

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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

Tuesday	Dec. 6	7:00 pm	+Katherine Benson
Thursday	Dec. 8	8:00 pm	+Janet Tretter
Saturday	Dec 10	8:00 pm	+Virgil & Evelyn Ortman
Sunday	Dec 11	10:45 am	+Maurice, Theresia, Jeff, Gary, Michael and Angela Becker

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Dec. 7	8:00 pm	+Diane Brisk
Thursday	Dec. 8	8:45 am	+Art Schmidtbauer
Sunday	Dec. 11	8:45 am	+Mark, Roman, & Pam Voitalla & Lisa Ginter

*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, December 11 at 8:45 am

Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 PM

Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Gary Matlock
 Servers: Max Voitalla & Maverick Voitalla
 Lector: Sheila Rudolph
 E.Minister: Leonard Thesing
 Rosary: Holy Name

Ushers: Allen & LeRoy Voitalla
 Servers: Tyler Thesing
 Lector: Dave Skwira
 E. Minister: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Thurs. Ron & Barb Specker
 Sat, Gary Diederich & Glenn Boser
 Server: Thurs. Smudes
 Sat. Allison Gross & Isaac Thomas
 Lector:Thurs. Dale Beierman
 Sat. Mark Loidolt
 E. Minis:Thurs. Barb Specker
 Sat. Carol Welle

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, December 11 at 10:45 am

Ushers Donny Schommer & Todd Meyer
 Server: Zack Gall
 Lector: Louise Welle
 E.Minister: Lisa Meyer

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

The long preparation for the divine Messiah began with Abraham. John completed that preparation by calling the people to repentance and baptizing them in the waters of Jordan as a symbol of their abandoning sin. Jesus came to baptize us in water and the Holy Spirit, cleansing us from sin and making us holy. We have made the fundamental choice between sin and God at our baptism. We promised that we love God more than sin. But we fail. As we prepare for Christmas, let us allow the Lord to cleanse us once again through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, November 27; Adults, \$1464.00 (44 env); Children, \$5.75 (6 env); Adult loose, \$108.00; Children loose. \$2.00
 Thanksgiving, \$224.00 (9 env); Thanksgiving loose, \$55.00; Energy needs, \$20.00 (1 env); All Saints, \$20.00 (1 env)
 All Souls, \$5.00 (1 env); Mission, \$10.00 (1 env)

WREATH AND TREE OF LIGHTS:

This is our 15th year. We are hoping it will be a great one. The lights are beginning to be put on and we now have the wreaths either for the cemetery of your homes. There are extra forms on the table in the entry. It is also posted on the web page listed under bulletin. If any family or friends from away want to participate they can get the information on our web site. You do not have to be a parishioner to purchase bulbs or to be listed on the tree. It is for everyone! All names are read at the Christmas Masses in Harding.

HARDING PLACE GIFT TREE:

The tree is up, the lights are lit, and the tags are waiting to be picked up and a gift purchased. Once again, we are sponsoring a gift tree for the residents of Harding Place, Please wrap your gift, attach the tag and return it to the church no later than Mass time on Sunday, December 18th. Thank you from all the residents and staff at Harding Place.

ROSARY SODALITY/HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Party will be held on December 11 starting at 2:00PM. There will be a potluck supper at 4:30PM. Ladies are asked to bring a dish to share All members and their spouses are invited. All ladies wishing to exchange a gift are asked to bring a \$15 gift to exchange

COOKIES FOR SHUT INS:

Cookies will be wrapped at the Christmas Party. All Rosary Sodality members are asked to bring a dozen cookies to the church basement on December 10th or 11th to be packaged for shut ins. Thank you

DONUT SUNDAY: TODAY is Donut Sunday. Please join us for some delicious donuts and beverages and fellowship!!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, November 27: Adult, \$1415.00; Loose, \$295.00; Thanksgiving, \$225.00; Child loose, \$20.00; Votive, \$2.00

CONDOLENCES: Our sincerest sympathy to Barbara Block, wife of Norman Block, who passed away Nov. 21. May his soul and souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

BAR BINGO:

Bingo today and every Sunday at 5:00 pm at Tiny's Tavern. Jackpots are 49 numbers for \$1000 and 60 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115.

CHOIR MEMBERS/ MUSICIANS:

We have begun choir practice for the Christmas Season. Anyone interested, please join us on Monday evening at 6:30 PM. We are also asking any children /youth who would be interested in singing for the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass, please call **320-630-5070**.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES: -This is a holyday of obligation!

Wednesday, December 7th at 8:00 PM at Holy Cross

Thursday, December 8th at 8:45 AM at Holy Cross and 8:00 PM at St. John's

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES:

Wednesday, December 7 from 7:00 PM– 7:45 PM and Thursday, December 8 from 8:00 AM -8:30AM at Holy Cross

Thursday December 8 from 7:00 PM-7:45 PM at St. John's

ADVENT HEALING MASS:

You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 AM for an **Advent Healing Mass**. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and the ritual of blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served following the Mass. All are welcome! For further information, call **320-532-3103** or email **onamia@crosier.org**

PIERZ DINING CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Pierz Dining Center will be having their annual Christmas Party on /Thursday, December 15th. Entertainment will be the Harding Guitar Group starting at 3:30. Dinner will be served at 5:00. Everyone 60 years of age or handicapped is encouraged to join us. There are never any income limits to dine at the Center. The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00. Please call **320-468-2160** by December 12th to reserve your dinner, Space is limited so please call early!

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" - Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Blessings to all of you in the season of Advent. Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Appeal raised \$1,250,850 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,500 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at **www.stcdio.org/annualappeal**

SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, December 11, serving from 8:30 AM -12:30 PM at Church of the Holy Spirit, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud. The menu is ham, sausage, pancakes with fruit, scrambled eggs, hash browns, cinnamon and caramel rolls, fruit and beverages. Adults, \$10, Children ages 5-17 \$5 and ages 4 and under eat free!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

***RAFFLE CALENDARS**-Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact any HT family member or the office to purchase.

***JARED'S TOY DRIVE**-Jared Tomala was a student at HT when he passed away. Jared's dream was to ensure that children and families at Children's Hospital of Mpls and the Ronald McDonald House were able to have a merry Christmas, even under the hardest of times. A box has been set up at HT, as well as around the community for donations. Please consider donating to this great cause.

***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.

***BABY HATS**-HTCS creates special bags for our local parish baptisms. We are looking for those who are able to knit baby hats.

RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

Nov. 27-Allison & Melissa Woitalla-\$75

Nov. 28-Lorraine Aaron-\$35

Nov. 29-Keith & Alison Posch-\$35

Nov. 30-Nathan Faber-\$35

Dec. 1-Jeff & Linda Pohlkamp-\$35

Dec. 2-Cory Boser-\$35

Dec 3-Robbie Meyer-\$35

BULLETIN INFORMATION

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