

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN
ORTONVILLE**

Monday - December 28 - Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Loretta Schmieg

**Wednesday - December 30 - Octave of
Christmas**

9:30 a.m. Mass - Northridge - (d) Gertrude Guse

Friday - January 1 - Mother of God

No Mass

Saturday - January 2 - Vigil of Epiphany

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

Reader: Pat Sester

Comm: Tom Henrich

Servers: Samantha Diekmann, Colin & Kaitlyn Hartman

Ushers: Roger Johnson, Steve Stern, Vince Kvidera

Sunday - January 10 -

8:30 a.m. Mass - For the Parish

Reader: Chet Messmer

Communion: Paul Strong

Servers: Ben, Joseph & Mariana Eustice

Ushers: Gary Carlson, Bill Dorry, Greg Peterson

Offering: Christmas-4009.00 Adult-2170.00, Student-10.50, looseplate-465.53, Christmas dinner donation-688.00, Church Improvements-50.00, Votives-2.31

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOSEPH'S ROSEN

Tuesday - December 29 - Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - (d) Wenzel/Barbara Sellner

Thursday - December 31 - Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Rosary - For Priests

8:30 a.m. Mass - For the Parish

Sunday - January 10 -

10:30 a.m. Mass -

Readers: Carolyn Adelman, Tom Pillatzki

Communion: Linda Sis

Servers: Devin Anderson, Jake Anderson

Ushers: Matt Drobny, Tim Herich, Brian Hoffman, Keith Hoffman

Greeters: Tristan Adelman, Adam Henrich

Offering: Adult-543.00, Student- 34.50, loose plate-7.00, Christmas-2982.00

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JAMES - NASSAU

Thursday - January 7 -

7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday - January 9 -

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

Readers: Julie Trojahn, Ted Trojahn

Servers: Michelle Harstad

Ushers: Alan Roggenbuck, Tom Schuelke

Offering: Adult-237.00, Christmas-165.00

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CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

~ **Natural Family Planning:** A three-part course in Natural Family Planning begins Sat. Jan. 9th in Silver Lake. For more info or to register, call Steven or Kathleen Jacobs at (320) 327-2702 or email: NFamilyP@gmail.com

~ **Thank You:** We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, donations, gifts and help during Amanda's time of need. It has all been very appreciated. She is looking good and is expected to have a full recovery. Thank you and God Bless. ~ Tim, Stacy & Amanda Wollschlager ~

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOHN'S DRE

RE Class Schedule: Wed. Dec. 30 - No Class

Sun. Jan. 3 - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. PreK-6th grade

Elementary Classes: We will be having classes during the KC pancake breakfast on Jan. 3rd. Since this event will go on until 12:00, there will be plenty of time for students to eat with their family afterwards if they wish.

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

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 by Dec. 30th if interested.

Storage requested: Since storage space at St. John's is limited, we are looking to store our stable prop from our last CCD Christmas program for future productions. Contact Beth for more details.

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE

Adult Education: Tues. Dec. 29th 9:00 a.m.

RE Classes: No Classes Wed. night Dec. 30

PS - 6th grade classes Jan. 3rd 9:00 -10:10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

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

Mary Beling, James Croatt Larry Walsh, John Kanthak, Lori Cloos, John Martin, Oscar Streed, 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. .

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. Voluntary donations.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

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

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 Feb. 12-14, 2010, at Shalom Hill Retreat Center, Windom, MN.

This will be repeated on March 19-21, 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

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

Jan. 8 – Home School Mass at 11 a.m.

Jan. 10 – K of C Bowling party

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

Jan. 21 – Catholic Aid Estate Planning 7 p.m. at St. John

Jan. 25 – Social Concerns Meeting at St. John – 6 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Once again, all three parishes are indebted to the Zahrbock funeral Home of Madison, MN., for supplying all three parishes with Church calendars for the coming year. As I mentioned before, calendars are expensive, so it is only right that we thank Lorwin and Paul Zahrbock for their generosity. Should you come in contact with them, please express your thanks, or call them at 320 598 3339.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special word of thanks to the Joe Euctice family for taking on the responsibility of supervising the Community Christmas dinner. It was especially difficult this year due to the impending storm, and wondering how much food to prepare. However they and the community did an excellent job. I was also pleased to see the many people who volunteered to work, bake pies and make deliveries. I was informed that over 80 deliveries were made to homes by various people of our community who volunteered their services. A goodly number of people were also served meals in the Church basement. God's blessings to you all. You were great!

BAPTISMS

Born to new life and joined to the people of God, were Sara Rose Volkenant, and Riley Jacob Volkenant, infant daughter and son of Travis and Jennifer Volkenant, Sunday, December 27, 2009, at St. John Catholic Church, Ortonville, Minnesota. We rejoice with the Parents, God parents, family and friends. We pray for God's blessings on Sara Rose and Riley Jacob, as we welcome them into the family of God. Congratulations.

PERSONAL THANKS

I am still in the process of opening the many cards I received and find that additional people need to be thanked publicly for their Christmas gifts. I thank the residents at Homerite Apartments, Bowl of Love, St. John Catholic Aid and St. Anthony/Monica Catholic Aid and the Staff of St. John's Church, Ortonville, for your generous monetary gifts bestowed upon me this Christmas season. It was wonderful to receive them. May God in return be generous in His blessings to you this coming year.

THOUGHTS WHILE DRIVING

1. Confirmation students who have not completed a weekend retreat, are reminded to check the DRE column on the front of this bulletin for information regarding centers where this can be accomplished. You are required to fulfill this step to be confirmed.

2. First Confession students who have not completed their interview with me, concerning the memorization of prayers, need to do it soon since we have First Confessions scheduled for January 10, 2010. The child must know the Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be by heart. Other wise the First Confession sacrament will be delayed for them.

3. I am sorry about canceling the Christmas Masses for Rosen and Nassau. I hate to go out and risk my life when it is storming. I am always appreciative of people who offer to take me with 4 wheel drive vehicles on these occasions.