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## December 9, 2012

The Advent wreath's circular shape and greenery symbolize eternity and everlasting life. The candles celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. Violet is the liturgical color of preparation, reminding us to turn our hearts to God, and the rose-colored candle urges us to rejoice, for we are assured of our Lord's faithfulness.

Calendar for Dec. 9 - Dec. 22

SJ = St. Joseph / SF = St. Francis

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                      | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|-----------|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>9 2nd Sunday of Advent</b><br>SJ: Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am<br>Confirmation<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>SF: 9 am Mass          | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>7:30 am Communion Service  | <b>12</b><br>7:30 am Communion Service<br>SF: 6:30 pm Conf. 7 pm Mass        | <b>13</b><br>7:30 am Communion Service        | <b>14</b><br>7:30 am Communion Service<br>8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration        | <b>15</b><br>SJ: 7:45 am Benediction<br>4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass |
| <b>16 3rd Sunday of Advent</b><br>SJ: Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am<br>Kids' Christmas Play following 10:30 Mass<br>SF: 9 am Mass | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass<br>SJ: 3-7 pm Advent Reconciliation | <b>19</b><br>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass<br>SF: 6:30 pm Conf. 7 pm Mass | <b>20</b><br>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass | <b>21</b><br>SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass<br>8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration | <b>22</b><br>SJ: 7:45 am Benediction<br>4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass |

## ADMINISTRATION

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*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

**Tuesday, 7:30 am**

Communion Service

**Wednesday, 7:30 am**

Communion Service

**SF - 7:00 pm**

†Janie Gifford

**Thursday, 7:30 am**

Communion Service

**Friday, 7:30 am**

Communion Service

*For the week of Dec. 16*

**Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm**

Open

**Sunday, 7:30 am**

All parishioners of both parishes

**SF-9:00 am**

Stimson Family intentions

**10:30 am**

†Virginia Lichtscheidl

† indicates the Repose of Soul



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

-Pope Benedict XVI

**Give to those who have given a lifetime.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**Thank you** to Andrie Electric, LTD for installing the electrical wiring in the rectory garage.

### 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.*

### 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 [rvr-nancy@usfamily.net](mailto:rvr-nancy@usfamily.net) or 763.250.9113 or visit the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### Bulletin Cover Artwork Opportunity

If you would like your artwork on the cover of an upcoming bulletin, please submit it to the office, put it in the collection basket, or give it to Kris Driscoll at St. Joseph's Wed. night Rel. Ed. classes. The following depictions are needed:

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Submit by Dec. 16.
- The Epiphany of the Lord: the magi from the east bringing Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:1-12) Submit by Dec. 23.
- The Baptism of the Lord: Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist and a voice comes from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) Submit by Dec. 30.



## SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

### ■ SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 15

◆ 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Kathy Nienhaus, Sandy Greene, Deb Roach\*

Reader: Dale Nienhaus

Altar Servers: Ashley & Shelby Peltier

### ■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sharon Peterson, Mary Weinberg

Brad Gross\*, Clayton Rivard\*

Reader: Wendy Kelly

Altar Servers: Christina & Alicia Sandberg

◆ 9 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mike Harnetty, Anne Nelson

Rose Ann Hawley, Joni Barrett\*

Reader: Patrick Morris

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Renee Ryan\*, Jan Rintoul\*

Reader: Scott Weyenberg

Altar Servers: John Deneen & Henry Budke

\*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels



## 3rd Sunday in Advent December 16, 2012

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



### Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever played a game where you asked for a "do-over" so you could try again? When John told his neighbors to be baptized, he wanted them to have a second chance, A "do-over." He wanted to give them a fresh, clean start with God.

### Prayer

Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.

### Something to Draw

Draw John washing someone in a river.

### Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.

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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWS & UPDATES

Every few years, Congress wrangles for months to enact a transportation bill. The latest version, signed into law on July 6, 2012, provides \$120 billion through fiscal 2014. In addition to providing funding for thousands of projects throughout the country, the law also ensures that nearly three million workers will remain on the job constructing and repairing the nation's roads, rails, and mass transit. At the time that the previous law was expiring (fiscal 2009) the American Society of Civil Engineers estimated that the country actually needed to spend about \$1.3 trillion on items covered in the transportation bill (plus another \$900 billion for other infrastructure needs) over five years. Clearly filling in valleys and making low the mountains and hills is not an inexpensive proposition.

John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel. Isaiah's prophecy is based on the kind of road-work that took place in the ancient world. Before a conquering general or king would arrive, the way was cleared before him. A rough road was made smooth (to allow for a rapid advance); a crooked, winding road opened up and made straight (to prevent an ambush). Isaiah's prophecy came near the end of the Babylonian Exile, when it was perceived that the LORD would once again take possession of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Luke uses the Isaiah prophecy not to portray John the Baptist as some kind of civil engineer, but rather to indicate that there is work and preparation involved in welcoming the LORD. We'll hear more about that next week.

The cost of repairing and upgrading the nation's infrastructure is enormous, maybe more that we can afford. The cost of following Christ is also great. But the payment for that doesn't so much come out of our wallets, as out of our hearts. With just a little over two weeks to go before Christmas, what are you doing to make it easier for the Lord to enter your heart?

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Congratulations to Eleanor Elizabeth Barbato, daughter of Nicholas and Molly Barbato, who received the sacrament of Baptism on November 25, 2012. We welcome her into the Catholic faith with God's graces.

**Thank you** to Rod Morkert and Gary Thomas for installing the emergency exit lights in the church.

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

**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. 9--9 am Mass-11 am Rel. Ed.
- Retirement for Religious Collection
- Dec. 12--6:30 pm Confession, 7 pm Mass
- Dec. 13--6:30 pm Parish Council
- Dec. 16--9 am Mass-11 am Rel. Ed.
- Rosary Sunday
- Dec. 18--SJ-3-7 pm Advent Reconciliation
- SJ-7 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting



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!



*"We are travelers on a journey without a fixed abode; on our way, not yet in our native land."*

- St. Augustine

| St. Francis Financial Contributions |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly needed income:               | \$ 1,519.23 |
| December 2                          | 1,705.00    |
| Children's Collection               | 8.44        |
| Year to date (7/1/12):              | 335.14      |

## ST. JOSEPH NEWS & UPDATES



**Join the Knights of Columbus in support of our Confirmation students!**

Please show your support 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.



**Needed:** Youth participants and parent volunteers for St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Play

**Practices:**

- Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30 - 6:45 pm
- Sat., Dec. 15, 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Performance:** Sun., Dec. 16, following the 10:30 am Mass

- Call the office at 651.465.7345 or email [kdriescollsj@gmail.com](mailto:kdriescollsj@gmail.com) to sign up youth participants and/or parent volunteers for this event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 8--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
- Dec. 12--5:30-7:45 pm Rel. Ed. & Choir
- SF-6:30 pm Confession, 7 pm Mass
- Dec. 15--9:00-10:30 am Practice for Kids' Christmas Play
- 4:30-5:00 pm Confession
- 5:30 pm Mass
- Dec. 16--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass, Kids' Christmas Play after 10:30 am Mass
- Dec. 18--3-7 pm Advent Reconciliation
- 7 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Attention:** Please pick up any pans or dishes that were left in the church kitchen for the funeral luncheon.

| St. Joseph Financial Contributions |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly needed income:              | \$ 3,250.00 |
| December 2                         | 5,467.55    |
| Children's Collection              | 23.01       |
| Year to Date (7/1/12):             | 5,493.56    |



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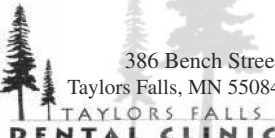
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