



# *Saint Joseph the Worker Parish*



## *Newsletter - November - December 2021*

**Giving to the less fortunate this advent season...** Once again, our parish is unable to gather together to celebrate the advent season with an advent party as we have done in the past. However, like last year, we can still help those in our community and beyond by giving generously towards the Russell Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. Starting Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Advent), as well as the following two advent weekends (Dec. 4 & 5, Dec. 11 & 12), we will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the above-mentioned charities before and after masses. As we did last year, there will be no tickets given out or to buy. To make it simple, when you make a donation, your name will be entered once for the draws (even if you donate towards *both* the food bank and the Orphanage) and, if a family donates, each family member will be entered.

You may also mail in your donations to St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Box 776 Russell, Mb. R0J 1W0. Please Note: only donations made with a cheque will receive tax receipts and make those cheques directly to them. For donations to the Orphanage make your cheque to "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet" and for our local food bank make the cheque to "Russell & Area Food Connections". Those mailing in donations will also have their name entered for the draws.

The draw prizes will be displayed at the church entrance, and this year the draws will be made on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Anyone who would like to donate gift items as prizes for our draws (no used items please), or if you would like more information, contact Nicole at 204-773-3198 or the parish office. You may also drop off any donations/prizes to Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998) and they will make sure it is delivered to the church and your name entered for our draws.

Thank you for thinking of those less fortunate in our communities throughout the year as well as during the advent and Christmas seasons.

### **Direct Deposit Update:**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish has provided for Direct Deposit as another way to make donations to the parish for several years now. Currently there are 20 families that are donating in this manner. The Parish's expenditures are mostly fixed costs, therefore having constant donations that direct deposit provides is very beneficial, especially during Covid-19 protocols and Provincial restrictions (when ZOOM Masses were the only option). If you are not on Direct Deposit, please think about this option. Direct deposit is once a month and one could start or stop at any time. If you would like to make donations to the parish in this way there are forms at the back of the church for Direct Deposit.

## ***Prepare yourself to welcome the Lord!***



**St. Joseph Parish, Russell, Advent Confessions** are available by request. Phone the Parish Office, 204-773-2924 to book a time.

Sunday Missal (2021-2022) now available! \$5.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets. Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one!

***Advent is a time for giving.....***

**Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?**

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$25 - with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag Angel" from the Stewardship Tree. When you bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag Angel - place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>!

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)



**Socks (unwrapped)** of all sizes and colors are needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

### **ALL MASS' PENDING ON PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES**

#### ***Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's***

*Please contact the parish office at 204-773-2924, (Please leave a message and we will return your call) **\*\*All Mass require calling in to reserve seating\*\*** starting*

*Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> as limited seating according to provincial norms.*

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Rossburn**

**Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Russell**

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Russell & 11:00 a.m. Rossburn**

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. Russell**

**11:00 a.m. Rossburn**

*Please contact the parish office at 204-773-2924, (Please leave a message and we will return your call) if you have any questions about any of the above information.*

**Do you know we have a parish website, [www.stjosephrussell.com](http://www.stjosephrussell.com) , to receive current parish bulletins and upcoming events, and the YouTube link for Mass'. We also use zoom for our Sunday services, call or email the parish office so we may send you the link to connect to zoom.**