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Parish Council

Chairperson	Lila Schneider
Vice Chair	Vacant
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Ecumenism	John Dean
Liturgy	Cheryl Behrns
School of Religion	Bill Rieger
Social Justice	Jodi Eberle
Stewardship	Gwen Herman
Pastoral Care	Ken & Diane Fahlman
Parish Council Sec	Janette Rieger
Kitchen Coordinator	Lisa Fuchs

Finance Council

Chairperson	Roseann Anderson
Vice Chair	Vacant
Accountant/Treasurer	Cathy Poelzer
Building & Grounds	Mike Schneider
Members at Large	Bob Kardash

Representatives

CWL President	Janette Rieger
Knights of Columbus	Allen Herman, GK

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED

SATURDAY @ 7:00 pm
SUNDAY @ 10:30 am

START YOUR DAY with MASS

Tuesday to Friday @ 8:00 AM
• Please note - for the 4th Tuesday of the month daily Mass will be at 7:00pm not 8:00am

First Friday Mass/Adoration & Confession
First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Virgin Mary **** both days at 8:00 am

The Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Joseph & St. Agnes

“REMAIN IN MY LOVE”

(John 15:9)

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

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Prayer Intention:

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



ST JOSEPH PARISH

***Welcomes all
Parishioners & Visitors***

Mission:

Under the patronage of St. Joseph, we love, honour, and serve our God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit by our works of welcoming, charity, and service, and through our faith life of prayer and celebrating the Eucharist.

Vision:

Our vision is to bring people closer to God through faith, service and community.

Values:

Our values are dignity, integrity, compassion and equity.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

Pasqua Hospital, (306) 519-1380. **General Hospital** (306) 519-1405

Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306 530-6511

Message from Father Yannick

Dear parishioners,

I have been alerted that a scammer has recently been impersonating me and contacting people using my name. If you receive any unexpected messages, requests for money, personal information, login codes, or anything else that seems unusual, please do not respond. I will not send a message requesting funds or otherwise from anyone.

To help keep everyone safe:

- Double-check the sender's email/phone number before replying.
- Do not click any suspicious links or provide personal information.
- If you're unsure whether a message is really from me, contact me directly through my phone number or the rectory's.

Please your vigilance is important. Thank you for your understanding, and please let me know if you've been contacted by someone pretending to be me.

Thank you for your Continued generosity to St. Joseph

For Options for Donating to St. Joseph Parish
Please visit our parish website: www.stjosephbalgonie.ca
Under Giving and Sharing button, click on Donate button for

Donation Options:

Credit Card, Debit Card or eTransfer

Please email donation to: Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

IS PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS (PAD) AN OPTION FOR

YOU? You may choose a monthly automatic debit to your bank as an alternative to the weekly Sunday Collection & Building Fund donation envelopes.

PAD forms are available in the church foyer or at the parish office.

****If your preference of payment is PAD - submit your form in a sealed envelope and drop it in the collection basket or directly at the parish office –

For more info contact Cathy Poelzer 306-533-7002



Liturgy of the Word will resume after Christmas.

All children are welcome to participate.

Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Parish, Balgonie: Saturdays @ 7:00 PM
and Sundays at 10:30 AM

St. Agnes Parish, Pilot Butte: Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Joseph, Balgonie

Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24th

- 7:00 PM St. Joseph, Balgonie
- 9:00 PM St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25th

- 10:30 AM St. Joseph, Balgonie
- 1:00 PM St. Peters, Kronau

New Year's Eve Potluck and social Wednesday, December 31 at St. Joseph, Balgonie

- 5:00 PM Gather, 6:00 PM Eat, Games and socializing until 10:00 PM
- ALL AGES WELCOME

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st Holy Day of Obligation – Mary, Holy Mother of God

- 9:00 AM St. Agnes, Pilot Butte
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph, Balgonie

RCIA Classes

will be held on Monday nights at St. Joseph's. Email st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com for more information. There will be classes on December 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

"You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear.

Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We can better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Archbishop's Appeal

On Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice in the nearness of the Lord, as Isaiah proclaims the healing and restoration He brings. St. James encourages patience and steadfastness, reminding us that the Lord's coming is sure. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Christ's works of mercy, prompting us to recognize and rejoice in God's presence among us. The Annual Appeal gives us an opportunity to share this joy by supporting parish ministries that heal, teach, and uplift our community. Your generosity helps bring the promise of Christ's love to life, filling hearts with hope and gladness this Advent season.

Altar Servers

There will be an altar server practice on **December 21 after the 10:30 mass.**

Anyone wishing to start serving will have had to have made their first communion. Adults are also welcome.

Please come and serve our Lord at the Altar... You can just show up or if you would like more information, please give me a call.

Deacon Ken Fahlman
(306) 552-9044

During Advent our parish will have the opportunity to collect donations for local families in need of help this Christmas. With the rising cost of living and the extra expenses at Christmas, it can be a difficult time of year. We will be collecting gifts for these children and their parent or guardian, as well as grocery store gift cards.

There will be a Christmas tree display on the bulletin board at the back of the church that will be decorated with cards. Each card has a specific item that is needed. Please choose a card if you wish to donate, take the card off the tree and then bring your donation. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped, but please attach the tag so we know who it was intended for. There will be a bin at the back of the church from Nov 29/30 until Dec 13/14.

Thank you for your generosity and please remember to keep these families in your prayers.

Catechism

Registration for catechism classes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now being accepted for children aged 7 or higher. Classes will be held on selected Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning in January 2026.

Email st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com for more details or for a registration form.

Registration forms are also available at the back of the church.

Collection Counters

We are looking for volunteers to help with collection counting. If you are interested or would like information regarding the duties and responsibilities, please contact:

Roseann Anderson, PFC Chair
randerson@myaccess.ca
(306) 531-9966

Walking Together - a program of Catholic Engaged Encounter designed to support **MARRIED COUPLES** in their vocation of marriage through accompaniment. Each evening has a topic presentation, time for the couple to reflect and share together, and sharing with the group. Drop-in sessions, no registration required. Saturdays at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary in the O'Neill room (use the west ramp entrance) Upcoming dates: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9, June 6. For more information contact Miri or James Schiller at wd1@ceecanada.ca or 306-535-7518.

Getting married? Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? Catholic Engaged Encounter has been providing meaningful, retreat format **marriage preparation** for 50 years in 30 countries and 200 dioceses around the world. Weekends are at Briercrest in Caronport, January 30-Feb. 1 and June 19-21 For more info or to register visit ceecanada.ca/regina "A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime".

Re-TF | E04 | Re-Thinking Faith - Advent Retreat - Fostering A Contemplative Attitude Part 2

Keep awake and stay alert. These advent themes invite us to foster and develop what is known as a Contemplative Attitude - a particular way of being within the world that is 'highly tuned' to the presence of Christ in our midst. In this part one of a two-part Advent retreat, Deacon Eric reflects on this call to keep watch and how we might foster a contemplative attitude this Advent this week on Thinking Faith!

https://youtu.be/bQ39-hcrsKI?si=x5iGYLXZ6Vv_bfJR

Volunteers Needed for Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

The Salvation Army is urgently seeking volunteers to help staff their Christmas kettles this year. This is their largest annual fundraiser, and all funds raised stay right here in Regina to support individuals and families in need. There are **12 kettle locations across the city**, operating **daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Volunteers are invited to sign up for a time that works best for them. If you can offer even a short shift to support this important work, please contact **Lauralee Fanning at 306-757-6405**. Your generosity and presence can make a real difference this Christmas season.

St Joseph's is looking for committee members to research and make a recommendation to the Parish Council for a stained glass insert for the circle window above the entrance doors. If interested please contact Gwen Herman at (306) 581-4181 by Dec 31st, 2025.

Livestream Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day from Resurrection Parish to <https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseregina>

Christmas Mass Times

A list of Christmas Mass times for the diocese can be found at: <https://archregina.sk.ca/christmas-mass-times/>

- ❖ **REQUESTS FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT** to be included in the bulletin -----
- ❖ please email the information to ppcsecretary.stjoseph@gmail.com prior to Wednesday @ 5:00pm.

NEW PARISHIONERS/ CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please complete this form and place in the collection basket Date _____

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

New Change of Address Wish to have Church Envelopes Wish Home Visit