12

8:30am + Rosezella Mae Foskett

SATURDAY, 12/13

5:00pm + Cletus Pistulka

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STEWARDSHIP	Sacrificial Giving for November 23, 2025
Envelope Offering	$9,143.25
Plate	$2,190.92
Automatic Online Giving	$15,062.02
Total	$26,396.19
Capital Campaign	$6,199.60

STEWARDSHIP	Sacrificial Giving for November 30, 2025
Envelope Offering	$7,345.25
Plate	$1,164.04
Automatic Online Giving	$3,208.02
Total	$11,717.31
Capital Campaign	$2,200.00

TAX WISE GIVING: IRA ROLLOVER

Individuals who are 70 ½ or older can make gifts of up to $100,000 directly from their IRA to qualified charities without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. This option provides **tax savings to donor** even if they do not itemize deductions.

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- To qualify for tax-free treatment, donors cannot receive goods, services or a personal benefit (such as tickets for events) in return for the IRA charitable distribution.

Please contact Laurie Dahlback at 651-313-8461 or Jane Schmitz at 651-313-8467 with any questions about giving or to notify of how a gift should be used.

St. Joseph Church does not provide legal or tax advice. Please consult with your own profession tax advisor before making a gift.

To learn about convenient & consistent ways to help St. Joe's grow SCAN HERE:

Together we raised $1038
for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Through this collection, you funded programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, 12/8
8:15 am Mother's Prayer Group, Rm 101
8:30 am Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
4:00 pm Boys Basketball Game, Gym
5:00 pm Girls Basketball Game, Gym
6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
6:00 pm OCIA, Rm 115
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Rm 017
7:00 pm High School Bible Study, Gather Space

TUESDAY, 12/9
7:00 am Cursillo Women's Group, Off-site
8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church
9:00 am Holy Hour of Adoration, Church
9:00 am Synod, Rm 100B
4:15 pm Formation - CGS (6-9 yo), Rm 102
5:30 pm Mommy & Me Preschool Event, Social Halls
6:00 pm Formation - CGS (6-9 yo), Rm 102
6:00 pm Formation - CGS (10-12 yo), Rm 101

WEDNESDAY, 12/10
8:30 am Mass, Church
1:00 pm Divine Mercy, Off-site
5:00 pm Cursillo Women's Group, Off-site
5:00 pm Formation - Adoration & Benediction, Church
5:00 pm Formation - Grades K-5
6:00 pm Formation - CGS (6-9 yo), Rm 102
6:30 pm Formation - Grades 6-12
7:30 pm High School Youth Night, Social Hall A

THURSDAY, 12/11
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:00 am Mom's Study Group, Rm 101
5:15 pm Youth Choir Practice, Rm 100A
6:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class, Rm 101
6:30 pm Cub Scout Meeting, Social Hall B & Gym
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church
6:30 pm 4th Degree KC Meeting, Social Hall A

FRIDAY, 12/12
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:30 am All School Living Rosary, Church

SATURDAY, 12/13
3:00 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Mass, Church

SUNDAY, 12/14
7:00 am Mass, Church
8:15 am Formation - CGS (3-5yo), Rm 102
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:30 am Donut Sunday, Social Halls
10:15 am Formation - CGS (3-5yo), Rm 102
10:15 am Nursery, Rm 115
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word, Rm 101
10:30 am Mass, Church
5:00 pm Jubilee Year of Hope: Prisoners Day

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NO Experience needed!
Training will be provided.

Church Environment Coordinator
Share your passion and creativity by taking the lead on coordinating the liturgical environment in our worship and gather areas. This includes leading volunteers through decorating for Christmas & Easter, changing colored drapes for the liturgical seasons and miscellaneous tasks like watering flowers & plants throughout the year.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Honor God by helping to distribute the Holy Eucharist at Masses.

Sacristan
Serve our Church Community by preparing the altar and worship space for Masses.

Contact Lisetta at 651-313-8485 or lisetta.coppa@stjosephcommunity.org

Call For VOLUNTEERS

Loaves & Fishes

St. Joe's serves the community by supporting Loaves & Fishes at area churches.

We need your help!
For questions or to sign up, contact Jennifer at:
952-495-7819
jenniferpawlowski@yahoo.com

Seeking Food Distributors
- Distribute To-Go Meals
- Second Tuesday of the Month from 5-6:30pm
- At Holy Rosary Church, SE Minneapolis

Feast Day Masses

Please join us . . .

Monday, December 8th
at 8:30am & 6:00pm

Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation

DECEMBER 8th/9th Food Collection

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Most Urgent need is for . . .

Cold/Hot Cereal • Macaroni & Cheese
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Peanut Butter & Jelly • Fruit cups
Canned Items: Chili, Fruit, Ravioli, Soup, Spaghetti O's, Tuna, etc.

REMINDER: CAP cannot distribute expired items

DONUT SUNDAY
December 14th
After 8:30 & 10:30am Masses

THANK YOU TO OUR DONUT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS
The Williams, Fitzgibbons & Kemper Families

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Sunday, December 14 from 5 pm to 7pm

Join us at **St. Joseph Church** to conclude this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope in a **Mass Service** celebrated by **Archbishop Hebda** at 5pm for those affected by incarceration followed by **dinner** and a short program.

All are welcome to this FREE event.

To learn more and to RSVP for this FREE event **SCAN**:

or **Visit**:
https://tcprisonministry.com/2025-jubilee-year-of-hope-event/

Extended Time for RECONCILIATION for Advent

Sundays
December 13th & 20th
begins at 3:00pm

"The confessional is not a TORTURE CHAMBER, but the place in which the Lord's Mercy MOTIVATES US to do better."
- POPE FRANCIS

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
Christmas Morning Masses: 8:30am, 10:30am

Celebrate Christmas with our Community!

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Christmas Flower Fund & Memorial Donations

Donations may be made any time before Dec. 21st and Memorials will be shared in a special book displayed in the Gather Space throughout the Christmas Season. Please place you donation in an envelope labeled "Christmas Memorial Flowers" & include the names of those you wish to remember. Please place envelopes in the collection basket or deliver to the parish office.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

ADULT & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

Adoration

Wednesday
December 10th
5:00 - 7:30pm

Confession will also be offered from 5:30-7pm

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Knights of Columbus

The KC's are calling ALL Kindergarten through 8th Grade students to submit an 11" x 17" poster that depicts this faith-centered theme.

For Rule & Prize info **SCAN HERE:**

Please turn in completed posters to Kyle in the Parish Office by December 12th.

Together we raised $500!

On November 21st Maria, VBS Director, delivered 22 coats to our local CAP Agency to help keep children warm this winter.

Thank you to our generous parishioners & the KC's for their matching contribution.

Coats for Kids

Knights of Columbus Council # 5569

ADULT STUDIES

Adult Book Study
Screwtape Letters
by C.S Lewis

A satirical and thought-provoking exploration of temptation, sin and human nature.

Every Thursday starting 1/8/26
From 9:00 to 10:00am
Fee: $15 Book from Amazon
In Room # 101

Scan or Click Here

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Extreme Faith Camp 2026
Middle School Overnight Camp

JULY 20TH - 24TH

Lake games
Ziplining
Skits
Tag & more

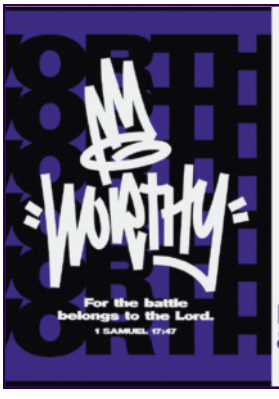
For more info & Registration, scan HERE:

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Bible Study

December 8th & 15th Only
due to the holiday's
From 7:00 to 9:00 PM
At St. Joseph Gathering Space

High School students are invited to join Lisetta for food, fellowship, & games while diving deeper into selected Scripture passages.



Steubenville 2026
Youth Conference for 9th-12th Graders

JULY 24TH - 26TH

Graduated Seniors are welcome too!

For more info & Registration, scan HERE:

PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Christians, Become Who You Are...

Have you ever been to Dagobah?

Odds are probably not, as it doesn't exist. But it was the swampy and murky world where Yoda lived, the little green character we meet in "The Empire Strikes Back."

Admittedly I had to look that one up, (and am a bit more of a "Star Trek" guy), but if you remember that movie, much of it takes place on that swampy planet. It's here Luke Skywalker learns how to use the abilities he has, by listening, practicing, (and sometimes failing), but trusting that this seemingly strange little green guy will help him find who he really is and achieve his destiny.

This week in our Gospel, we don't meed Yoda, but we do meet Saint John the Baptist. He appears in the dessert, which is a significant thing because it is there one can go to get answers. People would journey at the time of John to him as he was seen as a holy prophet, and he baptized people as part of a ritual where a person would essentially get a new start or new orientation in life. The dessert features prominently in the Gospel, where Jesus also goes to be baptized, and where Jesus goes and is tempted by the devil. At a deeper level though the dessert is a place where one is free of distractions; where a person can seek answers to who is God, who am I, and what is the purpose of my life.

As we journey towards Christmas, we think about the past in Christ's coming the first time, but also the future when we will meet Jesus face to face. And it's a great time to seek God and think about our relationship with Him, namely how do we become the people we know we can become?

For one, we go not to Dagobah, but to our own version of it if you will. Find time for a bit of silence away from technology; find a bit of time for prayer. Even just a little bit every day can recharge the soul.

Secondly, we need to repent. John the Baptist tells us "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." People come to John to confess their sins. Part of going into the dessert if you will is it not only gives us answers as to what to do with decisions in our lives, but when we are free of distractions we can look at our lives and see what needs changing. All of us have room for improvement - and a health conscience is always asking "how can I become even better."

Lastly, seek out prophets in your life. We all need a Yoda, or a John the Baptist. People who will challenge us, who will give us the straight story, not just "likes" as on social media. We need encouragement, but also people who help us become saints because they see to our heart and the people we can become with effort.

The Gospel closes with John saying Jesus who is coming will baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the Holy Spirit can fill our hearts and souls and can do so much. We are mindful of this every time a baptism is celebrated. But just as a fire needs kindling, and a flower garden needs care and maintenance to bloom next spring and summer, the same is true with our souls. Let us not fall into the habit of thinking "I go to Mass once a week, I go to school or work and take care of the responsibilities in my life, and that's good enough." Luke Skywalker could do a few things with "The Force" by the time he got to Dagobah - but he could do so much more after he emerged from there, becoming who he was called to become. You and I aren't called to become a Jedi Knight. You and I are called to become saints. With Jesus, and with the prophets he sends us in our lives, we can do just that. Let us listen to them, and have the humility to acknowledge we are works in progress, but can become so much more.

One of the things the early Church Fathers would say is "Christians, become who you are," meaning we are loved by God, but when we respond to that love of God (grace), we can truly become amazing. May we strive to do that every day on our journey through life.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Paul

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