

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN
ORTONVILLE**

Monday - December 14 - John

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Don Hynnek Sr.

Wednesday - December 16 - Advent Weekday

9:30 a.m. Mass - Northridge - Kathryn Stolpman

Thursday - December 17 - Advent Weekday

11:00 a.m. Mass - Leo/Margaret Karels

Friday - December 18 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass - Regina Malikowski

**Saturday - December 19 - Vigil Fourth Sunday
Of Advent**

5:00 p.m. Mass - Spec. Int. of Marilyn Ketchum

Reader: Tate Messmer

Comm: Pat Sester

Servers: Caryssa, Kayla, Tiffany Mielitz

Ushers: Jessica Mielitz, Marilyn Ketchum, Jo & Harvey Kelzer

**Sunday - December 20 - Fourth Sunday of
Advent**

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Elaine Koenen

Reader: Audrey Tobin

Communion: Joan Foley

Servers: Jenny Delage, Hannah Mathes, Joseph Mathes

Ushers: Roman Karels, Gary Pflieger, Tom Oakes

Offering Adult-3837.00, Student-11.00, looseplate-140.61
Thanksgiving-40.00, Immaculate Conception-15.00
Christmas-55.00, Christmas Flowers-307.25, Fuel-20.00,
Church Improvements-38.00, Human Development-20.00,
Basement Rental-30.00, Rolls & Coffee-122.00

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOSEPH'S ROSEN

Tuesday - December 15 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - Special Intention of C.S.

Thursday - December 17 - Advent Weekday

8:00 Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - L/D of Catholic Aid

Sunday - December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Ellen Pillatzki

Readers: Ed Radermacher, Grace Pillatzki

Communion: Cindy Henrich

Servers: Gretchen Rademacher, Micheala Radermacher

Ushers: Paul Volkenant, Gerald Adelman, Stan Adelman,
Richard Borgerson

Greeters: Tristan Adelman, Devin Anderson

Offering: Adult-1181.00, Student- 13.50, loose plate-
64.00, Christmas-75.00, Christmas Flowers-190.00,
School Rent-20.00

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JAMES - NASSAU

Thursday - December 17 - Advent Weekday

7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday - December 19 - Vigil Fourth Sunday
Of Advent**

7:30 p.m. Mass - (d) Gust Stoick

Readers: Julie Trojahn, Ted Trojahn

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Alan Roggenbuck, Tom Schuelke

Offering: Adult-440.00, Loose Plate-8.00

CONFIRMATION

Service Opportunities: Help is needed for the Nativity Gospel play. Please contact Beth if interested in helping.

Upcoming Retreats: SEARCH Jan. 8-10 in Aberdeen & TEC January 16-18 in New Ulm.

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CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

~ **St. John's Choir members old and new:** Wed. 5:45 pm

~ **St. Joseph's Choir:** Wed. 6:45 p.m.

~ **CAREGIVERS** discussion group Monday Dec. 14th at 2:00 p.m., Fairway View community room, Ortonville

~ **Bowl of Love:** will meet Thursday, Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. We will send out Christmas greetings and then have our annual bunco party. Please bring some small gifts to share at bunco. Mass and pot luck will follow at 11:00. All are welcome!!

~ **Rosen "Seniors":** will have a potluck at noon, followed by bingo & cards on Tuesday Dec. 15th.

~ **St. Joseph:** Practice for the Christmas Gospel reading, will be right after Mass on Sun. Dec. 20. Let Madonna know if your children will be participating. Even if they aren't there for the practice they can still participate on Christmas day. Cousins, grandkids, home for Christmas may help out also.

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOHN'S DRE

RE Class Schedule: Wed. Dec. 16th 3:30-4:30 p.m. 7th-8th
7-8 p.m. 7th-12th

Sun. Dec. 20th - 9:30-10:30 am preK- 6th grades

Youth Group: Community Christmas play today at 5:30 p.m. Those who have signed up need to be at the Big Stone School by 5:30 wearing black pants/skirts and nice white shirts/blouses. Desserts can be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Next youth group meeting is Jan. 3rd at 9:45 a.m.

CCD Christmas Program: We will be presenting "Sound of the Bells" on Wed. Dec. 16th at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Students need to arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Nativity Gospel on Christmas Eve: Children ages 4-12 are invited to help reenact the Gospel story, and participate with our candlelight song after Communion as well. Children visiting for the holidays also welcomed. Practice on Wed. Dec. 23rd at 11 a.m. Please sign up by Fri. Dec. 18th to ensure enough costumes.

Attention Sewers: We're looking to add a few more costumes to our collection since more kids help with the Nativity Gospel every year. If you're interested in donating time to sew a costume, contact Beth.

Children's Envelopes: Tithing envelopes for 2010 are available for each student in the church basement.

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE

Adult Education: Tues. Dec. 15th 9:00 a.m.

RE Classes: Wed. Dec. 16th 4-5:15 p.m. 7th - 9th grade Confession then a small Christmas party. Pick students up at 5:15. Wed. Dec. 16th 7-8 p.m. 10th - 12th at St. John

Sun. Dec. 20th No Class - practice after Mass for the Christmas Day Mass.

~ **St. Joseph's Youth Group:** will be serving at the Community Christmas play today. We will need to be at the Big Stone School by 12:45 p.m. and each family should bring a dessert.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before all weekday Masses. Sat. at 4:15 p.m. at St. John Ortonville. Saturday Evening at St. James before the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Sunday before Mass where time and place permits.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

James Croatt Larry Walsh, John Kanthak, Lori Cloos, John Martin, Oscar Streed, Amanda Wollschlager, John Eneboe, Alfred Volkenant, Al Vedder, Les Iverson, Edwin Kuefler, Alan Roggenbuck, Rose Christianson, Virginia Karels, Mary Lawrence, Diane Helmer, Dan Amberg, Mildred Yatchoske, Cortless Tracy, Barb Kelzer, Grace Koppen, Irene Christy, Mary Lou Byrne, Jim & Colleen, Donna Dittes, Bea Homan, Greta Botker, Ed Karels, Dori Hoffman. Sister M. Bertille Goblirsch OSB.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Eric Kloster, Palmer Peterson, Ross Karels, Brian Pillatzke, Sean Callahan, Joshua Beutler, Joe Nelson, Jamie Karels, Dan Kirchberg, Chad Lorenzen, Jeremy Stuckey, Matt Koval. Blayn Ronglien, Dawn (Suckow) Broesder, Todd Karels, Jesse Folk. To be listed in this section, someone must inform us.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Of New Ulm at 1-866-670-5163 is now available for counseling including pregnancy counseling, marriage counseling, adoptive services, depression, abuse, anger, substance abuse, anxiety etc. Call now. .

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Dec. 16 – St. Joseph will have Christmas Confession beginning at 4:30. A Blue Cloud priest will aid me.

K/C GIVING TREE

Thanks you to those who have chosen a name card from the Annual Knights of Columbus Giving Tree. // Please return your gift (s) to the church no later than Sunday, December 20, 2009. (There are still a few cards available for those wishing to participate.)

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

All are welcome to attend the Free Community Christmas Dinner, Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church Parish Center. RSVP's are welcome at 839 6166. RSVP's not required to attend the dinner. You may support the dinner with a voluntary donation. Cash donations may be sent to St. John's Church, stipulating that it should be applied to the Christmas Dinner. If you need a ride, or want a meal delivered, and wish to volunteer (we hope you do) you may call Joe or Renee Eustice at 839 6166. By the way, we are also in need of pie donations.

This is a community event. Open to all denominations. We appreciate the many workers and support received from other Churches & denominations.

BOWL OF LOVE

Their monthly meeting will be held this coming Thursday, Dec. 17th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Mass scheduled at 11 a.m. Open to the Public.

K C – UPCOMING EVENTS.

K C members have set aside Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, for their hospital Chapel fund raiser. In place of coffee and rolls, they will be serving pan cakes and ham from 9 a.m. to noon.

The K C family Christmas party is set for Sunday, Jan. 10 at the bowling alley beginning at 2 p.m. Kindly reserve that date on your calendar.

KOINONIA

Holy Rosary Parish of Graceville, MN. is planning a Koinonia Retreat Jan. 22,23 & 24th. Participants must be at least 18 years or older. (18-80). The weekend begins on Friday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. with supper & ends on Sunday, January 25 at 6 p.m. Lodging will be provided. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Applications may be obtained at the parish office.

PAGEANT

It is my wish to once again, have a pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass in Ortonville, and Christmas Day Mass at Rosen. This will take place at the Gospel time. I will need students from the lower grades to participate however. If your son or daughter wishes to play a part in the pageant, please inform our office, so that we can be assured of performing the play. No speaking parts.

DIVORCED/WIDOWED/SEPARATED

A ministry to the above individuals, meets every Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Immaculate Conception school in Watertown, 109 3rd St. SE. The next session begins on January 5, 2010. Cost is \$45.00, per 10 week session. Confidentiality is a must. The program is non-denominational and sponsored by Catholic Family Services.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. John, Ortonville – Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

St. James, Nassau – Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. Music Prelude with
Christmas Mass at 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, Rosen – Dec. 25 – 8:30 a.m. Music Prelude,
with Mass at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Upcoming Retreats – Search Retreat, Jan. 8 – 10 in Aberdeen SD, and Tec Retreat in New Ulm, Jan. 16 -18.

Service Opportunities – A Lot of help is needed for the Nativity Gospel Play at St. John's. If you plan to participate, practice is 23rd of Dec. at 11 a.m. and the following day students need to be present for the Christmas Mass at 4 p.m. Please call 839 2873 if you plan to be present.

Sponsor Books – Due Feb. 3rd The holidays are an excellent time to complete this project, in case you are seeing your sponsor over the holidays.

CHURCH DECORATING

Members of St. John's parish are encouraged to participate in decorating the Church for Christmas. This will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009. We have asked our Confirmation students to aid us in this matter, but we are certainly open to more adult supervision.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Need the perfect gift for your spouse on Christmas? Consider participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, scheduled for Feb. 12-14, 2010, at Shalom Hill Retreat Center, Windom, MN.

This will be repeated on March 10-21, 2010 at Ironwood Springs Ranch, Stewartville, MN. For information and or registration, contact: Jeff & Rondi Kodet, at 507 644 3523 or jrek@redred.com or visit the Web at www.wwmeSection8.org.

PLAN AHEAD

Dec. 16 – Confessions at Rosen beginning at 4 p.m.

Dec. 16 – Church decorating at St. John's

Dec. 17 – Bowl of Love

Dec. 20 – Youth Group Meeting at Rosen

Dec. 22 – Education Board Meeting St. John 1 p.m.

Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant practice, St. John 11 a.m.

Dec. 27 – Parish Breakfast, Rosen – served by Parish
Council and Education Committee.

Jan. 3 – Hospital Fund Raiser – by K of C.

Jan. 11 – Rosen Education board Meeting 7:30 p.m.