

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MASSES FOR WEEK:**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK**

Tuesday	Dec. 20	7:00 pm	+Marge Seppelt
Saturday	Dec 24	8:00 pm	+Loren & Caroline Schmitz
Sunday	Dec 25	9:00 am	Parishes

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Dec. 21	8:00 am	Holy use of vision
Thursday	Dec. 22	8:00 am	Rosary Sodality
Saturday	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	+Ronnie Gross
Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	+Dan Knopik

*Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer-25 minutes before Mass at both Parishes.

*Confessions-Saturday, 7:15 at St. John Nepomuk Church and Sunday, 8:00 am at Holy Cross Church

HOLY CROSS CHURCH:

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Ushers: Dave Skwira & Willie Rudolph
 Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing
 Lector: Tim Schubert
 E.Minister: Diane Virnig & Leonard Thesing

Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Ushers: Allen & LeRoy Weitalla
 Servers: Elliott Carmona & Max Weitalla
 Lector: Doug Knopik
 E. Minister: Phyllis Schmidtbauer & Doug Knopik
 Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Alan Welle & Gary Diederich
 Server: Ellie Thomsen
 Lector: Faye Diederich
 E. Minister: Stacey Thomsen

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Ushers Dale & Diane Schmitz
 Server: Kimmans
 Lector: Fred Jelinski
 E.Minister: Cathy Boser

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

During the past three weeks of Advent, we have heard the prophets and John the Baptist proclaim the One who is to come as child to lead us into the reign of God unfolding toward completion. Finally we have come to the last seven days of Advent which are intended to serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth. As we pray in the preeminent hymn of Advent: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," the Lord comes as Prince of Peace. He guides us on the path of knowledge. He makes all things new. Let these last days before the Vigil of Christmas be days of renewal for us. **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, December 11; Adults, \$1322.00 (49 env); Children, \$8.09 (8 env); Adult loose, \$130.00; Children loose. \$1.00
 Immaculate Conception, \$277.00 (23 env); Immaculate Conception loose, \$87.00, Christmas Flowers, \$50.00 (1 env)
 Religious Retirement, \$130.00 (5 env); Technology Education Grant, \$500.00

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Singing of Christmas songs will begin at 3:30 PM on Saturday, December 24 before Mass.

TREE OF LIGHTS:

Only one week left to get your bulbs on the memory tree of lights. Forms are available on the table in the entry or on the web under bulletin. You don not have to be a Holy Cross Parishioner to participate. All names are read at both Christmas Masses..

MEMORY ORNAMENT TREE:

The tree for ornaments in memory of your loved ones who have passed away is up. Bring one of your ornaments to church and put your loved ones name on the ornament and hang it on the Memory tree in the front on the altar or leave it there and someone will hang

CHURCH DECORATING:

Anyone who wishes to help decorate the Church for Christmas is welcome to help **TODAY**.. We will decorate immediately after Mass. All are welcome!

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS:

Waylon Roscoe, Arthur Phillip Schlegel, Wyatt Matthew Fleischhacker and Rose Marie Fleischhacker were reborn in the waters of Baptism on December 11th at Holy Cross, Harding. Congratulation and welcome to our parish family.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, December 11: Adult, \$1438.00; Loose, \$546.00; Child loose, \$4.00; Thanksgiving, \$5.00; Immaculate Conception, \$80.00
 Votive, \$15.00

BAR BINGO:

Bingo today and every Sunday at 5:00 pm at Tiny's Tavern. Jackpots are 51 numbers for \$1000 and 48 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115

BABY JESUS SHOWER:

We will again be asking for baby items (new or gently used) to be given to the Food Shelf for distribution to needy families. Please put them in the basket in front of the church. Thank you for supporting this cause.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS:

Thank you to everyone who donated fruit baskets and Christmas cards and helped with packing and delivery of the fruit baskets to the homebound of our parish.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

We will begin on Christmas Eve at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

St. John's Finance Council will always meet the second Tuesday of each month.

The Finance Council meeting scheduled for December 13th has been postponed to Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30 PM due to inclement weather. St. John's charitable gambling report will be reviewed at the meeting.

NEWS FOR BOTH HOLY CROSS AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES:**

Tuesday, December 20 from 5:00 PM– 6:30 PM at Holy Cross

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Wednesday, December 21 from 8:30 AM -10:00AM at Holy Cross

Thursday, December 22 from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM at St. John's

Friday, December 23 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at Holy Cross

BISHOP:

Pope Francis has appointed Father Patrick Neary, C.S.C. as the 10th bishop of the diocese of St. Cloud. His episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of St. Cloud Diocese has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 14. He will succeed Bishop Donald Kettler.

CONDOLENCES:

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family of Robert "Bob" Happke who went to his eternal rest this week. May he rest in peace.

LOOKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

SEEK 23 is a Catholic Conference going to be held in St. Louis, where 20,000 college students from across the country will gather this January. This event will provide the participants with incredible opportunities in growing in their love for Jesus and the Catholic Church, forming Christ-centered friendships with other students, and hearing from prominent Catholic speakers as they discuss relevant issues in our culture. Please pray for the college students attending **SEEK 23** and prayerfully consider making a financial gift to help three students from our parishes cover the \$850 expenses per student. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Newman Center or to the parish.

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

In this fourth week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Nikki Johnson Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Lois Roscoe, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Joelle Hayes, Lucy Hanson, JoAnn Kummer McDonald, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch (Foley), Romelle Kurtz, Kenny LeBlanc, Jerry Brill, Micah Olson, Doris Weiss, Pete Hoheisel, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Jack Poster, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins. Please call me at 320-360-9720 or for Lastrup call 468-6395.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: LEARNING WITH A FAITH FOUNDATION 468-6446

***THANK YOU-** The staff and students at Holy Trinity wish to express a sincere thank you to those who have made memorial donations to our school in memory of Joyce Leidenfrost. Your generosity is appreciated more than you will ever know. Please continue to pray for comfort in the times to come for Tom and the Leidenfrost family. God bless you all.

***COFFEE-**Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00

RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

Dec. 11-Rod & Jan Brixius-\$75 Dec. 12-Mike Johnson-\$35 Dec. 13-Clint & Jan Kimman-\$35
Dec. 14-Maria Calvert-\$35
Dec. 15-Emily Ann Dehler-\$35 Dec. 16-Mary Boser-\$35
Dec. 17-Kevin Poster-\$35

*Please get information to me by 5:00 PM on Thursday. Thank you!