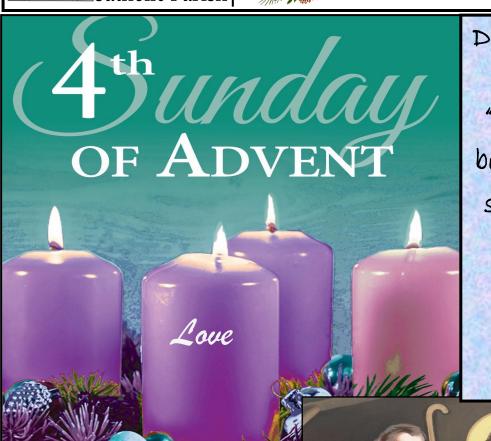
St. Joseph 4th Sunday of Advent Catholic Parish The Nativity of the Lord



December 21-22, 2024

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

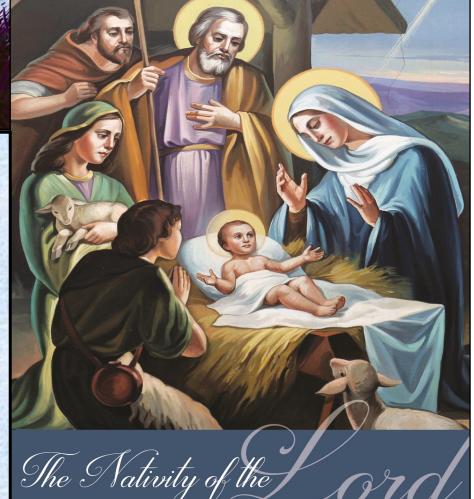
- LR 1:45

December 24-25, 2024

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory of the Father's only Son full of grace and truth."

-Jn 1-14

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, December 21 (Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

Sunday, December 22 (Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Patrick Schuh by Bruce Heath Family

10:15 AM Mass — Stanley & Bonnie Baszuro

by Ralph & Ria Haas

11:30 AM—Handbell Practice (Charles Hall)

6:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center)

Monday, December 23 (Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

NO SCHOOL

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24 (2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Lk 1:67-79)

No Adoration

NO SCHOOL

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Christmas Masses:

3:30 PM—Christmas Carols

4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass

7:30 PM—Christmas Carols

8:00 PM Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25

NO SCHOOL

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

12:00 AM Midnight Christmas Mass

9:30 AM Christmas Mass

Thursday, December 26 (Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)

NO SCHOOL

NO SERVICES

Friday, December 27 (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20: 1a,2-8)

NO SCHOOL

NO SERVICES

Saturday, December 28 (1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Marilyn Zweber by Duane & Mary Zweber

Sunday, December 29—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

(1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Carol & Larry Bauer by Jean Bauer

10:15 AM Mass - St. Joseph Parish Family

January Schedule Changes for Masses

We wish Fr. Mano safe travels and a joyful visit in India. He will be gone from December 26 through January 28.

While Fr. Mano is gone, weekend Masses will be at the usual times. The 4:00 Saturday Mass will be streamed on YouTube (YouTube.com/@sjmenomonie).

There will be no daily Masses December 26-January 28; however, there will be Communion Services on Wednesday 8, 15 & 22 at 8:00AM.

We will have Friday Masses at 10:15 AM with Fr. Jojo.

There will be no 6:00 PM Sunday Masses from December 22 through January 26. The 6:00 PM Sunday Mass will resume on Sunday, February 2.

STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

OFFERTORY for December 15—Week 24

Adult Envelope Donations \$ 14,349.00 Weekly Goal \$ 11,731.00 Over Weekly Goal \$ 2,618.00

Plate \$ 925.45

 Year-to-Date Total
 \$ 289,405.01

 Year-to-Date Goal
 \$ 281,544.00

 Over Yearly Goal
 \$ 7,861.01

Please Note that ALL Year End Contributions must be received by 2:00 PM on Monday, December 30 in order to be deposited and counted toward 2023 giving.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

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Christmas Hours + Masses

Parish Center Holiday Hours

The Parish Center and the Church will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday December 31, and Wednesday, January 1.

St. Joe's School Christmas Break

St. Joe's School will be on Christmas break beginning December 23, resuming January 2.

Tuesday, December 24 | The Nativity of the Lord 4:00 PM Children's Mass (will be livestreamed), 8:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 25 | The Nativity of the Lord 12:00 AM Midnight Mass, 9:30 AM Mass Wednesday, January 1 | Solemnity of Mary 9:00 AM Mass (will be livestreamed)

MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

As many of you know, I will be going home to visit my family after Christmas. It has been a year since I went home and so I am getting excited for my trip. I am still buying Christmas gifts for my nephew and nieces (3). I will start packing very soon. After all our Christmas masses, I will leave Menomonie to drive to Mauston. On the 26th my priest friend will drive me to Madison to take a bus to the Chicago airport. I have three flights and two layovers. Please keep me in your prayers for my safe travels. FYI: please be careful about scam e-mails asking for money. I will never request money. You can always double check with our parish office staff. I am planning to return January 28, 2025.

Last Tuesday's mass we read the genealogy of Jesus. I like reading genealogy. Lots of interesting pronunciation of names. Please take Mt 1:1-17 and enjoy reading the names. Find out how many people you know in this and find out the facts about the people that you don't know. The Genealogy of Jesus is one of the finest treasures of God's Grace and Providence. St. Matthew (1: 1-17) and St. Luke (3: 23-38) present the Genealogy of Jesus. They could be called the forgotten passages of the Christmas Story.

We must realize that in the account of the Genealogy is buried the marvelous working of God's Grace and His Amazing Providence and the way the streams of God's Grace flows through the ordinary and the great, the mighty and simple people. The Genealogy teaches us to open our eyes to see the ways of God working in our lives- hidden yet awesome; silent yet splendid.

The Genealogy mentions some notorious people, yet the Messiah was born in this family. Who are the notorious people according to you in this list? The Genealogy mentions some men and women who are not good people. All these people were considered disgraced: some gentiles, some involved in sexual immorality, some finding themselves in situations of family disgrace. Yet the Messiah is born in this family to show that God's Grace can wash away every disgrace.

The Genealogy gives us the great message of hope. We may have a past that is hurting us either due to our biological family or due to our own experiences in life. A past that is sinful and we wish to forget. A past that is painful or abused. A past that has experienced humiliation and rejection. Yet, the Genealogy teaches us the big lesson that all our past can be cleansed and healed by the mighty presence of Jesus. Are we ready to welcome Him into our lives? Merry Christmas.

CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir:

Traditional Choir: 12/22 1:00 PM

Full Schedule available online at:
https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/liturgical-ministry

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



Merry Christmas from St. Joseph School!

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, I extend heartfelt blessings to all our school and parish families. This sacred season reminds us of God's infinite love and the joy of giving. Whether through your prayers, service, or

generosity, your faith-filled presence brings Christ's love to life at St. Joseph School.

May this Christmas be a time of renewal for your spirit, joy for your heart, and peace for your family. Let us carry the light of Christ into the New Year, united in our mission to love and serve one another as He has loved us.

Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas, filled with the warmth of His presence!

With gratitude and joy, Mrs. Mary Kiefer, Principal

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PARISH EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES



Join us as we assist the decorating team in transforming our church into a beautiful space for the Christmas season.



Special thanks to Pleasant Valley Tree Farm for the greens they donated to decorate the Church and school.





A very big THANK YOU to Ruth Kasten! Ruth refurbished all the figurines for the parish nativity. They have all received a much needed face lift. Please take a moment to admire Ruth's work and give her a big THANK YOU for all her hard work making them look beautiful again.











Congratulations to the children of the St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation program who received their First Reconciliation this past week. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

Siena Birmingham Jarek Konop
Emma Hannula Cal Micek
Imajyn Henneman Henry Raff
Maggie Johnson Vicente Urriola
Brinley Knutson Jacob Weiss



Looking Ahead



Wednesday, December 25:

NO PROGRAMMING. Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, January 1:

NO PROGRAMMING. Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 5:

Confirmation Session | Church/Parish Center 8:30-11:15

Wednesday, January 8:

Middle School Faith Formation | Parish Center 6:00-7:30



PCCW

Thank you SO much to all the women of the parish who took time to make cookies for the 31st annual Cook Walk last weekend. This is my third year as chair and I'm amazed every year at not only

the number of cookies donated but the wonderful women who help set up, plate the cookies (and keep the platters filled) then tear down and clean up. Money received from the Cookie Walk is put towards the Benevolent Fund.

Merry Christmas to you all. Linda Young, Cookie Walk Chair



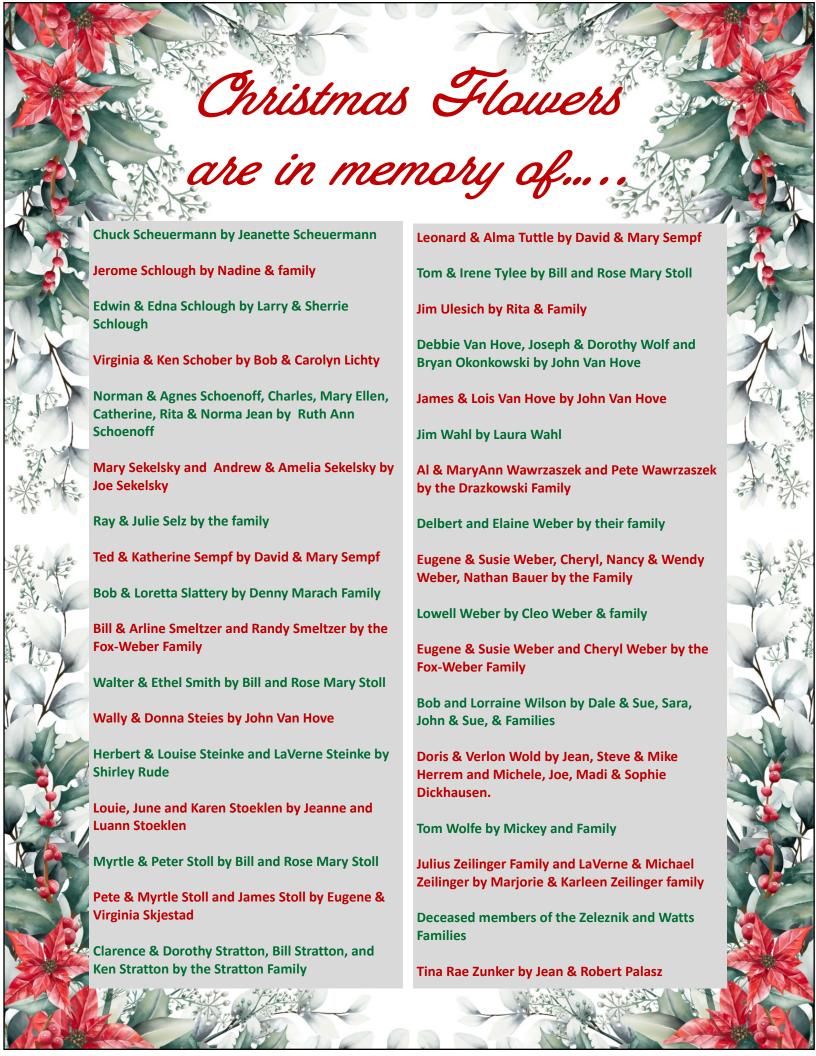


Dave Reisinger by the Family

Thomas Rude by Shirley Rude & Family

Richard Gebhart by Shirley Gebhart & Family

Kathy Green by the Green family



CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish | 910 Wilson Ave. | Menomonie, WI

Parish Center Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM | Phone: 715.232.4922 | Fax: 715.232.4923

Mass: Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM; Tues & Wed 8:00 AM; Fri 9 AM

Pastor: John S. Muthu Vijayan (Fr. Mano)

Adoration in Church: Tuesdays 7:00 AM-3:00 PM | Private Confession in Church: Sat 3:00 PM



Pastor: Fr. Mano, fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org

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The Parish Finance Council

consists of appointed members who work with the pastor and act justly and prudently in formation and administration of the parish's financial policies, budget and long range planning.

Finance Council Members

Fr. Mano
Karen Adams
Larry Feiler
Priscilla Fuhrman
John Heike
Jeff Krumenauer Chairperson
Shirley Riedmann

The Parish Pastoral Council

is a consultative body to the pastor with elected and appointed members to help define, plan, prioritize, and carry out the mission of our parish.

Pastoral Council Members

Katie Baier
Anna Beckman
Debra Berends
Karen Brunner
John Heike
Jason Horzewski *Chairperson*Laura Knudsen
Katie Mrdutt
Dan Wengel

Duane Zweber

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Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "Join Our Parish" at :
MenomonieCatholic.org.

St. Joseph Grade School:

Serving children 3 years old through 5th grade. We are a 4K program site and a Wisconsin Parental Choice Program school. Registration for the school year is ongoing. Contact Principal Mary Kiefer with questions or to set up a tour.

Baptisms:

Contact Nicki Welsch for information and to schedule a baptism.

Weddings:

Contact the Parish Center at least 6 months before your wedding to set up a meeting with Fr. Mano and begin preparation.

PARISH PRAYER REQUEST

Remembering Our Faithful Departed:

As a parish family we remember in our prayers those who have died most recently, their families, and loved ones. May those who have died in Christ now share in His Resurrection:

Shawn Phillips (brother of Maria Varsho)

Ray Gellerman (brother of Jim)

Joan Postell

Christopher Christenson (nephew of Shirley Reidmann)

Ben Ramaeker (son of Mike & Janice)

Joyce Reuter (mother of Eric)

Marie Hawk (sister of Roger & Mary Schaefer)

Bob Swanson

Kenneth Sol

Suzanne Uher (friend of Mary & Roger Schaefer)

Robert Jungwirth (brother of Linda Young)

Ann Clark

Mary Lehmann

Contact the Parish Center to have someone from outside the parish remembered on this list.

Parish Prayer Requests:

We pray for all in our community and in the world who are in need of comfort.

THE MOST RECENT REQUESTS ARE LISTED BELOW.

VISIT MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list FOR THE COMPLETE

LIST WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE PRAYER LIST FOR TWELVE MONTHS. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

Marie Bauer (wife of Duane)
Pat Nevala

De La Rosa Family Anne Peiris

(daughter of Deb Goss)

Family of Joe Berends
Stevie

Kevin Henderson

(brother of David & Jody Henderson)

Frank Rahne

Gemma Brostrom

(Granddaughter of Margaret Brostrom) John Vogel (father of Debendance)

David Schoepp Annie Schneider Kari Vust

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