

**CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH P.O. Box 366 Grey Eagle  
November 29, 2015 First Sunday of Advent**

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Tues.	1	8:30 am	†	Dorothy Berscheit (with Holy Hour)
Wed.	2	8:30 am		Communion Service (JK)
Thurs.	3	8:30 am	†	Esther Pfaff
Sat.	5	4:30 pm	†	John & Marie Thell
Sun.	6	8:30 am	†	Lloyd Berscheit



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[www.stjosephgreyeagle.org](http://www.stjosephgreyeagle.org)  
St. Joseph Parish Website

**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat. 3:30 – 4:00 pm in G. E.

**Pastoral Council Election Results:** Chuck Sprenger and Julie Berscheit were elected. THANK YOU to everyone who participated by running and everyone who voted in the election.

**Holy Hour** will be held after our 8 am morning Mass on Tuesday, December 1.

**Next Weekend:** Bishop Kettler will be here for his Pastoral Visit on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Mass. There will be a light meal served afterwards. Please join us in the dining hall for fellowship with our Bishop and other parishioners.

**Singers needed to celebrate Christ's Birth!!!!** - The Spirit Choir is looking for additional people to join in singing for the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass. ALL AGES WELCOME. Rehearsals will be Sunday Mornings following 8:30 Mass December 6th, 13th, & 20th. We will also be joining the religion classes Caroling around Grey Eagle on Wed., Dec. 23 at 6:30 pm.

**Fr. Ron went to Nashville** to join the Janson's and other musicians to record and cut a CD with old time, country, religious and other tunes. A great buy at only \$10.00. Proceeds go to the Poor Clare Sisters of Sauk Rapids, MN. Talk to Fr. Ron or come to the office for your purchase.

**The Knights of Columbus** are selling KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS—Christmas Cards. They are available in the main entrance.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm.

**Mass for Immaculate Conception** will be held at 8:30 am here at St. Joseph on Tuesday, Dec. 8 & in Swanville at 7:30 pm.

**The Christian Women** will hold their annual December meeting with a potluck holiday party followed by the filling of Holiday Pails for the elderly and shut-ins on Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 PM. Donations of fresh fruits, snack bars, mints, or other wrapped treats for the pails are appreciated. The ladies also arrange a gift pack to the Poor Clares for which donations of batteries, postage stamps, flour, sugar, mayonnaise and other kitchen/baking items are welcome. Mark your calendars and join us for an enjoyable evening!

**Christian Women** are again sponsoring a baby Jesus shower project. Needed are baby clothes, infant toys, warm mittens & scarves, crib sheets & mattress pads, diapers & baby wipes & any other baby items. Please leave them in the crib in the main entrance by Jan. 1. Checks can be placed in the collection basket marked for baby Jesus.

**Empty Stocking Program for 2015** The tree is in the main entry of church. Choose a stocking, buy the requested gift and return it (unwrapped) to the parish office as soon as possible. If you need a little help this Christmas season, please call Janine Pohlmann 285-5443 or Sue Ahrens 285-2387. Community Builders will head this project as it has been done in the past.



**The Salvation Army** – Need knows no season. Money raised in Todd County through the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign is used year round to provide temporary, emergency assistance to those in need. If you, your family, or organization would be willing to help out this holiday season by being a ell-ringer, please call our Bell Coordinator Fran Thomas 218-851-2377 or Chaplain Dave Greaver at 320-304-1052.

**Blood Drive** here on Friday, Dec. 11 from 1-7 pm. Call Linda or Jim 285-2670 for an appointment or information. Bring photo ID.

**Volunteer Needed:** Someone to be here Christmas Eve in the dining hall to be sure the television is showing the Mass. Training will be provided ahead of time. Contact the parish office if you could do this. 320-285-2545

**Thank You** – We want to express our appreciation for your gift of \$977 and for 404 pounds of food. Thanks for thinking of us especially in this time of need. The food shelf wouldn't be able to continue without thoughtful gestures like yours. Long Prairie Food Pantry

**Faith Formation News**

Class on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8:00 pm (First grade, 6:30-7:30 pm)

Mass Server Training on Monday, Dec. 28 at 1 pm. Anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older is eligible.

The Knights of Columbus is having their "Keeping Christ in Christmas" theme poster contest for ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-14 divisions. See the information that was available on registration night. Posters can be brought to the office, left on the table in the main entrance or brought to religion classes on Dec. 2 at the latest.

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**COLLECTION:** Nov. 21 & 22, Mass Attendance 4:30 pm 156, 8:30 am 183 Adult \$3,365. Youth \$3.50 Loose Collection \$509.50 Catholic Charities \$5 Total \$3,883. **Thank you for your generosity!**  
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**Penance Services in December: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Swanville at 6:30 pm 9<sup>th</sup> in Melrose at 4:30 & 7:30 pm 14<sup>th</sup> here at St. Joseph's at 7:30 pm**