

St Joseph Parish

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Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to deepen our faith, through the joyful celebration of the sacraments, lifelong faith formation, generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure in service to one another and the larger community.

Nativity of Our Lord ~ December 25, 2018



“The Shepherds returned, glorifying and Praising God” Luke 2:20

Pastoral Team

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Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Anytime by appointment, call 869-2244

Homebound, Nursing Home or Hospitalized:

Please let us know when a loved one would like a visit.
Please call the parish office at 920-869-2244.

For all the following:

- Baptism (classes required)
- Change of Address or Phone
 - Funerals
 - Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
 - Marriage (call 8 months in advance)

Please call the parish office, Monday thru Thursday between 9 am & 1 pm, at 869-2244 for assistance.

Christmas Lasts



When I was young Our Christmas tree became so dry that my parents were cautious about turning on the lights. On New Year's Day, while most of our neighbors were taking trees down, my dad and brothers bought a new one. One of the things this taught me was that Christmas wasn't a day, or even a season. It continues all year. Today, Christmas again reveals the unbelievable truth that God, living among us, has changed the world – changed each of us.

Jesus the Light of the World has illuminated darkened paths and lifted broken spirits. And the shepherds, experiencing this Light, hasten to make him known to all they meet. We are the shepherds today. Experiencing this Christmas day, we live Christmas all year, hasting to make Jesus known by the way we live; giving beyond reason, caring beyond hope, and loving without limit.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Peace ~

Fr. John C Katamba



End of the Year Tax Letters

This year I will be running contribution statements for ALL parish members after January 18th, please watch for them to come in the mail and if you don't receive one by the end of January, then call the parish office to request one.

God Bless & Thank You,

Your Parish Secretary Brenda

Christmas Past

As families gather over the Christmas season and they reminisce of Christmas past; the stories that are told, gives us a feeling of security and belonging to a family. There was a time when we had midnight mass, and after that



we would run home to what was waiting for us under the tree. Our mom would have food set out and we would be able to open our presents and play all night with our gifts. As we got older we realized what Christmas was really about. It is about the loving, caring and sharing with your brothers, sisters and family; all is well, not a care in the world. The TV movie called "A Christmas Story" reminds us of our own Christmas stories that bring us joy and laughter, of the things that have happened.

When we got married and had our own children; we made our own Christmas story. Our Christmas Story is linked to the one we celebrate every December 25, the birth of our Savior. The preparation we make to celebrate Christmas, as well as Joseph and Mary preparing for the birth of their child. Just as Mary pondered in her heart all the things that was said to her and her accepting what was asked of her; to become the mother of our Savior, Jesus.

Our spiritual Journey is to accept through our faith the true story of Christmas past and to ponder in our hearts what God is asking of us. Maybe he is asking us to be open to Jesus and to be reborn in spirit in our hearts. The gift of his son to journey with us throughout our lives... Emmanuel "God with us".

Merry Christmas,

Deacon Bobby

Monday, January 1, 2019 Mass @ 10:00 am

Mary, Mother of God

Sacristan: Jan Van Kauwenberg & Shelly Vann
Hospitality/Ushers: Carol Van De Yacht & Bill Vanden Langenberg

Lector: Jim Goral

Musician: Mary Slavek

Cantor: Marge Doxtator

Bread: Dcn. Everett Doxtator

Cups: Jan Van Kauwenberg (CO)

Kathy Gorzelanczyk (CL)

Servers: Molly & Emily Piepkorn