

December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph (SJ) and St. Patrick (SP) Weekly Mass Schedule						
Date			Place	Time	Mass Intention	Sacred Scriptures
Mon	Dec	13			No Mass	St. Lucy: Numbers 24: 2-7,15-17; Matthew 21: 23-27
Tues	Dec	14	SJ	6:15 PM	+ Dale Hartman	St. John of the Cross: Zeph. 3:1-2,9-13; Matt. 21: 28-32
Wed	Dec	15	SJ	8:00 AM	+ Tina Corkrean	Isaiah 45: 6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7: 18-23
Thurs	Dec	16	SP	5:45 PM	+ Mary Ann Tomlinson	Isaiah 54: 1-10; Luke 7: 24-30
Fri	Dec	17	SJ	8:00 AM	+ Samuel Kasap	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17
Sat	Dec	18	SJ	5:00 PM	+ Florence Welch	Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45
Sun	Dec	19	SP	8:00 AM	For Our Parish	Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45
Sun	Dec	19	SJ	10:00 AM	Dec. Corkrean & Neal Fam.	Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

Prayer Chain: Kerri Axelson, Nellie Bindel, Shirley Bittinger, Maxine Brunzman, Patty Burgus, Bob Casper, Kellen Casper, Pam Coffey, Danille Eivins, Gary Emmert, Jay Eveler, Therese Fath, Dr. Joe Johll, Kathleen Kordick, Terry Morris, Joesetta Mulvihill, Joanne Nichols, Amy Nolan, Mary Kay Polashek, Clare Ritchie, Kerry Sanders, Sue Schmidt, Linda Sullivan, Kristen Swalve. If you would like to be added to our parish prayer chain, please email Terri Sullivan @ stmnsully@gmail.com or call Patricia Corkrean or Rosemary Stuchel.

Christmas Invitation: We have a tradition at St. Joe that young piano/instrumental students play short Christmas songs as a prelude for our Christmas eve mass. If you have a child who would enjoy doing this, please contact Melody Miller (712-621-6224 or msvzmillier@gmail.com). Christmas Eve Mass is at 6:00 pm, so our prelude will begin at 5:30pm. Everyone looks forward to hearing our young students play. Thanks you for participating in this ministry.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: As of December 5, St. Patrick's has received pledges or gifts from 35 donors for a total of \$16,875 toward its 2021 ADA goal of \$15,775 giving **REFUND** to the parish of \$1,100 and St. Joseph has received 94 pledges or gifts for a total of \$35,485 toward its goal of \$36,129 leaving a shortfall of \$654. **Please remember that any shortfall at year-end will have to be paid to the Diocese by the parish and is paid out of the general tithing collections. For the 2020 ADA campaign, St. Joseph paid \$6,909 and St. Patrick's paid \$3,300 for their respective shortfalls.**

Churchville Christmas Masses: We know our neighboring parishes will be having Christmas eve services. There will be Mass at Assumption Shrine in Churchville on Christmas eve at 4:30 and also at midnight and would like to welcome anyone who is interested in coming to Mass at Churchville.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule for December 11 & 12, 2021			
Ministry	St. Joe's Sat. 5 pm	St. Pat's Sun. 8 am	St. Joe's Sun. 10 am
Lector	Cheryl Crall	Al Sieren	Sheena Cortner
Extra Com.	Jim Murphy	Elaine Lenze	Vickie Williams
Gifts		Larry & Jody Watts	
Servers			
Ushers		Michael King	
Greeter		Rose Anderson	
Coffee & Rolls			Barringer & Frel Families

From Father Dooley's Desk: Several decades back there was a focus for every parish to create a "Mission Statement." Committees were formed and meetings were held to come up with a unique mission statement which reflected the thoughts and energy of the time. It is fun now to read them and to discover that many of these statements never once mentioned the name of Jesus or Christ.

So, what is the mission of the Church? First and foremost, the mission is to save souls. The word mission is rooted in the Latin word "missa", meaning "sent". This also is where we get the Mass. Our Savior gave his disciples the mission to make other disciples and baptize them. (Matthew 28:19) A person is saved and given the gift of eternal life through baptism. This is our mission as church to get people to heaven. I remember as a kid my pastor saying the reason he became a priest was to save his soul and the souls of others. There is the mission of the church in black and white.

So once a person is saved, baptized, then we teach them the truths of the faith, offer them the sacraments, and guide them to live faithful, moral lives. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy that the church recognizes flow from the saved soul of the individual believer. Our works of charity are rooted in our faith and our love of God. Yes, some will be called to evangelize through some specific apostolate, but the majority will be called to simply pray, receive the sacraments, teach their kids the faith, and maybe answer questions from friends and co workers about our Catholic faith.

So, if we truly live the mission of the church, saving souls, just think of the joy and hope that people will experience in their lives. Then we will see a church grow not only in membership but also doing the works of mercy which flow from our love of God and our love of neighbor.

Confession Times: St. Pat's 7:15 am on Sundays; St. Joe's 3:30pm on Saturdays. During Advent after Masses.

Eucharist Adoration: at St. Joe's: on Tues from 11 am to 6 pm. St. Pat's on Thurs from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve 4pm St. Patrick's, 6pm St. Joseph's; Christmas Day 10am St. Joseph's. There will be **NO 5pm** Mass on Dec 25th or Jan 1st. Hope this helps you as you make plans for your Family's Christmas.

FORMED: we have a subscription to Formed. Go to formed.org click on "I belong.." type in Winterset's zip code 50273 and find all the wonderful faith inspiring talks, movies and shows.

March for Life: Join PULSE Life Advocates (formerly Iowans for Life) on this year's March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. We leave at 4:00 p.m. from St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines on Wednesday, Jan. 19 and return on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23. Since the deadlines have been extended, we need final registration and payment by no later than Tuesday, Dec. 14. You can register and pay at iowansforlife.org. For questions or more information, please contact Maggie DeWitte, executive director at 515-201-8281

Bishop's Discernment Retreat It's not too late to sign up for a unique retreat Dec. 17-19. This is for men who are high school seniors or older who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. Meet seminarians, hear vocation stories, and learn about discernment. For more information, email vocations@dm-diocese.org.

St. Gabriel's Ministry: We are looking for individuals, who not afraid of technology, to run our living streaming equipment for the 10 am Mass on Sunday. Training will be provided. This is a growing ministry to the home-bound and sick parishioners. Contact Ayden Pugh or the parish office if you would like to help out..

That Man Is You! The first semester is over. We will meet again in February 2022

Prayer to St. Joseph: "Hail, Guardian of the redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."