



# Saint Joseph the Worker Parish



Newsletter - November - December 2019

## Parish Advent Potluck & Party

Our Parish Advent Potluck Party is only a few weeks away! Everyone is invited for this evening of fun on Saturday, November 30th starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (no 7:30 p.m. Mass that Saturday) followed by a potluck supper, games, a door prize (worth over \$100), and carols with Fr. Paul playing his guitar. Presentations will be made to our Deacon and our altar servers. Please remember to bring; a dish or two for the supper, food items for Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you receive a ticket towards the "Lucky Draw" auction) and money to buy tickets...only a loonie per ticket! All proceeds from the tickets go to the Orphanage in Peru. Please note, if you would like to make a personal donation to the Orphanage that evening, (make your cheque out to "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet") we will make sure it is sent to the Presentation of Mary Sisters for Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. Tax receipts will be sent to you directly from them. Hope to see you there!

## Prepare yourself to welcome the Lord!



### Advent Confessions-

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic parish in Russell from 4 to 5 p.m. and after 6:30 p.m. If this isn't a good date for you, Sacred Heart parish in Rosscburn has confessions Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 and after 6:30 p.m.

and St. Lazare parish Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Several priests will be in attendance at all Reconciliation Services.

**The CWL would like to invite all ladies of the parish to their Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. & supper at 6:00 at Arbuckles in Binscarth. Please phone, 204-773-2868, Margaret Mushumanski by Nov. 28 if you are attending, Christmas exchange of a value of \$20 - this year there is a theme gift- "a gift starting with the letter C", example, candle, chocolates, cookies, cards, etc.**

**Annual Community Carol Sing** - Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the George P. Buleziuk Centre in Russell, donations to Russell & District Food Connections. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in putting in a choir from the community, please contact 204-773-2096, Chris Pilon, or you are welcome to join our parish choir for this occasion, practices are after Mass Sundays. We need lots of voices!

*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. 8<sup>th</sup>!



**Socks (unwrapped)** of all sizes and colors are needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

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

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. Rossburn**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 New Year's Day 9:00 a.m.**

*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.*

**Did You Know?** In March of this year our parish started providing the option of Direct Deposit as a way of making your church donation. You can start Direct Deposit at any time! To be on Direct Deposit you must fill out the form that is enclosed and return it to Fr. Paul, Gary Petz, Jim Roszell or Lori Gallant. Please note: Direct Deposit is once a month only. To determine your monthly offering remember to take your normal weekly offering amount times 52 and divide by 12 to maintain the same amount for the year. Also, remember that special collections (World Mission Sunday, Christmas, Holy Land, etc.) are not included in Direct Deposit and will be made as usual through envelopes. Please consider this as an option for consistent giving to your parish. For more information contact any of the above or speak with a fellow parishioner who is using Direct Deposit.

**Do you know we have a parish website, [www.stjosephrussell.com](http://www.stjosephrussell.com) , to receive current parish bulletins and upcoming events!**