

December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN
ORTONVILLE**

Monday - December 21 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Irvin Adelman

Wednesday - December 23 - John

9:30 a.m. Mass - Northridge - Gertrude Guse

Thursday - December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Music Prelude

4:30 p.m. Mass - (d) Jeanette Minahan

Reader: Ryan Delage

Comm: Stephen Fonder

Servers: Alisha Ross, Sean Watkins, Matthew Wellendorf

Ushers: Vince Kvidera, Pete Karels, Rob Rademacher,
Roger Johnson

Saturday - December 26 - Vigil of Holy Family

5:00 p.m. Mass - (d) Glen Ketchum

Reader: Tena Strei

Comm: Diane Dinnel

Servers: Ben, Chrissy & John Anderson

Ushers: Roman Karels, Don Donais, Mark Ronglien

Sunday - December 27 - Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Hilda McCormick

Reader: Roman Taffe

Communion: Judy Gere

Servers: Samuel Fonder, Deric Radermacher, Leo Zepeda

Ushers: Gary Knoll, Carol Knoll, Gerry Dawald

Offering Adult-2474.00, Student-8.25, looseplate-134.25,
Thanksgiving-5.00, Immaculate Conception-204.00
Christmas-125.00, Christmas Flowers-83.00, Retirement
fund for Religious-25.00, Christmas dinner donation-
95.00

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOSEPH'S ROSEN

Tuesday - December 22 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Marcellus Kirchberg

Thursday - December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - Sister M. Bertille

Friday - December 25 - Christmas

8:30 a.m. Music Prelude

9:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Frank/Marian Weber

Readers: Robyn Rademacher, Sue Karels

Communion: Tim Henrich

Servers: Justin Radermacher, Alex Sis

Sunday - December 27 - Holy Family Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass - Spec. Int. of C.S.

Readers: Fran Karels, Peggy Rademacher

Communion: Mary Karels

Servers: Joe Abramowski, Tristan Adelman

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

Greeters: Morgan Plathe and Andrea Hoffman

Offering: Adult-684.00, Student- 14.20, loose plate-
90.70, Christmas Flowers-2.00, School Rent-30.00,
Thanksgiving-20.00, Immaculate Conception-20.00

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JAMES - NASSAU

Thursday - December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Music Prelude

7:30 p.m. Mass - For the Parish

Readers: Laurie Wellnitz, Cathy Clark

Servers: Michelle Harstad

Ushers: Tom Schuelke, Mark Wollschlager

Saturday - December 26 - Vigil of Holy Family

7:30 p.m. Mass - (d) Bud Krakow

Readers: Cindy Schuelke, Tom Schuelke

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Mark Wollschlager, Ray Beutler

Offering: Adult-224.00, Loose Plate-71.25, Christmas
Flowers-5.00, Religious Retirement-5.00, Immaculate
Conception-18.00

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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.

~ **St. Joseph Breakfast:** Sun. Dec. 27th after 8:30 Mass.
Parish Council & Education committee will serve.

~ **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. 23 - No Class

Sun. Dec. 27th - No Class

Youth Group: Next youth group meeting is Jan. 3rd at 9:45
a.m.

Education Board Meeting: Tues. Dec. 22nd at 1 p.m. in the
library

CCD Christmas Program: A huge thanks for all involved
in the production of "Sound of the Bells" as it went very
well. Additional thanks to Renee Shelstad for directing,
Marla Strei for assisting, the many parents for set design,
costuming, snacks, etc. Most importantly, thanks to all the
students for sharing their talents! Good job folks!

Nativity Gospel on Christmas Eve: Practice on Wed. Dec.
23rd at 11 a.m. Children need to arrive at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24th
to get their costumes on.

Children's Envelopes: A few envelope boxes are left for
students to pickup in the church lobby.

Epiphany Kings: We're looking for gentlemen to
participate in our annual Magi tradition for Epiphany
weekend (Jan. 2nd & 3rd). Three men are needed yet for
Saturday evening Mass. Contact Beth if interested.

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE

Adult Education: Tues. Dec. 22nd 9:00 a.m.

RE Classes: No Classes until Jan. 3rd and Jan. 6th

CONFIRMATION

Service Opportunities: A lot of help is needed for the
Nativity Gospel play! Christmas Dinner is available for
community hours. Please contact Beth if interested in
helping.

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

Sponsor Books: Due Feb. 3rd. Good time to get it done if
you see your sponsor over the Holidays.

Holy Day of Obligation: Mass attendance is required for
Jan. 1st, Feast of Mary.

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. .

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.

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. 22 at 5 p.m. with supper & ends on Sunday, January 25 at 6 p.m. Lodging will be provided. Cost is \$30.00 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Need the perfect gift for your spouse on Christmas? Consider participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, scheduled for 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. 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.

POTPOURRI

1. Anonymous letters – I refuse to respond to these, since nothing can be accomplished until the sender identifies him or her self.

2. I wish to thank all those responsible for the Christmas program of last Wednesday evening. Those involved are to numerous to mention, hence a general thank you will have to do. I appreciate your efforts & care.

3. My thanks to all those responsible for decorating the Churches for Christmas. You did an excellent job

4. May I also extend my sincere thanks to the many people who have sent, cards, letters and gifts to my home. May God reward you for your generosity.

5. Those members who wish to add to their church contributions for the year, are reminded that you have only a few days left to accomplish it.

DEATH

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Michael James Pavin, 45, who died in a one vehicle accident, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, near Milbank, SD. He was buried on Sat. Dec. 19, 2009 at St. John Church, Ortonville and buried at the Browns Valley Cemetery.