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*December 2, 2012*

Calendar for Dec. 2 - Dec. 15

SJ = St. Joseph / SF = St. Francis

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>SJ: Mass 7:30 &amp; 10:30 am</p> <p>SF: 9 am Mass</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p> <p>SF: 6:30 pm Conf. 7 pm Mass</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p> <p>8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration</p>	<p>8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation SJ: 8 am Mass</p> <p>SJ: 7:45 am Benediction 4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass</p>
<p>9 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>SJ: Mass 7:30 &amp; 10:30 am Confirmation Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>SF: 9 am Mass</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p> <p>SF: 6:30 pm Conf. 7 pm Mass</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass</p> <p>8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration</p>	<p>15</p> <p>SJ: 7:45 am Benediction</p> <p>4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass</p>

## ADMINISTRATION

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*For the week of Dec. 2*

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

Open

Sunday, 7:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

SF-9:00 am

†Colleen Greene

10:30 am

†Vincent & Margaret Walsh

Tuesday, 7:30 am

Open

Wednesday, 7:30 am

Open

SF - 7:00 pm

Open

Thursday, 7:30 am

Open

Friday, 7:30 am

†Pat Walsh

*For the week of Dec. 9*

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

†Irene Rintoul

Sunday, 7:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

SF-9:00 am

†Hank Nelson

10:30 am

†Beulah Samo

† indicates the Repose of Soul



Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Sat., December 8, 2012

8 am Mass at St. Joseph

### Support elderly religious

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



### Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember loved ones during the holidays, we invite you to donate in their names for the Christmas Flower Fund. In your envelope packet, there is an envelope for this fund. Enclose your donation with the name or names of your loved ones. If you do not have envelopes and wish to donate, enclose your donation with your name and church preference in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." Send it to the office or put it in the collection basket by Dec. 9 to be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin.

### 2012 Donations to your parish!

*If you wish to donate stock or any other donation before the end of the year to your parish, all transactions must be in the office no later than December 31, 2012.*

### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Ecumenical Choir will perform the traditional Advent/Christmas service "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sun., Dec. 2, at 4 pm at Fristad Lutheran Church, Hwy. 35 in Centuria. An offering will be taken to support "Operation Christmas." A social will follow the program in the church fellowship hall.

The Knights of Columbus extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the Chili Fest. \$1,554.00 was raised and donated to the kitchen fund.

Church Directories are now available for all parishioners. You may pick up a directory in the back of church.



## SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

### ■ SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 8

◆ 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Larry Julik-Heine, Dale Nienhaus

Virginia Johnson\*

Reader: Michael Laughlin

Altar Servers: Ashley & Shelby Peltier

### ■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Brad Gross, Tom Lunzer, Bill Piotrowski\*

Jeff Rivard\*

Reader: Sue Gross

Altar Servers: Alicia & Christina Sandberg

◆ 9 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Maloney, Don Quigley, Pat Thraen

Kathy Lushanko\*

Reader: Deb Ryan

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Richard McCurdy, Jan Rintoul

Teresa Steele, Char Gudmunson\*

Reader: Sharon McCurdy

Altar Servers: Open

\*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels



## 2nd Sunday in Advent December 9, 2012

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Sharing the Gospel - One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.

Prayer - Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

Something to Draw - Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds, ready to take you to heaven.

Mission for the Week - Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.

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# GOD'S mercy ENDURES

Tough economic times weigh on everyone. While some people seem to be able to afford everything, go everywhere, and enjoy what they want, there are so many people that have come to a point in their lives where every penny is pinched and every purchase scrutinized. Data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that consumers are spending less on big-ticket items to afford basics. Households hit by layoffs, the tight job market, and heavy debt burdens are holding back on spending. The savings rate has dropped, indicating that consumers are using up scant resources to stay afloat. Even people who might be able to spend a little more are being cautious, because the economic mood is so gloomy. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel could well characterize the overall global experience, "on earth nations will be in dismay."

It might seem a bit odd that we begin Advent, which is a season of hope, with a rather dismal and disturbing Gospel. The end of time is not something that we usually think about to any great extent. We are often more concerned with the anxieties of daily life, as the Gospel puts it. Those daily worries seem like enough for most of us. We don't need to add the end of the world on top of it.

But for many people today, in this economic environment, daily anxieties can seem like the end of the world. Bills mount up, tensions grow, jobs or homes are lost. We need this season of hope to renew our own longings and expectations. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God fulfills his promises. God's mercy endures in every generation, including ours. The actions we take to assist others become an expression of God's mercy and a sign of God's renewing hope. In the weeks to come even a small kindness to someone could help to ease anxiety, and help that person believe that redemption is at hand.

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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWS & UPDATES

*All are invited to the Confirmation Class Bake Sale after Mass today!*

Thanks to the parishioners of St. Francis and Sharon McCurdy from St. Joseph for donating, preparing, and serving food for the funeral luncheons of Dorothy Schaber and Charlene Armstrong. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Rosary is prayed at St. Francis Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:40 am. Please come to Mass early and join us!

### Rachel's Vineyards Retreat

If you or someone you love is suffering from a past abortion experience, come and experience the healing love of Jesus on a weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion: women, men, grandparents, siblings, health care professionals. The next retreat in the Twin Cities area is Jan. 11-13, 2013. For more information, contact Nancy at 763.250.9313 or [rvr-nancy@usfamily.net](mailto:rvr-nancy@usfamily.net) or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 2--9 am Mass, No Rel. Ed.  
Coffee Sunday  
Confirmation Class Bake Sale
- Dec. 5--6:30 pm Confession  
7:00 pm Mass
- Dec. 8--SJ-8 am Mass-Holy Day of Obl.  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec. 9--9 am Mass-11 am Rel. Ed.  
Retirement for Religious Collection



*"The door of faith is always open...rediscover the joy of believing!"*

-Pope Benedict XVI

### St. Francis Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$ 1,519.23
November 18	1,226.34
Children's Collection	4.30
EFT (November 20)	30.00
Thanksgiving	45.00
November 25	1,515.00
Children's Collection	5.71
Year to date (7/1/12):	140.93

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS & UPDATES

Please support our Confirmation students by participating in these upcoming events:

- Pancake Breakfast on Sun. Dec. 9, from 8:15 am - 1 pm.
- Donut Sunday on Sun., Dec. 23

The Knights of Columbus will be helping with both of these events and Catholic United Financial is offering a matching grant up to \$500 for money raised at the Pancake Breakfast.



### Is Christ still King?

As sure as the sun still rose today! We dedicate each programming day to 'Hail, Christ our King!' -so that He may rule in our hearts, families and communities. Hark, we all sing! He is coming! The newborn King! St. Paul/Mpls. 1330AM (Listen online at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com))

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 1--4:30-5:00 pm Confession  
5:30 pm Mass
- Dec. 2--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Dec. 5--5:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. & Choir  
SF-6:30 pm Confession, 7 pm Mass
- Dec. 8--8 am Mass, Holy Day of Obl.  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
4:30-5:00 pm Confession  
5:30 pm Mass  
Retirement for Religious Collection
- Dec. 9--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass  
Retirement for Religious Collection  
8:15 am-1 pm Confirmation  
Pancake Breakfast

### St. Joseph Financial Contributions

Weekly needed income:	\$ 3,250.00
November 18	3,935.71
Children's Collection	16.84
EFT (November 20)	475.00
Thanksgiving	499.00
November 25	3,678.00
Children's Collection	31.02
Year to Date (7/1/12):	5,874.63

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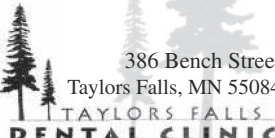
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