



# *Saint Joseph the Worker Parish*



## *Newsletter - November - December 2020*

**Parish Advent** DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD OUR PARISH ADVENT PARTY -HOWEVER, this year we will focus on the activities we can still do, that is, generously give our support to those most in need in our community and beyond. Although we will miss the fun activities, the food, the songs, the fellowship that we enjoyed at our Advent parish party, it is still possible for parishioners to bring food items and donate towards the Russell & Area Food Connections and Sr. Hilda Simard's Orphanage in Peru. Let's keep up this part of our advent tradition in our parish! Starting the weekend of Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm), for two weekends in a row, we will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Food Connections and for the Orphanage in the church entrance. No tickets this year to give out or buy. To make it simple, for each donation the parishioner's name will be entered once for the draws (even if one donates to both the foodbank and Orphanage) (If a family donates, each family member will be entered). The prize draws will be made on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

You may also mail in your donation for the "Russell & Area Food Connections" and/or for "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet", to St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Box 776 Russell, MB. R0J 1W0. Please note: only donations made with a cheque will receive tax receipts from the Orphanage (Oeuvres Regis-Vernet) or Russell & Area Food Connections (make out cheques directly to them). Also, those mailing in donations will still have their name put in for the draws.

If you wish to donate items as prizes for our draws, or if you would like more information, please contact the parish office at 773-2924 or Nicole at 773-3198. Help out those less fortunate once again this advent season.

**Did You Know?** 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 please call 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.

## **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 (2020-2021) now available! \$4.00 each. Also: Parish Advent Daily Reflection Booklets (new this year-space for journaling). 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. Bring your wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag (showing age/gender of child) -to the church: Saturday, November 28, (6 to 7 pm), Sunday, November 29, (1 to 2 pm), Saturday, Dec 5 (6 to 7 pm), Sunday Dec 6 (1 to 2 pm). If not able to bring on these dates, call the office to find an alternate time/day. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!



**Socks (unwrapped)** of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church at the same above times.

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

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

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

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

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 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!**