



Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN
Second Sunday of Advent
December 7th, 2025

ONE CHURCH: Encountering JESUS, Equipping DISCIPLES, Living MERCY

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 PM

Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00 - 7:20 PM or see
Saint Isidore Confession time

Weekend Mass Schedule
Our Family of Parishes

St. Isidore

Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure

Sat. 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 1:30 p.m.

St. Anthony

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

St. Stanislaus/Duncan

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Contact the office

Confession - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Marriage - Contact the rectory one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick - Anyone who is seriously ill,
or about to undergo major surgery, is encouraged to
call the rectory and schedule a time to receive the
sacrament. In emergencies call immediately.

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Mass Intentions:

Sun, Dec 7, 6:30 PM

Saint of the Day or other

L&D Members of Mitchell Liebig Family ***Holy Day** - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Thur, Dec 11, 6:30 PM

All Souls of the Faithful Departed *Saint Damacus I, Pope*

Sat, Dec 13, 7:30 PM

† Ed & Chad Szatko and Jim Rosenthal *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

Liturgical Ministers for Masses of December 7th, 11th & 13th, 2025:

Time: Sunday, 6:30 PM

Thursday, 6:30 PM

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Lectors: Cyndi

Sharon

EMHC's

Lisa

Mary & Tom

Servers:

Elijah Olsufka

Ellorie Olsufka

Volunteer

Organist:

See Schedule

Cantors:

See Schedule

Ushers:

Volunteers

Volunteers

Volunteers

Greeters:

Cyndi & Bob Sprunk

Offertory Gifts:

Volunteers

Church Cleaning for December:

Angela D.

Money Counters for December:

Ileana Jarecki, Kay Wilke and Rachel Wilke

Date: November 30 th , 2025	Gifts of Treasure
Adult	\$450.00
Loose Currency & Checks	\$73.00
Children's	\$64.00
Electric	\$75.00
2 nd Collection - Catholic Charities	\$20.00
Thanksgiving	\$345.00
Rent	\$100.00
Total Money Counter Report	\$1,127.00

Automatic Deposits for the week of November 30th: \$148.00

Scripture Readings for the Week of Dec 7th:

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 & Lk 1:26-38
 Tue: Is 40:1-11 & Mt 18:12-14
 Wed: Is 40:25-31 & Mt 11:28-30
 Thu: Is 41:13-20 & Mt 11:11-13
 Fri: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab & Lk 1:39-47
 Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 & Mt 17:9a, 10-13; 2 Cor 10:17-11:2 & Mt 25:1-13
 Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10 & Mt 11:2-11

Rosary Crusade:

1. Special Intention.
2. Elladee Ronhovde.
3. Special Intention.
4. Roger Streblow.
5. Special Intention.
6. Special Intention.

* Please call Elverine Pillen 402-246-2431 with Prayer Requests *

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Activities for the week of December 7th, 2025:

Date:

Location:

Activity:

PRE Notes:

Wed, Dec 10, 6:30 - 6:50 PM

PRE Children’s Choir Practice

Wed, Dec 10, 6:50 - 7:45 PM

PRE Classes.

Children’s Offertory - We will have our children’s offertory collection following the petitions. They may place their offering in the basket provided on the steps of the altar.

Mass Intentions for 2026: Now accepting mass intentions for 2026. All Masses from January through March will be filled before accepting requests for April through June, July through September, and October through December respectively. \$10 per mass, mass intention and your name must accompany the request.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - The Minutes from the November 20th meeting are inserted in the bulletin this week.

Advent Communal Penance Services:

ST. ISIDORE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 P.M.

ST. ANTHONY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6:30 P.M.

ST. BONAVENTURE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, PLATTE CENTER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6:00 P.M.

Local Events Around the area:

Check out flyers on Church Bulletin Boards

1. **A WAY TO LIVE AND ENJOY LIFE MORE FULLY!** December 12-13, 2025 St. Benedict Center, Schuyler A Way to Live and Enjoy Life More Fully! December 12-13, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Father Joseph A. Miksch. This seminar will help you to attain a positive attitude about yourself, to accept yourself, to feel free to be yourself, and to forget about what others might be thinking about you. You will learn to think less about yourself, to reach out to others, and they in turn will accept you as one who really cares. Come and see how to embark upon the journey to enjoying life more and to becoming fully alive? Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Register now by calling 402-352-8819.
2. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com for these upcoming retreats:
 - A Way to Live and Enjoy Life More Fully*, December 12th & 13th
 - Christmas on the Hill*, November 30th - December 14th
 - Visit Nativity Scenes*, November 30th, December 17th and January 2nd - 7th, 2026
 - Men's Retreat: Exodus to True Freedom*, January 9th - 11th, 2026
 - The Joy of Encountering Jesus*, January 31st, 2026



CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO OUR LORD'S SACRED HEART

BALTIMORE (LifeSiteNews) — The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) voted overwhelmingly Tuesday in favor of a measure to consecrate the nation to Our Lord's Sacred Heart next June to commemorate the 250th anniversary of its founding. This will notably be the first time the United States has been consecrated to Our Lord's Sacred Heart. Before the consecration, as part of the initiative, dioceses across the country will be encouraged to invite the faithful to participate in various acts of devotion, such as offering 250 works of mercy or dedicating 250 hours to Eucharistic adoration leading up to the consecration. Prayer resources, including a novena leading up to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, will also be developed by the USCCB. Indeed, there are an abundance of graces the faithful can gain by consecrating themselves or their households to Our Lord's Sacred Heart. In fact, Our Lord gave St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 12 special promises for the faithful who consecrate themselves and foster a devotion to His Sacred Heart:

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their homes.
- I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2025 - 2026 for Saint Joseph's Church

Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation	Part. Goal
\$6,110.26	\$3,077.00	50.36 %	10	33%

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes
November 20, 2025

The St. Joseph Parish Council met on Thursday, November 20, 2025 in the social hall after the 6:30 PM Mass. Fr. Joe Miksch led us in opening prayer at 7:30 pm. Tom Jaixen, Council President, called the meeting to order. Those present were Fr. Joe Miksch and current council members Tom Jaixen, Rick Soulliere, Colleen Schumacher, JoAnn Brandt, and Barb Johnson. Outgoing council members Cyndi Sprunk, Jim Wemhoff, Dave Liebig and Angela Dolezal were also in attendance. Jeremy Sprunk was excused. Chris Greisen, Lisa Hoadley, and Jody Jarecki were present to represent the finance committee.

Chris Greisen brought chocolate cupcakes to celebrate Fr. Joe's birthday.

Colleen S. read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Barb J to approve the minutes. Rick S. seconded it. Motion carried.

Finance Report: Lisa H. gave the report. A bill was presented from The Glass Edge in Norfolk for supplies and labor they recently did. We won't pay the bill until future items are taken care of, then it will get paid for all at once. Lisa talked about the accounts we have at the bank...what interest they accrue and what things they can be used for. Overall we're sitting well. We're in the black. On the profit and loss page, it was suggested that if we want to try and save money, we should look into a way to lower the telephone bill. We are about 1/3 of the way to our goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

PRE Report: Although not present, Leanna Jaixen conveyed:

*A big thank you to the parish youth group and Amber Pilakowski who placed the plastic protective covers on all of the new Breaking Bread books!

*An announcement will need to be made at the Saturday evening Mass on November 29 for anyone willing to stay and help collect the old books and place the new ones in the pews after Mass that evening.

*There will be a family night for their Christmas activity on Wednesday, December 17. They are still deciding what the entire plan is.

*There won't be any PRE classes from after the December 17 activity until January 7.

*The children will be singing on Christmas Eve under Chris Greisen's guidance.

Liturgy Report:

*The new plastic protective altar cloth will be put in place within the next couple of days.

*Our parish Thanksgiving project, collecting food donations for Simon House, will end on November 22. An announcement will still be made at this weekend's Mass. Bob and Cyndi Sprunk will take the food to Simon House on Monday, November 24.

*No Adoration on Thanksgiving Day.

*Fr. Joe thanked our 5 Parish Photo Directory team. After we proof-read our recent corrections, it should be ready for the final printing.

*Holiday/Holy Day Mass schedules for St. Joseph's:

Thanksgiving—Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday, December 8 at 7 pm.

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24 at 6 pm.

*Ken Korth will work on the sound system within this week.

Council Concerns:

*We discussed if we should have a parish project such as a giving tree for Advent, since we are just finishing up with our Thanksgiving food drive. JoAnn B. found out that it's already too late to help Lakeview with their project. It was suggested that someone call St. Isidore School to see if they need help with their Holiday Co-op for needy individuals/families as we partner with St. Isidore Parish. Colleen S. volunteered to contact their coordinator, Juli Spencer, to see when their deadline is and what their thoughts are.

Maintenance (Old business):

* Jim W. reported that we need five more closures for the other five inside entrance glass doors that The Glass Edge didn't fix. Fixing them would be cheaper than paying for a broken one down the road. A motion was made by Rick S., and seconded by JoAnn B. to call The Glass Edge and have them replace those five closures. Motion carried.

*East stained glass window--Chad Liebig with Paul Davis Restoration—Ten “weep holes” and wicking was installed to drain moisture to prevent further water damage. This project is completed and they will submit the bill to Chris Goc for payment.

*Jim W. reported on the gutter work on the north side of church. Colleen S. made a motion to feed him and his crew for their work. Seconded by Barb J.. Motion carried.

* Thanks to Rick Soulliere for staining the safety railing in the church balcony.

Maintenance (New business):

*The dehumidifier in the church balcony doesn't seem to be draining properly. Rick S. will try to “unplug” the hose with air to see if the issue resolves.

*Plaster is crumbling on the interior walls of church. Paul Davis (Chad Liebig) looked into it, especially on the north wall by the choir. He will get some estimates and give to Tom J. for the next meeting.

*The underground lawn sprinklers have been blown out and shut off for the winter, thanks to Jim W. and Don Soulliere.

New Business:

*JoAnn B. will call around to see about finding a cheaper alternative for the expensive phones we currently have.

*We need a new maintenance person to take over for Jim W.. Jim will make a list of the things he does on a monthly basis. Also someone in charge of regulating the thermostat in the church and social hall. Discussion followed.

Cemetery:

*Rick S., Jeremy S., JoAnn B., and Barb J. will go to the cemetery soon and assess the situation of the statues when it's still warm.

At 8:54 pm with no further business or discussion, Colleen S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barb J. seconded it. Fr. Joe said a beautiful closing prayer. The next meeting will be held in the social hall on Thursday, January 22 after the 6:30 PM Mass.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Schumacher, Parish Council Secretary