

**CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH P.O. Box 366 Grey Eagle
December 27, 2015 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Tues.	29	8:30 am	People of the Parish
Wed.	30	8:30 am	Communion Service (JS)
Thurs.	31	5:30 pm	† Izzy Ostendorf (Holy Day)
Sat.	2	4:30 pm	† Herb Schilling
Sun.	3	8:30 am	Blessed Mother Prayer Group

www.stclouddiocese.org
St. Cloud Diocese Web Site
www.stjosephgreyeagle.org
St. Joseph Parish Website

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

Message from Fr. Ron: I hope all of you had a special Christmas with family and friends. I am blessed with my family and also the blessing of being with all of you in both parishes. Thanks to all who sent cards, gifts, goodies, prayers and good wishes to me this Advent and Christmas Season. May you have a blessed and healthy new year of 2016. I know I am blessed as I stay with you as pastor. May Christ remain with all of you and may you continue to welcome Christ into your hearts and lives not only this Christmas Season but always. Fr. Ron

The Pastoral Council Minutes are available at all entrances.

The winners of the Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus Raffle Drawing that was held on Dec. 15, are:

1st Place - \$500.00 to Kurt Skillings of Freeport, MN 2nd Place \$250.00 to Kevin Fleenor of Phoenix, AZ
3rd Place - \$100.00 to Dominic Nelson of Mpls. MN 4th Place \$50 to Izzy Schmiesing of Swanville, MN 5th Place - \$50 to Jailyn Brinkman of Grey Eagle, MN 6th Place \$50.00 to Paul Koetter of Swanville, MN 7th Place - \$50 to Jean Zwilling of Bowlus, MN
Congratulations to the winners and Thank You to all who sold and bought the raffle tickets. Proceeds of this raffle will go to fund upcoming charitable activities of the council. Merry Christmas to all from the Knights of Columbus.

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, or call 320-285-2545. If you want one mailed to someone, I will be glad to do it, the postage is \$4.03, Cindy. They are also available at Grey Eagle Gas & Grocery.

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.

Natural Family Planning cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in:

Long Prairie on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. For more information, or to register, contact Victoria Bulcher at vbulcher@stmaryslp.org or 320-360-5193. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up/ **Sauk Centre** by appointment at CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Lola or Mark Welle at marlo@mainstreetcom.com or 320-352-6014. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up.

2016 Envelopes are in the hall, please pick yours up.

The American Red Cross has scheduled a Bloodmobile at St. Francis Convent (St. Francis Hall), Little Falls for Wednesday-Thursday, January 6-7, 1-7 p.m., and Friday, January 8, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Anyone who is at least 16 years of age, weighs at least 110 pounds and is considered to be in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your photo identification. There is no upper age limit and the time commitment is minimal. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, contact Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663.

Mass Time for New Year's:

St. Joseph, Grey Eagle

5:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve

St. John the Baptist, Swanville

9:30 am Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day

Faith Formation News

No Class on Dec. 30.

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

COLLECTION: Dec. 19 & 20, Mass Attendance 4:30 pm 147, 8:30 am 167 Adult \$2,425. Youth \$47.
Loose Collection \$338. Christmas Flowers \$65=\$570 Immaculate Conception \$10=\$277 Religious Retirement \$25 = \$483.
Food Shelf \$20 Gift \$2,100. Total \$5,030. **Thank you for your generosity!**
