

# BORDERMISSION CHAIN ~ ST. JAMES ~ ST. JOSEPH'S ~ ST. JOHN'S

Jan. 1, 2012

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. — Lk 2:16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## MASS SCHEDULE— ST. JOHN'S, ORTONVILLE

### Monday - Jan. 2— Basil

8:00 a.m. Mass - L/D of St. John Catholic Aid

### Wednesday - Jan. 4 - Elizabeth Seton

9:30 a.m. Mass-Northridge- Robert Cibuzar

### Friday - Jan. 6 – Bessette

7:45 a.m. Mass— (d) Laurence Kirchner

11:00 a.m. Mass-Fairway View-(d) Marie & Alfred Volkenant

### Saturday - Sat. 7 - Vigil Epiphany

5:00 p.m. Mass - (d) Nick Dwyer

**Reader** Jerry Kunz

**Communion** Kathy Oakes, Terry Oakes, Holly Wellendorf

**Servers** Matthew Hartman, Micah Henrich, Mackenzie Spaulding

**Ushers** Don Sykora, Rob Radermacher, Roman Karels

### Sunday—Jan. 8—Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass-(d) Carlos Candelas

**Reader** Paul Treinen

**Communion** Dee Malzahn, Kathy Gilsdorf, Elaine Martig

**Servers** Ben, Hannah, Thomas Eustice

**Ushers** John Wellendorf, Al Vedder, Don Wellendorf

**Offering** Adult-1140.00; Student-3.50; Christmas Plate-465.00; Christmas 5040.00; Christmas Dinner 700.00

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## MASS SCHEDULE -- ST. JOSEPH'S, ROSEN

### Tuesday - Jan. 3- Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass—(d) Albert/Dori Hoffman

### Thursday - Jan. 5— John Neumann

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass— (d) Wenzel/Barb Sellner

### Friday-Jan 6-Bessette

9:00 a.m. Mass-(d) Ellen Pillatzki

### Sunday - Jan. 8—Epiphany of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Mass— For the Parish

**Readers** Ed Radermacher, Dorothy Adelman

**Communion** Fran Karels, Joyce Norby

**Servers** Brianna & Vanessa Kirchberg

**Ushers** :Lester Millerbrend, Bernard Pillatzki, Tom Pillatzki, John Plathe

**Offering** Adult-470.00; Student-12.00; Christmas Plate- 588.00; Christmas 4780.00; Christmas Flowers 100.00, School Rent 35.00

## MASS SCHEDULE -- ST. JAMES, NASSAU

### Saturday - Sat. 7 - Vigil Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 p.m. Mass - (d) Jerry Karels

**Readers** Cathy Clark, Laurie Wellnitz

**Communion** Julie & Ted Trojahn

**Servers** Michelle Harstad & Ashlynn Wittnebel

**Ushers** Alan Roggenbuck, Tom Schuelke

**Offering** Adult-197.00; Plate 105.00; Christmas 3,370.00

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## CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Somewhere Safe Collection:

There is a basket in the entry of the church for Somewhere Safe toiletries. This included shampoo, deodorant, soap, tooth paste, combs etc.

**Thank You:** The community Christmas Dinner was a great success. A big thank you goes out to all the community people, churches, youth groups, businesses and many organizations who helped prepare and/or serve the meal, brought pies, help prepare food ahead of time, donated food or money, helped with deliveries and rides.

It is because of the continued support to ALL of these areas from the community that this Community Christmas Dinner is so successful and can be continued!!! Our community and all the area churches were represented in one way or another and St. John's is happy to have the honor to host this great community event!

We served more than 175 people. The deliveries were down (about 35) but the RSVP's were way up. Many commented on how great the food was, especially the great variety of pies!

The atmosphere was so heartwarming!! Smiles all around!!

Pat, Thank you for announcing the dinner and getting the information out to the people. This played a huge part in our success I am sure.

God Bless and hope to see you all again next year.

*The Eustice family.*

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**Knights of Columbus** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the church Library.

**Caregivers Discussion Group** meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at Fairway View Community Room, Ortonville, MN

**Rosen Seniors** have a potluck at noon the 3rd Tuesday of every month followed by Bingo and Cards. All are welcomed

**Bowl of Love** meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. Mass is at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcomed!

## FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOHN'S DRE

**RE Schedule:** Jan 4th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. 7th-12th grades, Sun. Jan. 8th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Preschool-6th grades.

**"Faith for Lunch" Adult Bible Study:** Resumes Jan. 4th 12-1 p.m. *Unplanned* by Abby Johnson, Intro-Ch. 2. Copies of the book are in and available in the workroom. All are welcome.

**Epiphany Kings Needed:** We are still in need of 6 gentlemen parishioners to volunteer to dress up as Kings for our tradition during Epiphany Mass (Sat., Jan 7th and Sun. Jan 8th). No lines to recite, instead the Kings have a procession during offertory time. Costume hides identity, so parishioners will be kept guessing. Also one more child for Saturday is needed to dress as the "Star".

## FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE

**Faith Chats** Tuesday Jan. 3rd, 9am *Heaven is Real*, Chapter 3-6. All are welcome.

**RE Schedule:** Wed. Jan. 4th, 7-8:15 p. m 7-9th Grade classes; Sun. Jan 8th, 9-10:10 a.m. K-6th grade Classes.

**Epiphany Kings Needed:** In need of 3 Gentlemen parishioners to volunteer to dress up as Kings for our tradition during Epiphany Mass, Sun. Jan. 8. Contact Madonna if you can help in any way.

**Thank You** to all who helped with the Christmas Gospel Reading on Christmas Day. Mary and Joseph: Kendra and Adam, Jesus: Austin, All the angels and shepherds, Mari and Kristi thank you for helping everyone get ready.

## CONFIRMATION

**Sponsor Books** Due Jan. 25th

**Service Hours:** Reminder, due at the end of February. See either DRE for opportunities.

**Upcoming Retreats:** TEC—January Jan. 14-16. SEARCH—Aberdeen Jan. 13-15.



**Words from Father Bob**

**January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Sacrament of Penance**

Before all weekday Masses. Sat. at 4:15 p.m. at St. John, Ortonville. Before the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. James. Before Sunday Masses if time permits.

**Prayer Requests For**

Irene Mathison, Leroy Kanthak, Norbert Karels, Mary Bear, Victor Stolpman, Marita Schuelke, Al Vedder, Lorraine Pillatzke, Alan Roggenbuck, Rose Christensen, Virginia Karels, Bea Homan, Ed & Marie Karels, Barb Kelzer, Isabel Kramer, Loretta Stern, Katelyn & Nicholas Doeden, premature twins of Matt & Gina, Carol Borgerson, Nick Karels, Vanda Anderson, Glen Radermacher, Vivian Strei

**Prayers for our Military**

Cory Barry, Ross Karels, Brian Pillatzke, Sean Calahan, and Joshua Beutler, Kerry Kuefler. Joseph Eustice, Patrick Eustice, John Eustice and Thomas Eustice from Mankato, MN.

**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.

**Wedding Preparations**

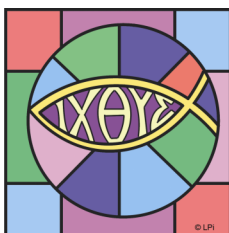
Couples planning to get married are asked to make arrangements 6 months before the desired date. Co-habiting couples, are living in mortal sin. Your chances of a successful marriage have dwindled considerably.

**St. John's Ortonville**

is in need of more ushers, readers & Communion Distributors. Would someone please apply?

**Catholic Family Services**

is available for help due to unplanned pregnancy. Counseling is free. Services are open for mothers & fathers of any religion. Dial 1800 – 700/7867.



**~Appreciation:** My freezers are filled with food of various kinds. My cookie jars are also filled to the brim. While a thank you seems so insufficient in comparison to the gifts, it must suffice for the time being. Thank You, God Bless and reward you.

**~Christmas Collection** I was pleased to see how generous you were in supporting the parishes with your Christmas contributions. Please check the other side for conformation. May God reward all of you who contributed so generously!.

~A word of thanks to all the people responsible for decorating the churches and also for Liturgical appointments in music, be it by voice, or instrument. It was indeed moving

~Thank to those involved with the pageant, especially the stage hands and students. This always seems to get people's attention. Our Churches were well attended.

~Hopefully we will have some stand-ins for the Wise men next Sunday on Epiphany.

~There are some areas hard to respond in thanks. And those are the organizations that presented me with free passage at Unity Square which was spearheaded by the K.C.'s Monetary assistances should also be included from St. James Church & CCW, and the Rosen church from their St. Anthony & Monica Societies. Your gifts were not overlooked believe me.

**~Priests:** The Archdioceses of St. Paul, claims over 120 retired priests. When I was ordained in 1960, a retirement plan for the New Ulm Diocese did not exist. Our present plan which was inaugurated in 1970, requires one to reach a certain age and have contributed a set number of years of service. A priest may retire early, however, he will do so with decreased funding. It appears that a number of priest who retire from the New Ulm Diocese, gravitate to the Brown County area, where the Chancery Office is presently located. Counting the Bishop, we presently have 5 priests serving in the city of New Ulm along with 2 retired priests. If you include the surrounding area of New Ulm, we have 3 priests serving St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye, with 3 more priests retired at the Divine Providence Nursing Home in Sleepy Eye.

Four more priests may be added to the above list if you include the parishes of St. George, Lafayette, Morgan and Springfield, whose parishes are either in Brown County or bordering it.

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**Happenings around our Parishes**

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If my math is correct, we have 16 priests living in Brown County area. Some are active, and a few are retired or physically challenged.

When I was stationed in Madison, I was the only priest in Lac qui Parle County. Likewise when I was stationed in Wilno, I was the only priest in Lincoln County. Presently I and Fr. Breu are the only priests in Big Stone. Fr. Breu is also serving Browns Valley in Traverse country which belongs to St. Cloud Diocese. In case you are wondering... it is not easy to serve an entire country by yourself.

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

January 1 is the oldest celebration of Mary in the Catholic Church. The custom of honoring the Virgin on the first day of the New Year originates in the sixth century, when her celebration was tied to the octave day of Christmas, the eight day after December 25. In doing so, ancient preachers would remind their congregations about the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. Jesus was born of a woman, and so, as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states, "Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin." The human nature of Christ is rooted in him being born like us. As we round out the Christmas celebration with its Octave Day on January 1, we venerate the woman who gave birth to him.

There is a dual action on today's Gospel that is sometimes overlooked. The shepherds find the infant in the manger as has been told to them by the angel. And then they go out to tell others about the child. In the meantime, Mary reflects on all these things in her heart. These are the two complementary stances of the Christian: action and reflection. Both are needed for a balanced spiritual life. It is, in effect, putting into practice the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbor.



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

As we begin the New Year, it is customary to make resolutions: to diet, to exercise, to change something in one's life. Like Mary, who reflected on the events surrounding the birth of her child, we take some time to reflect on our own lives: where we have been, and where we are going. The Gospel gives us the opportunity to situate that reflection in a spiritual context. What does the birth of Jesus mean for me spiritually (reflection), and what do I intend to do about that in my daily life (action)? *Cycles of Faith, Liturgical Publications*

**Death**

Funeral services were held on Dec. 27 at St. John's for Oscar Richard Streed who passed away at the age of 87 on Dec. 24th. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jane, and nine children; Mike, Christine Read, Brian, Joel, John, Sue Van Hout, Sara Mathes (of St. John's), Kurt and Nathan. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Streed family. May he rest in peace.

**Christmas Flowers Memorials**

**St. John's**-Leon Doschadis, Elizabeth Piechowski, Joe Berning Sr., Angel Cronen, Albert Jurgens, Victor & Helen Carlson, Ray Oakes, Agnes Oakes, Tom Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Friends & Relatives of Randy & Renee Shelstad, Nicolas Foley, Paul Foley, Gorman Foley, Leo & Marilyn Neubauer, Jessica Moen, Thelma & Woodrow Webb, Clair V. Webb, Martha Kuefler, Edwin Kuefler, Victor Carlson Jr., Helen Carlson, Raymond Schell, Peter & Helen Gridgen, Bob & Betty Mason, Bob & Vince Fridgen, Myron & Valerie Hall, Alfred & Mary Haasl, Clarence & Frances Gilsdorf, William Gmitterko, Henry & Antonia Karels, Leo & Margaret Karels, Jim Croatt, Andrew & Delia Karels, Idyll & Tex George, Bryce Roggenbuck, Glen & Roberta Ketchum, Don & Florence Hynnek, Harry & Emily Sovell.

**St. Joseph's**-Raymond Stolpman, Roger L. Larson, Rebecca Larson Zisnit, Mom & Dad Quintona, Ralph & Almira Karels, Dorothy Hapka

**Upcoming Dates**

- Jan. 9-Caregivers
- Jan. 10-KC's meeting
- Jan. 13-Home School Mass
- Jan. 15-First Reconciliation—Rosen
- Jan. 17-Rosen Seniors
- Jan. 19-Bowl of Love
- Jan. 19-Rosen Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 23-Social Concerns 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29-Rosen-Breakfast-Youth Group
- Jan. 31-Group 6 Bible Study
- Feb. 6-Rel. Ed. meeting-Rosen 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 10-Home School Mass