



Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETIN
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14th, 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:

Thur, Dec 18, 6:30 PM

† Mark Cave

Sat, Dec 20, 7:30 PM

† Thelma Schumacher

Saint of the Day or other

Liturgical Ministers for Masses of December 18th & 20th, 2025:

Time: Thursday, 6:30 PM

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Lectors:

Lisa

EMHC's

Sharon

Barb & Chris

Servers:

Addison Arndt

Lyla Arndt

Volunteer

Organist:

See Schedule

Cantors:

See Schedule

Ushers:

Volunteers

Volunteers

Greeters:

Jim & Ann Liebig

Offertory Gifts:

Volunteers

Church Cleaning for December:

Angela D.

Money Counters for December:

Ileana Jarecki, Kay Wilke and Rachel Wilke

Date: December 7 th , 2025	Gifts of Treasure
Adult	\$595.00
Loose Currency & Checks	\$183.00
Children's	\$10.50
Electric	\$206.00
Holy Day - Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Rent	\$100.00
Total Money Counter Report	\$1,129.50

Automatic Deposits for the week of December 7th: \$148.00

Scripture Readings for the Week of Dec 14th:

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a & Mt 21:23-27
Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 & Mt 21:28-32
Wed: Gn 49:2, 8-10 & Mt 1:1-17
Thu: Jer 23:5-8 & Mt 1:18-25
Fri: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a & Lk 1:5-25
Sat: Is 7:10-14 & Lk 1:26-38
Sun: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7 & Mt 1:18-24

Rosary Crusade:

1. Special Intention.
2. Special Intention.
3. Elladee Ronhovde.
4. Special Intention.
5. Roger Streblow.
6. Repose of the soul of Virg Sliva.

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

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When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John. “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Activities for the week of December 14th, 2025:

Date:	Location:	Activity:
Tue, Dec 16, 6:30 PM	Saint Isidore Church	Communal Reconciliation Service
Wed, Dec 17, 6:30 PM	Saint Anthony Church	Communal Reconciliation Service
Thu, Dec 18, 6:30 PM	Saint Bonaventure Church	Communal Reconciliation Service
Sun, Dec 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Saint Joseph Church	Reconciliation

PRE Notes:

Wed, Dec 17, 6:30 - 6:50 PM	PRE Children's Choir Practice
Wed, Dec 17, 6:50 - ? PM	Christmas Caroling
Wed, Dec 17, After Caroling	PRE & God Squad Family Meal

The God Squad, with support from Thrivent Financial, will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Columbus Rescue Mission. If you'd like to learn more about their work, please visit their website at www.columbusrescuemission.org. Parishioners who wish to donate may drop off non-perishable items by the confessionals at church by Saturday, January 3rd. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please contact Amber Pilakowski at 402-910-8476. Thank you for your generosity!

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 April through June will be filled before accepting requests for July through September, and October through December respectively. \$10 per mass, mass intention and your name must accompany the request.

Bulletin Notices: Items for the December 28th bulletin need to be in the office by noon on Monday, December 22nd. Items for the January 4th, 2026 bulletin need to be in the office by noon on Monday December 29th. Office will be closed on December 25th, 2025 and January 1st, 2026.

Thank You:

Thank you to our parish family for all your cards, prayers, and phone calls following Jerry's accident on October 11. All were greatly appreciated. He is home and is slowly healing with lots of therapy and doctor appointments. A special thank you to Fr Joe for his hospital visits and prayers and blessings. May you all have a blessed Christmas season. *Peace, Jerry & Karen Gleeson*

Thank you for your participation in the Archdiocese's Rosary Rally for Vocations during November! Saint Joseph had a total of 390 rosaries. Please continue to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, as well as for all discerning God's will for their lives.

2026 Calendars can be found on the Bulletin Tables.

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:
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

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

Goal	Gift Total	% of Goal	Participation	Part. Goal
\$6,110.26	\$3,257.00	53.30 %	12	33%

*Cradled in Love, Wrapped in Peace,
Born to bring Hope*

*Rev. Joseph A. Miksch
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Platte Center, Nebraska*

December 13th, 2025



Dear Parishioners;

Let me begin by telling you what joy I feel in serving as your Pastor! Kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament before celebrating Mass on Thursday evenings, I recall serving here as an altar boy before the Blessed Sacrament 76 years ago! I have so many warm and wonderful memories in this beautiful church!

As a priest, I am privileged to get to know and work with the **"best of People, with future Saints"**! I get to share the happy times in your lives and be there to support you in the sad and difficult times of your lives! I feel so blessed!

Not being a resident pastor, I am so grateful to so many of you who have stepped forward to take care of the religious instructions of our children and the governance and physical maintenance of the parish.

Christmas time is supposed to be a joyful and happy time, but for many it is not! Some members of our parish and community will be mourning the loss of loved ones and Christmas will be a time of intense loneliness. Some are dealing with illness. Life is difficult, we all have crosses to carry! Some have to deal with disabilities, aches and pain which come with aging, other are grieving because of broken relationships, parents often worrying about their children and the direction they are taking in life, et cetera. At times, we all find life difficult and burdensome! We are mortal beings, and sooner or later we have to cope with our mortality!

No matter what our circumstances may be, we have cause to rejoice! We have **GOOD NEWS!** God the Son became man! He was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered and died on the Cross and rose from the dead, giving us the hope of eternal life! Because He did, if we are faithful to Him, one day we will look back on this life and say as did St. Paul: "I consider the sufferings of this life to be nothing when compared to the glories God has revealed!" (Rom.8:18).

As we look back on life, sometimes what seemed to be a tragedy at the time turned out to be a blessing. The greatest tragedy that ever took place in human history was the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the Cross, but because He died, and rose from the dead, we have the hope and promise of eternal life.

So what are we worried about?

Rejoice and be glad!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Joe

Reconciliation Schedule in Preparation for Christmas-2025

Communal Reconciliation Services

St. Isidore: Tues. 16th 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Wed. 17th: 6:30 p.m.

St. Bonaventure Thur 18th: 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Schedule at St. Isidore Parish

Fri. Dec. 19th: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.
11:00 – 12:00 a.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 20th: 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.
3:00 - 4:15 p.m. 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 21st: 11:00 – 12:00 a.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Platte Center
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 22nd: 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m. 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 23rd: 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 24th: 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve

St. Anthony
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

St. Bonaventure
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

St. Isidore
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. in Platte Center
Midnight

Christmas Day

St. Anthony
7:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

St. Isidore
9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Stanislaus in Duncan