

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

Dec. 18, 2011
4th Sunday of Advent



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

— Lk 1:35

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MASS SCHEDULE— ST. JOHN'S, ORTONVILLE

Monday - Dec. 19— Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass - (d) Regina Malikowski

Wednesday - Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday

9:30 a.m. Mass-Northridge- (d) Wilfred Adelman

Friday - Dec. 23 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass— (d) Henry/Antonia Karels

Saturday - Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Choral Music

4:30 p.m. Mass - For Our Local Troops

Reader Tena Strei

Communion Marilyn Ketchum, Diane Dinnel,
Sandy Knippen

Servers Jenny Delage, Hannah & Joseph Mathes

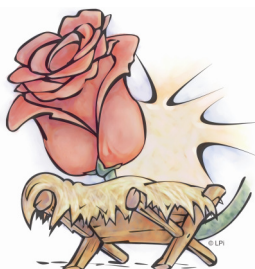
Ushers Roman Karels, Mark Ronglien, Don Sykora

Offering Adult-2155.00; Student-7.50; Plate-208.00;
Immaculate Conception 205.00; Immaculate
Conception Plate 5.25; Religious Retirement 25.00;
Christmas Flowers 20.00

Sunday—Dec. 25—Christmas

Mass at Rosen—9:00 a.m.

Choral Music at 8:30 a.m.



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MASS SCHEDULE -- ST. JOSEPH'S, ROSEN

Tuesday - Dec. 20- Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass—John/Andrew Rademacher

Thursday - Dec. 22 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass— (d) Alfred/Marie Volkenant

Sunday - Dec. 25 – Christmas

8:30 a.m.—Choral Music

9:00 a.m. Mass– For the Parish

Readers Morgan Plathe, Fran Karels

Communion Jeanette Abramowski, Mary Karels

Servers Tristan Adelman, Gretchen Rademacher

Ushers Tim Henrich, Brian Hoffman, Keith
Hoffman, Robert Hoffman

Offering Adult-3020.00; Student-8.50; Plate– .03;

Immaculate Conception plate 15.00; Immaculate
Conception 80.00; Christmas Flowers 5.00

MASS SCHEDULE -- ST. JAMES, NASSAU

Saturday - Dec. 24 - Vigil of Christmas

7:00 p.m.—Choral Music

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

Readers Julie & Ted Trojahn

Communion Gene Pillatzke, Pat Krakow

Servers Michelle Harstad & Ashlynn Wittnebel

Ushers Mark Wollschlager, Tom Schuelke

Offering Adult-321.00; Plate 11.25; Religious


Retirement 5.00; Immaculate Conception 28.00

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CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. John's Youth Group Christmas Luminaries

Fundraiser: The St. John's Youth Group will be selling luminaries that will be lit at St. John's Christmas Eve Mass. They may be purchased in Honor or Memory of any loved one for \$5.00 per luminary. Those who purchase a luminary will receive a greeting card. All of the names given will be prayed for during St. John's Christmas Eve mass and the luminaries will be handmade by our Youth Group. We will be selling now through Christmas! You may purchase the luminaries after mass or by calling Krista Hartman @ 320-305-1267. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial #349

 **All are Welcome** to attend the FREE Community Christmas Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 25 from Noon-2 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. RSVP's are welcome at 839-6166 but not required. Call Renee Eustice at 839-3166 if you need a ride, want meals delivered or want to volunteer your help. Pie donations needed and monetary donations are welcomed. They may be sent to St. John's Church, Attn. Christmas Dinner.

Children's Envelopes: will be available for pickup at class time in both St. Josephs and St. Johns

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.

Stuebenville Conference: Conference is last weekend in July. Details have been mailed.

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOHN'S DRE

RE Schedule: Wed. Dec. 21, 7-12th grade, 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Sun. Dec. 25th, No Class, Christmas

"Faith for Lunch" Adult Bible Study: Dec. 21, 12-1p.m. at Pizza Ranch; *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo, Chapter 17-end. All are welcome.

Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to hear Christmas music performed by our students and other parishioners. Refreshments to follow.

Gospel Nativity Play: December 24th during 4:30 p.m. Mass. Practice will be Friday, Dec. 23rd at 11 a.m.. Visiting and parishioner children are invited to participate. High school students are needed to help. Contact Beth to sign up or if you have any questions.

Epiphany Kings Needed: Looking for 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 needed, two children to dress as the "Star".

FROM THE DESK OF ST. JOSEPH'S DRE

Faith Chats Tuesday Dec. 20th, 9am *The Christmas Box*, Chapter 6 & 7. All are welcome.

RE Schedule: Wed. Dec. 21, 7-8:15 p.m. 7-9th grade; Sun. Dec. 25 NO CLASS Merry Christmas
Gospel Nativity Play: Dec. 25th, during the 9 a.m. Mass. Practice will be Sun. Dec. 18 right after Mass. Visiting children are invited to participate even if they have not come to practice. Meet in the back Sacristy on Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. to get dressed. Contact Madonna if you have any concerns.

CONFIRMATION

Service Hours: Contact either DRE for opportunities. .

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

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!

Words from Father Bob

December 18—4th Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Penance

Christmas confessions continue this coming Wednesday Dec. 21, with 3 priests present at 4:30 p.m. and 4 priests available at 7:00 p.m. Please utilize these resources while they are available.

Prayer Requests For

Irene Mathison, Leroy Kanthak, Norbert Karels, Mary Bear, Victor Stolpman, Marita Schuelke, Kathy Kruijer, Jeanne Marvin, Al Vedder, Alishia Daily, Lorraine Pillatzke, Mary Beling, John Eneboe, Alan Roggenbuck, Rose Christensen, Virginia Karels, Mary Lawrence, Diane Helmer, Cortless Tracy, Bea Homan, Ed & Marie Karels, Barb Kelzer, Isabel Kramer, Loretta Stern, Katelyn & Nicholas Doeden, premature twins of Matt & Gina, Brttay Heck, Carol Borgerson, Nick Karels, Oscar Streed, Vanda Anderson, Glen Radermacher is now a resident of Northridge.

Prayers for our Military

Cory Barry, Ross Karels, Brian Pillatzke, Sean Callahan, 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. Cohabiting 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.

Editorials

- **Calendars**—May I extend my appreciation to the Zahrbock Funeral Chapel of Madison for their generosity in providing calendars to St. John's of Ortonville, St. Joseph of Rosen and St. James of Nassau. Their thoughtfulness in this regard, should not be overlooked for calendars are very expensive. May God reward them for supplying us with religious calendars.
- **Greetings**— I join the staff members in wishing all of you a most blessed and happy Christmas. May the new born child, bestow it's love and care upon all of you.
- **Confessionals**—This notice applies more to St. Joseph than any other parish. If you see that the confessional is in use, please do not occupy the pew directly in front of the confessional. Try to find a place at least 3 pews away. There are many other pews vacant for you to use.
- **Morning Masses**—Winter has finally decided to settle in. Members of St. Joseph are reminded that if school starts late, I won't be coming for Mass that morning.
- **Christmas** this year falls on a Sunday. Hence I will not have a Mass at Ortonville on Sunday. Each parish will have one Mass for Christmas. Please check the Mass schedule.



Happenings around our Parishes

Prayer Requests

The first of the year we will be eliminating the people who are not from our parishes unless we hear differently. If you know that a certain individual is still in need of our prayers, please let us know and we will keep their name on the list. Thank You.

Blood Drive– Marietta

The Marietta American Legion and Auxiliary #156 will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Dec. 19 at the Marietta Senior Center from 2-7:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcomed-For appointments call Cathy Harstad at 320-668-2168

Blood Drive-Bellingham

Think outside the box this holiday season. The perfect gift can be given at the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Bellingham City Hall, Thursday, Dec. 22, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. And, unlike the latest fashion trend, video game or golf club, the perfect gift costs nothing but about an hour of your time.

Double red cells will also be collected that day, if you are blood type “O”, “A” negative or “B” negative, and have not donated double red cells in the last 16 weeks, you can set up an appointment by calling Audrey Volkenant at (320) 568-2385. All other regular blood donors are welcome to walk in and donate.

Blood Drive-Ortonville

There will be a blood drive on Tues, Dec. 27th at the New Life Baptist Church. For an appointment or information, call Evie at 839-3123

End of the year

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please be sure any contributions you want to give to the church for 2011 are in before January 1st.

Christ Our Life Campaign Updates

As of December, the following are the totals given for our three parishes:

St. James ~ Goal \$16,550.02—3 pledges for \$3,900.
St. Joseph’s ~ Goal \$67,018.76—12 pledges for 21,913.00
St. John’s ~ Goal \$176,419.10—19 pledges for \$50,349.00

You may follow this at the Dioceses website: <http://dnucampaign.steiergroup.net> –go to “Our Goals” then “Parish Pledge Totals”

Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 18-Christmas Concert - St. John’s 6:00 p. m
- Dec. 19-Blood Drive, Marietta
- Dec. 21-Confessions, St. John’s 4:30 p.m. & 7
- Dec. 22-Blood Drive, Bellingham
- Christmas Masses– Dec. 24, 4:30 @ St. John’s; 7:30 p.m. @ St. James; Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. @ St. Joseph’s
- *Christmas Masses at St. Charles will be Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. and Dec. 25 9:00 a.m.*
- Dec. 27-Blood Drive, Ortonville
- Dec. 31 and January 1 Mass schedule at normal times.-There will be no rolls & coffee this Sunday
- 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.

