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December 23, 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. 23 - Jan. 5

SJ = St. Joseph / SF = St. Francis

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 4th Sunday of Advent SJ: Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday SF: 9 am Mass	24 Christmas Eve SF: 5 pm Mass SJ: 10 pm Mass	25 Christmas Day Holy Day of Obligation SJ: Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am SF: 9 am Mass	26 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass	27 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass	28 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass 8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration	29 SJ: 7:45 am Benediction 4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass
30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph SJ: Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am SF: 9 am Mass	31 New Year's Eve SF: Mass 5:30 pm	Jan. 1 New Year's Day Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation SJ: 10:30 am Mass	2 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass	3 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass	4 SJ: 7-7:20 am Conf. 7:30 am Mass 8 am- Sat. 7:45 am 24 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration	5 SJ: 7:45 am Benediction 4:30 pm Conf. 5:30 pm Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of Dec. 23

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

All parishioners of both parishes

Sunday, 7:30 am

Klocker Family intentions

SF-9:00 am

†Steve McTigue

10:30 am

Open

Christmas Eve, Mon., SF-5 pm

†George Greene

10 pm

†Irene Rintoul

Christmas Day, Tues., 7:30 am

Open

SF-9:00 am

Open

10:30 am

†Paul Thomasen

Wednesday, 7:30 am

Open

Thursday, 7:30 am

Open

Friday, 7:30 am

Open

For the week of Dec. 30

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm

Open

Sunday, 7:30 am

All parishioners of both parishes

SF-9:00 am

†Rob Greene

10:30 am

Open

† indicates the Repose of Soul



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday, Christmas Eve

SF - 5:00 pm

SJ - 10:00 pm

Tuesday, Christmas Day

SJ - 7:30 & 10:30 am

SF - 9:00 am

Ring bells for Christmas!

Bring bells to Mass or shake your keys during the Gloria on Christmas, Dec. 30, Jan. 1, and Jan. 6.

Discretionary Fund

Thank you to the many parishioners who have contributed so generously to the Discretionary Fund this past year. Keep the Fund in mind, and contact Fr. Frank or Sandy if you know someone who is in need of financial assistance. There will be a second collection taken for this fund at all the Christmas Masses.

Update from the Refuge Network

“On behalf of the Refuge Network and the clients we serve we are grateful to you. Thanks!” Roxie Karelis, E.D. and Tina O.

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.

Prayer Networks

If you have a prayer intention, or would like to become an intercessor, contact:

- Rose Ann Hawley at 651.433.2007 (St.. Francis parishioners)
- the parish office at 651.465.7345 or sjtaylorsfalls@yahoo.com (St. Joseph parishioners)

Free *Rediscover Catholicism* book!

As you leave Mass on Christmas, make sure to pick up a free copy of the book *Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose*, found in the back of church. In this book, best-selling author and speaker Matthew Kelly explains in simple and accessible language how we can become what Kelly calls “the best version of ourselves” through the genius of Catholicism. Please take one book per household. This book is made possible through the generous support of Catholics throughout this local Church who want to invite others on a life-changing journey to rediscover the depth and beauty of our faith. Find out more at Rediscover-faith.org.

SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

■ CHRISTMAS EVE, MON., DEC. 24

◆ 5:00 pm Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Karen Nelson, Anne Nelson, Carol Nelson
Paul Gifford*

Reader: Greg Colter

◆ 10:00 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sandy Greene, Tom & Michelle Lunzer*

Reader: Rick Rafflesberger

Altar Servers: Shelby & Ashley Peltier

■ CHRISTMAS DAY, TUES., DEC. 25

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Gerry Merth, Wendy Kelly, Joe Weinberg*
Sharon Peterson*

Reader: Mary Weinberg

Altar Servers: Christina & Alicia Sandberg

◆ 9:00 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Monica Osterbauer, Pat Thraen, Deb Ryan
Dorine Rohe*

Reader: Mike Harnetty

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Richard McCurdy, Teresa Steele*

Jan Rintoul*

Reader: Sharon McCurdy

Altar Servers: Alaina & Jenna Driscoll

■ SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 29

◆ 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Larry Julik-Heine, Deb Dusenka*

Reader: Deb Roach

Altar Servers: Sophie & Andrew Jury

■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

◆ 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Tom & Michelle Lunzer*

Reader: Wendy Kelly

Altar Servers: Alicia & Christina Sandberg

◆ 9 am Mass (St. Francis)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Madden, Kathy Lushanko

Shelly Haas, Nancy Maloney*

Reader: Paul Gifford

◆ 10:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Teresa Steele, Char Gudmunson

Jan Rintoul*, Richard McCurdy*

Reader: Sharon McCurdy

Altar Servers: John Deneen & Henry Budke

*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: December 30, 2012

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

WE WILL
welcome
HIM WITH
great joy



Thanksgiving weekend, with its compressed timeline, is the busiest time for travel. But Christmas is not that far behind. The days immediately before Christmas involve people returning home to be with family for the holiday. The days after Christmas are packed with families traveling for a quick vacation while the children are out of school for a week. The 1844 poem "Over the River and through the Woods" by Lydia Maria Child was originally about journeying to grandfather's house for Thanksgiving Day. Later recorded versions turned it into a Christmas song describing the sleigh ride to grandmother's house. Either way, for a long time these winter holidays have involved traveling.

This weekend's Gospel is another traveling story. Pregnant with Jesus, Mary leaves the confines of Nazareth in Galilee and heads south, up into the hill country of Judea. Is she fleeing because she has no husband yet? Is she going to seek the counsel of an older kinswoman? Or is she just heading off on a friendly little visit? We don't really know. Luke doesn't tell us, and so her journey is open to speculation. But Mary's arrival is the first occasion of an expression of joy about the birth of the Savior. Elizabeth proclaims that the infant in her own womb leaped for joy because of the nearness of salvation.

We know that experience. Think of what happens when family or friends finally arrive after a long journey to spend some time over the holidays. They are welcomed and greeted and made to feel at home. This is our natural reaction to seeing folks who have not been around for a while. We are glad that they are here. Now, take that very natural human reaction and imagine what it will be like to welcome Christ. Through baptism, we are his brothers and sisters. We are family. And when he returns we will welcome him with great joy!

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER NEWS & UPDATES



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

-Pope Benedict XVI

Thank you to Deb Rochel for painting St. Francis Church. Your willingness to share your time and talents with St. Francis parish is truly a blessing.

Thanks to all who participated in the Bake Sale on December 2. Because of your generous support, the Confirmation class raised \$321.50.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

We have a free gift to help you prepare to receive Christ anew this Advent! Join Fr. Thomas Acklin as he leads us in a Novena prayer through Dec. 25, including helpful meditations on the prophetic "O" Antiphon titles for Christ. Go to www.relevantanradio - keyword "Advent" - for audio links and schedule. St. Paul-Mpls. 1330 AM

Next week is Food Shelf Sunday. Please bring a donation for the less fortunate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 23--9 am Mass, No Rel. Ed.
- Dec. 24--Christmas Eve, Office Closed
5:00 pm Mass
SJ-10:00 pm Mass
- Dec. 25--Christmas Day, Office Closed
9:00 am Mass
SJ-7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Dec. 30--9 am Mass, No Rel. Ed.
- Dec. 31--New Year's Eve
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Jan. 1--New Year's Day, Office Closed
SJ-10:30 am Mass



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!



St. Francis Financial Contributions	
Weekly needed income:	\$ 1,519.23
Due to early bulletin publication <u>Deadline, totals have not changed.</u>	
Year to date (7/1/12):	260.82

ST. JOSEPH NEWS & UPDATES

Join the Knights of Columbus in support of our Confirmation students by attending Donut Sunday on Dec. 23.

Thank you to all who supported our Confirmation students by attending the Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 9. \$469.75 was raised and will be matched by Catholic United Financial for a total of \$939.50! Thank you to all who helped serve, set up, and cook. Also, a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic United Financial for their most generous support.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The time between Christmas (Dec. 25) and the traditional date for the celebration of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) was a period of feasting and great joy. The well-known carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" celebrates this season. Likely coming from the French, the song was first-published in English in 1780. In its first sixty years in English, there were numerous variants of the gifts, but mass-produced sheet music in the mid-1800s, led to the song we sing today. ©LPi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 22--4:30-5:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Mass
- Dec. 23--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday
- Dec. 24--Christmas Eve, Office Closed
10:00 pm Mass
SF-5:00 pm Mass
- Dec. 25--Christmas Day, Office Closed
7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
SF-9:00 am Mass
- Dec. 26--No Rel. Ed. or Choir
- Dec. 29--4:30-5:00 pm Confession
5:30 pm Mass
- Dec. 30--7:30 & 10:30 am Mass
- Dec. 31--New Year's Eve
SF-5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Jan. 1--New Year's Day, Office Closed
Holy Day of Obligation
10:30 am Mass
- Jan. 2--No Rel. Ed. or Choir

St. Joseph Financial Contributions	
Weekly needed income:	\$ 3,250.00
Due to early bulletin publication <u>Deadline, totals have not changed.</u>	
Year to Date (7/1/12):	6,051.07

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