

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 7:15 pm  
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St. Joseph Parish is a member of  
ACES/Xavier Educational System 735-9380

Inter-Parish Religious Formation 738-7413

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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 13, 2009 • Third Sunday of Advent

**Working with the Scriptures** *(Luke 3:10-18)*

“What should we do?” People may use different words but what they are really asking is “What is God’s will for me?” My answer is much like Luke’s response in today’s Gospel - do what you are already doing, but do it well. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is quoted as saying that if you are a ditch digger you should dig ditches so well that when you die all the angels in heaven will say, “There lived a great ditch digger!”

Theresa is a sales clerk at one of those ‘big box’ stores and at this time of year she often finds herself working 10-hour days, 7 days a week. On the Friday after Thanksgiving Theresa started at 4AM, even though the store didn’t open until 5, because it took Theresa and the other store employees an hour just to get ready for the rush of customers. People pushing; people shoving - as though someone had opened the floodgates! But Theresa didn’t mind. Theresa understands that the depressed economy has hit people hard and that, having less money to spend, “Black Friday” sales may be the only way that some people can manage to buy their children anything at all. Besides, helping people find gifts they can afford makes Theresa smile. And when Theresa smiles it makes her customers smile, too.

“What should we do?” “..[S]hare...stop collecting more than what is prescribed ...be satisfied.” It’s not really all that difficult. Just do what you are already doing, but do it well. Are you a lawyer?” “...[D]o not falsely accuse...” Are you a mortgage banker?” “...[D]o not practice extortion...” are you a healthcare professional? Be compassionate. Do you work in food service? Maintain a clean and wholesome environment. Theresa is only doing her job but the way she does it makes all the difference. Theresa does her job well. People walk away from her checkout counter feeling just a little bit happier than when they came in. I suspect that when Theresa dies the angels will say, “There lived a great store clerk!” When we die, what will the angels say about us?

*Vinal Van Benthem*

### Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

November 26—Polly Stein—\$25.00  
November 27—Jill Meyers—\$25.00  
November 28—Lori Rasmussen—\$25.00  
November 29—Mary Jo Brown—\$50.00  
November 30—Peter Heid—\$25.00  
December 1—Charles Morris—\$25.00  
December 2—Doug Larsen—\$25.00



### Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:  
Dan Kenneavy, Yvonne Kokke-Bauer.

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

## 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 and December 19th\20th. Don’t wait until the last weekend because they will be harder to get. Pick them up after mass or order them for next weekend pick-up.



for helping support St.  
Joe’s

### St. Elizabeth Hospital’s Love Light Trees

Christmas is fast approaching. The lights are shining on the St. Elizabeth Hospital’s Love Light Trees. Now is the time to remember your loved ones with a Love Light. Forms are available at the St. Elizabeth Hospital Welcome Center (main entrance) Gift Shop, Volunteer Services Department or by calling 738-2425. A minimum gift of \$5.00 per light is suggested. All donations will benefit the St. Elizabeth Hospital Volunteers Scholarship program. We hope to continue our promise of providing personalized care through our medical professionals of the future.

### Thank You

**Bread Sale:** Thank you again for your wonderful support of this effort. We were able to send \$185 to Bread for the World for their programs as well as give the Warming Shelter about three dozen loaves of bread. You are great!

**Mission Tree:** There’s still time to get a tag off the tree to benefit the mission work of Father Glenn and his community in Nicaragua. These items meet basic needs of the individuals they serve. All items need to be returned by December 20th. Thank you!

### Interparish Reconciliation Services

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

Monday, December 21, 6:30PM  
St. Joseph’s

**Adult Education**

**Christ Renews His Parish Retreats** will be coming to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes in 2010. We invite you to a short informational session to learn more about this experience and to answer any questions you might have. Join us this Sunday, December 13, St. Joseph Parish, Room LL09, 10:00-10:30AM.

**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) before Monday afternoon, Dec. 14 if you can join us.

**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**

This Wednesday is Christmas family night. Inter-Parish Religious Formation is hosting "Christmas in Scripture and Song" on Wednesday, December 16 at 4:30 or 6:30PM in St. Joseph Church. (We will take attendance for Religious Education classes). Parents and children will attend together. 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:** Patent/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.

**Youth Ministry**

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).

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**Thank you**

The Parish and Family Life Committee would like to thank all our generous parishioners who donated the truly wonderful gifts for the Giving Tree. Once again the people of St. Joseph's have helped to make Christmas brighter for so many of our area needy. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Also thank you to everyone who donated the wonderful baked goods last weekend for the Bake Sale, and to all those who purchased items to support our parish.

**Financial News**

Tithing Needed ..... \$15,675.00  
 Last Week's Tithing ..... \$15,728.96  
 Children's Collection ..... \$44.41

**Thank You!**

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

**Readings for the Week of  
 December 13, 2009**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/  
 Phil 4:4-7/  
 Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/  
 Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/  
 Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18,  
 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/  
 Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/  
 Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/  
 Lk 1:5-25  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/  
 Heb 10:5-10/  
 Lk 1:39-45

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John answered them all, saying, "I am

*baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16*  
*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass*  
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**Weekly Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, December 14, John of the Cross, priest,  
doctor**

12:05 pm Dec. Larry and Adam Boelter

**Tuesday, December 15**

12:05 pm Dec. Robert Stoeger

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

**Wednesday, December 16**

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

**Thursday, December 17**

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, December 18**

12:05 pm Dec. Betty Weber

**Saturday, December 19**

4:30 pm Dec. Betty Luedtke

**Sunday, December 20**

7:30 am Dec. Lisa Kampf

9:00 am Dec. Dick Schuldes

10:30 am Members of St. Joseph Parish

6:30 pm Dec. Alvera and Al Stoegbauer

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday**

Faith and Light, 7:00PM, Rm. LL11

**Tuesday**

Chime Choir, 5:45PM, Church

Parish Council, 7:00PM, Rm. 214

**Wednesday**

IPRF Christmas Family Night, 4:30 and 6:30PM  
St. Joseph Church

**Thursday**

Finance, 7:00PM, Rm. 205

Prayer Shawl, 6:30PM, Rm. LLO9

Young Adults Christmas Caroling, 5:00PM  
Holly Hall

**Saturday**

Interparish Reconciliation, 11:00AM, St. Mary's

**Next Sunday**

Children's Play practice after 10:30 AM Mass,  
11:30AM in church

**Catholic Central School News**

You are invited to attend our Christmas concert, "Three Wee Kings" on Monday, December 14 at 1:30 or 6:30PM in the school gym. There is nothing better than a school concert to put you in the Christmas spirit!

**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@saintjosephparish.org](mailto:jbeyer@saintjosephparish.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. Interparish Reconciliation Service, Saturday, December 19, 11:00AM, St. Mary's, and Monday, December 21, 6:30PM at St. Joseph's.
3. December 31, deadline to claim a donation for 2009. See article below.

**Home Run Pizza**

They help support the printing of this bulletin  
Thank you!

**December 31****Tax Deadline Information**

Donors must deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or by this date in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2009. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2010 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2009 even if the check is dated in 2009. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2009 will be deductible in 2009 though they are not received by a church until 2010. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

**Divorce Support Group**

Begins January 2010 - "Wings Fox Cities" is a support group for those who have been divorced or are presently experiencing a divorce. The eight-week series will begin on Sundays in January at St. Bernard Parish. It will be an opportunity for sharing experiences and information, using the resource *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends* by Dr. Bruce Fischer. If you or somebody you know would benefit from such a group, please call the parish office, 739-0331 at ext. 319, ask for Pam.

**Tatiana in Concert - St. Pius X, Appleton**

Come see Tatiana at St. Pius X parish, Sat., Dec. 19, 7:00PM. Experience Emmanuel: *The Story of Christmas* Tatiana takes us from the steps of her childhood schoolhouse in communist Yugoslavia to the back streets of Bethlehem of old. A free will offering will be collected.