

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator and liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor- (217) 321-1155.

## Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30pm -- Sunday 9:30am  
Daily Mass: Thursday: 8:00am  
Communion Service: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00am  
Confessions: Thurs 8:30-9:15am, Sun 9-9:25am or by Appt.  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday 8:30am  
Scriptural Rosary: Mondays 8:30am  
Choir Practice: Tuesdays 7:00pm  
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30am - Noon

## Weekly Parish Offering

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| Weekend Envelopes                      | \$4,450.00        |
| Weekend Loose Cash                     | \$528.00          |
| Building Fund                          | \$130.00          |
| Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary, Christmas | \$1,295.00        |
| Special: Children's Home               | \$409.00          |
| Other: PSR, Hall Rental                | \$80.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$6,892.00</b> |

**THANK  
YOU!**

## December 20-21, 2025

| Sat. 5:30pm | Sun. 9:30am | Total |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 132         | 177         | 309   |

## December 21-22, 2024

| Sat. 5:30pm | Sun. 9:30am | Total |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 142         | 198         | 340   |

## Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 3-4, 2026

### Saturday at 5:30pm

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Pat Boyett & Mary Gillock  |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Terri Reid   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | John Kelly, Mary Ann Dunn, Susan Dunn, Monica Sottoriva, Terri Reid, Dave Reid |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>          | LeVora Family  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Spencer Lane, Logan Killam, SofiaSimone Lane                                   |

### Sunday 9:30am

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Women's Group  |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Becky Donaldson  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Val Knight, Janice Bellm, Tom Broaddus, Audrey Costello, Pam Davis, Gayle Nafziger |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>          | Etter Family   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Annagrace White, Ella White, John White  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>    | Melissa Suits, Avery Suits, Tanner Suits   |

### In charity, please remember in your prayers:

... **our military personnel, especially:** Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

... **the sick and those in need:** Tonya Koller, Garrett Wehking, John Stankoven, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Peggy Geurin, Josh Carter, Joyce Crum Ross, Wally Dyer, Jeff Link, Michelle Destatte, Whitney Dworzynski, Kristen Smith, John Reid, Bill Groves, Karen Dworzynski, Karen Joiner, Matthew Alepra, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt, Beth Cosenza, Carol Paul, Ron Paul

### Mass Intentions:

|        |       |         |                              |
|--------|-------|---------|------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 12/27 | 5:30 pm | Gene Bellm ☩                 |
| Sun.   | 12/28 | 9:30 am | Jim & Anna Rives ☩           |
| Mon.   | 12/29 | 8:00 am | Communion Service            |
| Tues.  | 12/30 | 8:00 am | Communion Service            |
| Wed.   | 12/31 | 4:00 pm | Jim Killam ☩                 |
| Thurs. | 01/01 | 8:00 am | <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>       |
| Fri.   | 01/02 | 8:00 am | Communion Service            |
| Sat.   | 01/03 | 5:30 pm | Charles & Gen Rhodes ☩       |
| Sun.   | 01/04 | 9:30 am | For the Tri-Parish Community |

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Week of December 29:** Monday: 9:00am-Noon, **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: CLOSED**

**January 5: Closed**

**January 6:** Returning to normal office hours

**Upcoming Holy Day Mass Schedule**

**Dec 27/28:** Normal Weekend Schedule

**Wed, Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

4pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

6pm: Ss. Simon & Jude

**Thurs, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

8am: St. Joseph

**PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Solemnity of Mary at 4pm on Wed, Dec 31**

**Ushers:** Brad & Jessica Barkley

**Lector:** Dan Hussey

**Gift Bearer:** Garrison Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janice Bellm, Judy Hussey, Susie Reznicek

**Altar Servers:** Reilly Garrison, SofiaSimone Lane, Logan Killam



**PSR CORNER**

**PSR Time: Wednesdays from 3:45pm - 5:00pm**

**Upcoming PSR Classes:**

Dec 31 (No Class), Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students** must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

**Youth Group Time: Sundays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Upcoming Youth Group Classes:**

TBD

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**Rosary at Ss. Mary & Joseph:** Beginning on January 4, 2026, we will begin praying the Rosary at 9:00am prior to the Sunday Mass every week. That weekend there will be an instructional insert in the bulletin to guide you in praying the Rosary. There will also be copies of the instructions available in the Narthex & with the person leading the prayer. If you have never prayed a Rosary or it has been a while, this is an easy way to begin again. Volunteers to lead the prayer in the future are appreciated. Contact the prayer leader at church if you are interested.

Congratulations on your baptism! May your life be filled with joy, love & endless blessings that come from God.

**John Paul Denby**, son of Matt & Torie Denby was baptized on December 26.

**Important Dates & Information**

**Sunday, January 4: Coffee & Doughnuts**

The Women's Group will be hosting coffee & doughnuts after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, Jan 4. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship & fun for the children at the craft corner.



*Welcome home to our parishioners and their families & friends this Christmas Season! We are glad that you are with us celebrating this very holy and special Feast!!*



**Thank you to everyone that made the Christmas Mass Celebrations so beautiful! From the planning, to the decorations, to the choir and to anyone and everyone that took part in these two Masses, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is a beautiful reminder that God chose to come into our world not in a palace, but in the heart of a simple ordinary family. By doing so, God blessed family life with His own presence and made it holy. That is why Vatican II called family, "the domestic church". All families are called to be Holy. This does not mean that family life is not challenging or easy.

Today's readings speak directly to the joys and struggles of our families. Sirach reminds us of the importance of honoring one another, especially within the family, and caring for each other with patience and respect. Saint Paul encourages us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These are the key virtues that are essential for family life. In the Gospel, we see the Holy Family facing fear, uncertainty, and hardship as they flee into Egypt to protect the Child Jesus. Even the Holy Family was not free from challenges. But they persevered in love and faithfulness.

This speaks to our own reality. Families today face many pressures; busy schedules, financial worries, misunderstandings, illness, broken relationships, and the influence of a culture that does not always support family values. Yet holiness in family life does not mean perfection. It means faithfulness and perseverance amid these challenges. A holy family is one that tries to love, forgive, pray, and stay united, even in difficult times.

The Holy Family shows us what should govern our homes: love rooted in faith, trust in God, mutual respect, and self-giving service. Mary and Joseph listened to God, supported one another, and placed Jesus at the center of their lives. When Christ is at the center of our families, He brings healing, strength, and hope. Praying and worshipping together as a family is a great way to strengthen our family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for our families, those that are strong and those that are struggling. May our homes be places of love, patience, forgiveness, and faith. May the spirit of the Holy Family live in our hearts and guide our daily lives, so that our families may grow stronger and become signs of God's love in the world.

As you know, I am leaving for India for my vacation on the December 30 & will be back on February 2. Please keep me in your prayers for safe travels. Please welcome Fr. Leon Martin from Milwaukee, who is no stranger to you, who will be celebrating the Masses and attending to any of your pastoral needs during my absence. **Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!**

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe



Wishing everyone in the Tri-Parish Community a Blessed Christmas Season and a healthy & Happy New Year!!  
Thank you for blessing our lives!!!  
Deacon Denny and Kathy