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**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS**
December 25, 2022
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK:

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

Tuesday	Dec. 27	7:00 pm	+Robert Happke
Saturday	Dec. 31	8:00 pm	+John Borgstrom
Sunday	Jan 1	10:45 am	+Harold & Romell Welle

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Dec. 28	8:00 am	Holy use of words
Thursday	Dec. 29	8:00 am	+Edward Woitalla
Sunday	Jan. 1	8:45 am	Parishes

*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:

Sunday, January 1 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Kevin Dembouski & Riachard Langer
Servers: Max Woitalla & Maverick Woitalla
Lector: Janet Hanneken
E.Minister: Debbie Hoheisel & Leonard Thesing
Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, December 31 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Glenn Boser & Gary Diederich
Server: Smudes
Lector: Art Stumpf
E. Minister: Ginny Seelen

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 am

Ushers: Colin Boser & David Welle
Server: Kimmans
Lector: Children
E.Minister: Traci Schommer

WEEKEND MASS TIMES IN PIERZ AND BUCKMAN-Fr. Kenneth Popp

Saturday at 4:30 PM in Pierz; Sunday 8:00 AM in Pierz and 10:00 AM in Buckman

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

A lover seeks to become more like the beloved. To demonstrate his immense love for us and to give himself to us, God becomes one of us. To become more like his beloved creature, God not only became human, but he shared the lot of the poorest of the poor. He has been born in a stable and laid in the trough of cows. Though he was rich, he became poor, to enrich us. God loves you. He wants you to be just like Jesus. At this Christmas, will you let God transform you and conform your heart to that of Jesus?

Wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas! Fr. Jose

BLESSING OF THE NEW YEAR:

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household may gather at a table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene for a Blessing of the New Year. The following prayer of blessing can be used:

Almighty and eternal God, your fatherly tenderness never ceases to provide for our needs. We ask you to bestow on this family and this home the riches of your blessing. With the gift of your grace sanctify us, so that, faithful to your commandments, we will care for each other, ennoble this world by our lives, and reach the home you have prepared for us in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY CROSS PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, December 18; Adults, \$2132.00 (46 env); Children, \$5.50 (6 env); Adult loose, \$115.00; Children loose, \$3.00
Christmas Flowers, \$5.00; Religious Retirement, \$75.00 (3 env); Immaculate Conception, \$100.00(1 env); Christmas, \$50.00(1 env)

THANK YOU:

Several people called and wanted to put a "Thank You" to the Rosary Sodality and its members for the goodies they made and left at their homes or on their porches (Alvina Kisor thanks you for leaving them) It was so appreciated and enjoyed by them! Thank you ladies!

DONUT SUNDAY:

Donut Sunday will not be held on January 1 but on January 8 instead. Please join us then!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, December 18: Adult, \$2655.00; Loose, \$432.00; Immaculate Conception, \$40.00; Votive, \$10.00

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the ladies and men who helped with the lunch for the funeral for Bob Happke. If you are available to help out for future lunches by working or bringing bars or a salad, please call Lori Boser at **320-468-2485**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

BAR BINGO NEWS:

Tiny's Tavern has been sold and will now be known as The Fisch House. There will NOT be any bingo on Sundays, December 25, January 1 or January 8. They are switching bingo to every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM. The next bingo will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM at The Fisch House. Jackpots will be 52 numbers for \$1000 and 49 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115

SEEK 23 SUPPORT:

Thank you to everyone who donated to support the three college students from our parishes to help meeting the expenses for attending SEEK23 conference in St. Louise. We received a total of \$1041.00.

NEWS FOR BOTH HOLY CROSS AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES:

As the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and the New Year Day fall on a Sunday, Mass times will be our usual weekend Mass times. Saturday at 8:00 PM at St. John's and Sunday 8:45 AM at Holy Cross and Sunday 10:45 AM at St. John's.

2023 CALENDARS:

The new calendars have arrived and are available for pick up on the table in the entry.

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."* John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His son, Jesus-the best gift we could ever receive.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Christ is born! Our mission is to be **His** heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at **www.stcdio.org/annualappeal**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Lois Roscoe, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Joelle Hayes, Lucy Hanson, JoAnn Kummet 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

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 Robert Happke. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for comfort in the times to come for the Happke family. God bless you all.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

***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. 18-Preston & Kaliee Kapsner-\$75	Dec. 19-Jerry Girtz-\$35	Dec. 20-Joan Konen-\$35
Dec. 21-Sue Woitalla-\$35	Dec. 22-Carolyn Holen-\$35	Dec. 23-Joanie Vogtlin-\$35 Dec. 24-Mike Stangl-\$35

BULLETIN INFORMATION :

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

HAVE A BLESSED, MERRY CHRISTMAS!