

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 7:15 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am - Noon

St. Joseph Parish is a member of  
ACES/Xavier Educational System 735-9380

Inter-Parish Religious Formation 738-7413

Director/Gr. 11/Sacraments, Andrew Russell

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## Celebration of the Sacraments

### Eucharist

Please note the schedule in this bulletin.

### Marriage

Active parish membership of 6 months is  
required before a wedding date may be set.

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 9:30 am, or call for an appointment.

### Baptism

Please call the parish office 2 months in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office anytime.



December 6, 2009 • Second Sunday of Advent

**Working with the Scriptures** (*Luke 3:1-6*)

"Winding roads shall be made straight." It was shortly after I began my new job that the detour signs went up. Previously my drive to work had consisted of a 20-mile stretch on a four-lane highway with another 20 miles on a two-lane; but while the four-lane highway was new, straight and a relatively easy drive, the two-lane ran through farmland and forests with curves and hills that required a watchful eye and quick reflexes. The detour signs indicated that the two-lane highway would be under construction for several months and directed traffic to a county road that wound its way through several small towns and included a number of stop signs and varying speed limits. Needless to say, I was thrilled six months later when the detour signs came down. Now not only could I go back to my original route but the two-lane highway had been expanded to a four-lane and most of the curves and hills had been either straightened out or made more level.

Sometimes life feels like that road. Our job is going great and life is good. Then the detour signs go up. The plant shuts down; sales dry up; customers stop calling; the company is bought out and expectations change. We're afraid that at any moment we might find ourselves out of a job, crashing into those detour signs, sliding into unemployment or worse. If we're lucky we keep the job, or get a new one, and things seem OK for awhile. But then new signs go up and we realize that we're going to have to go through it all again!

It's the Highway Department's job to help travelers by keeping the roads in good repair and providing clear road signs, but whose job is it to help with detours in the workplace? Well, maybe it's ours. If we're in Human Resources we might lobby for outplacement services for employees when a business prepares to close. "The winding roads shall [indeed] be made straight..." but sometimes it's up to us to help with the straightening.

*Vinal Van Benthem*

### Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

November 19—Mary Smith—\$25.00  
 November 20—Yvonne Kokke Bauer—\$25.00  
 November 21—George and Audrey Noie—\$25.00  
 November 22—Patty West—\$50.00  
 November 23—Edward Dold—\$25.00  
 November 24—Dolores A. Barta—\$25.00  
 November 25—Jay Hagman—\$25.00



### Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:  
 Dan Kenneavy.

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died:

- Mary Vanden Heuvel
- Mabel Wagner
- Barbara Ann Borden
- Dorothy Burton

## SCRIP Corner

Use SCRIP to purchase your **Christmas gifts**, gas, groceries, home improvements and much more. We have SCRIP gift certificates for many local businesses. They also makes GREAT gifts for any occasion. Scrip will be available after all masses this weekend, December 12th\13th and 19th\20th. Don't wait until the last weekend because they will be harder to get. Pick them up after the masses or order them for next weekend pick-up.



for helping support St.  
 Joe's

### Notice - Change in Mass Time

The Mass we usually had in the past for Christmas Eve, 12:00 midnight, will be changed to 10:00PM. The vote was 122 in favor of the 10:00PM Mass and 56 in favor of 12:00 midnight.

### Youth Ministry

Please pray for the youth who are on an overnight retreat during this weekend, embracing God's warmth!

Thank you to the youth who helped at the St. Joseph Cookie Bake on Saturday morning!

Ring Bells for Salvation Army! Middle School students join us on Saturday, December 19 between 12-2PM (at your convenience - 1/2 hour, 1 hour..) at the Northland Mall entrance. Friends welcome!

Contact Celia McKee for more information about Youth Ministry programs at 738-7413 or [iprf@inter-parish.org](mailto:iprf@inter-parish.org).

### Interparish Reconciliation Services

Saturday, Dec. 19, 11:00AM,  
 St. Mary's

Monday, Dec. 21, 6:30PM  
 St. Joseph's

### December 8th Holyday Mass Times

12:05 noon and 6:30PM - St. Joseph's  
 7:00 and 8:30AM—St. Mary's  
 Vigil Mass, 6:00PM at St. Mary's Dec. 7th

There will not be a Vigil Mass on Dec. 7th  
 at St. Joseph's

**Adult Education**

**Christ Renews His Parish Retreats** will be coming to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes in 2010. This week we will offer two short information sessions for parishioners: **Sunday, December 6, 10:30-11:00AM, St. Mary Parish, St. Anne room** and **Monday, December 7, 11:00-11:30AM, St. Joseph Parish, Holly Hall**. We invite you to learn more about why we chose this retreat and hope to answer any questions you might have.

**Advent Evening of Reflection - Thursday, December 10**

6:00—8:00PM, St. Joseph Parish Center, Holly Hall  
*Hope in Our world*, with Fr. Andy Cribben, O.Praem.

Fr. Andy's reflection will focus on finding hope in scripture and in our world today - don't we all need more hope?

Our evening begins with supper: build your own salad, choice of soups, hot ham and turkey sandwiches, homemade desserts. Please RSVP so that we can plan for supper (Carol, 739-5119 or [cjensen@stmaryparish.org](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org)). Fee: \$6.00 per person or 2 adults for \$10.00. *Fr. Andy Cribben received a degree in Business Management from U.W.—Whitewater and a Master's degree in Systematic Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. Ordained in 1994, he has worked as an associate pastor, a caseworker at Catholic Charities and as a novice master and Director of Vocations for St. Norbert Abbey. Fr. Andy currently works at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality. Registration forms available in stands at back of church.*

**Christmas Caroling - Young Adults - Thursday evening, December 17.**

Young Adults in their 20's or 30's, single or married are invited to join us as we carol to parish shut-ins throughout the city. We'll gather at St. Joe's Holly Hall for pizza at 5:00PM, do a short warm-up and then do our visits. Carpooling available. Please RSVP in advance - 739-5119 or [cjensen@stmaryparish.org](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

**Christmas Bell Ringing - Young Adults - Tuesday, December 22 at**

Woodman's, 6:00-8:00PM. We have three sites inside the building to cover. Bring your Christmas spirit! Please let us know if you can help us - 739-5119 (Carol).

**Religious Education**

**Christmas Family night:** Inter-Parish Religious Formation is hosting "Christmas in Scripture and Song" on Wednesday, December 16, 4:30 or 6:30PM in St. Joseph Church. Each program is approximately 50 minutes long, with time for cookies, hot chocolate, or cider afterward. Children and families will be bringing stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, jams/jellies, and milk money to benefit St. Joseph Food Program. Parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the IPRF office, 738-7413, or visit our website, [www.inter-parish.org](http://www.inter-parish.org).

**Confirmation:** Parent/Teen meetings for current juniors are January 3, 10:30AM at St. Mary and 7:30PM at St. Joseph. Youth from either parish may attend either meeting. Sponsor/Teen meetings will be January 10, 10:30AM at St. Mary and 7:30PM at St. Joseph.

**First Eucharist:** There is a parent meeting regarding First Eucharist (Communion) for those who have a second grade child (public school, Catholic school, home schooled or other). Meetings are January 5, 6:30PM at St. Joseph, or January 7, 8:30AM at St. Mary. Parents may attend the meeting at either parish. Parents will sign up for a First Communion Mass at the end of those meetings.

**Financial News**

Tithing Needed ..... \$15,675.00  
 Last Week's Tithing ..... \$11,879.75  
 Children's Collection ..... \$23.85

**Thank You!**

Your special offering to help keep us on target would be appreciated.

**Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009**

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/  
 Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/  
 Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/  
 Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/  
 Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or  
 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or  
 1:39-47  
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/  
 Phil 4:4-7/  
 Lk 3:10-18

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**Outagamie County Volunteer Services**

**Representative Payee**—performs routine financial work for individuals who are not able to handle their own financial affairs. This commonly includes check deposits; check writing and some money management.



*John went throughout the whole region of*

*the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. -*

*Lk 3:3*

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass*

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**Weekly Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, December 7, Ambrose, bishop & doctor**  
12:05 pm Dec. Donald Nussbaum

**Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 pm Dec. Bob Hietpas  
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions  
6:30 pm Dec. Margaret Kunstman

**Wednesday, December 9**

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

**Thursday, December 10**

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, December 11, Damasus 1, pope**

12:05 pm Dec. Lando Anhalt, and Sarah and Tom School, Jr.

**Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:30 pm Dec. Wallie Hagman

**Sunday, December 13**

7:30 am Dec. Pete Kolosso  
9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Vernon Voster Family  
10:30 am Dec. Lloyd Jack  
6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

**This Week in Our Parish****Monday**

Christ Renews His Parish 11:00-11:30AM,  
Holy Hall  
Faith and Light, 7:00PM, Rm. LL11

**Tuesday**

Holyday Masses, 12:05 noon and 6:30PM  
Worship and Spirituality, 7:00PM, Rm. 205

**Wednesday**

IPRF Classes

**Thursday**

Advent Evening of Reflection, 6:00PM,  
Holy Hall  
Choir, 6:30PM  
Stewardship, 7:00PM, Rm. 21

**Next Sunday**

RCIA, 10:30AM-12:45PM, Rm. 209  
Children's play practice. 11:30AM in church  
Youth Night 7:30-8:30PM, Holy Hall

**Instrumentalists**

We are looking for seasonal/experienced instrumentalists to provide Christmas music at the 6:30PM Christmas Eve Mass. For more information please contact Jill Beyer at 734-7195 or email: [jbeyer@saintjostphparish.org](mailto:jbeyer@saintjostphparish.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. December 8 Holy Day Masses will be 12:05 noon and 6:30PM.
3. Registration for Advent Evening of Reflection are due Tuesday, December 8.

**Mary's Family Restaurant**

They help support the printing of this bulletin  
Thank you!

**Giving Tree Reminder**

If you have not yet returned your Giving Tree Christmas gift, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have returned their gift. The generosity shown by the parish is overwhelming! Merry Christmas!

**Children's Christmas Play**

We are looking for boys and girls of all ages to participate in St. Joseph's Christmas play which will be held during the 6:30PM children's mass on Christmas Eve. We are looking for actors, narrators, and singers. Practices will be held in church on the following Sundays from 11:30AM-12:30PM (right after 10:30AM Mass): December 6, 13, and 20. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 23 in the early evening. If your son or daughter is interested in participating, please come to the first meeting on **December 6 (today) at 11:30AM in church**. The children will be given their parts and costumes for the play at the meeting on December 6. If you have any questions, please email Jodi Huebner, [mjhuebner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjhuebner@sbcglobal.net).

**The Natural Step for Communities**

Are you interested in being part of a growing Appleton community understanding about sustainable living? Every major spiritual tradition calls upon us to be faithful stewards of creation. We have a responsibility to protect the earth for our children and future generations.

Join us for our orientation meeting here in Room 214 at 7:00PM on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Contact John Gosling with questions, 734-2615 or [gosling@ntd.net](mailto:gosling@ntd.net).

**The Compass**

It connects you to Catholics around the world.  
Call Barb at 920-437-7531, ext. 8208 or