

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

January 1, 2023
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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

Tuesday	Jan 3	7:00 pm	+John & MaryAnn Kasper & +Joe Gruber
Friday	Jan 6	7:00 pm	Holy Hour
Friday	Jan 6	8:00 pm	+Marge Seppelt
Saturday	Jan 7	8:00 pm	+Bob Happke
Sunday	Jan 8	10:45 am	Parishes

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Jan 4	8:00 am	+Roman & Mae Gross
Thursday	Jan 5	7:00 pm	Holy Hour
Thursday	Jan 5	8:00 pm	
Sunday	Jan. 8	8:45 am	+Joey Kozulla

*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 8 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Andy Voitalla & Russell Voitalla
 Servers: Tyler Thesing & Adam Voitalla
 Lector: Sheila Rudolph
 E.Minister: Gary Matlock
 Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Barb & Ron Specker
 Server: Smudes
 Lector: Art Stumpf
 E. Minister: Allen Reideman

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, January 8 at 10:45 am

Ushers Roy Boser & David Welle
 Server: Kimmans
 Lector: Julie Laney
 E.Minister: Lisa Meyer

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

The beginning of a new year can be exciting, especially if we have great hopes for the future. God has great hopes for us anyway. We need to listen to God's voice to know God's plan for us. Rather than making God a part of our plan which we often do in our prayer, let us try to see God's plan for us and carry out that plan day by day. As we enter into 2023, let us ensure that we take time out to be with God and to read/listen God's word all the days of the New Year. Let the Spirit of God who renew the face of the earth dwell in our hearts and constantly renew our lives so that we will be distinguished by our love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let the prayers of Mary, the Holy Mother of God make our New Year a blessed year in every sense. Happy New Year! **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, December 25; Adults, \$1703.00 (29 env); Children, \$12.00 (18 env); Energy, \$650.00 (3 env); Building fund, \$100.00 (1 en)
 Christmas, adults, \$7, 142.00(51 env); children, \$8.50 (11 env); Adult loose, \$753.00; children loose, \$39.00

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jodi Dambovy, Kristin Dombovy, Lynn Dombovy, Julie Dosh, Peggy Donabauer, Lynn Dukowitz, Ashley Eich, Stacey Foust, Ashley Foust, Robyn Galbreath, Shelby Galbreath, Rebecca Gammon.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL:

We will be taking down all Christmas decorations after Mass on January 8, 2023, the Feast of the Epiphany. Any help would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome!

DONUT SUNDAY:

Donut Sunday will be changed to January 15, due to having to take down our Christmas decorations December 8.

THANK YOU:

The parish of Holy Cross would like to thank Leonard and Teresa Thesing for doing the Wreaths and Tree of Lights for the fifteenth year. It was very successful again.

ENVELOPES:

Our 2023 collection envelopes have not arrived yet. Please just put your donation in an envelope until they arrive. We will have blank envelopes in the back of church, or you can use your own. Please put your name on so we can credit you. Thank You for supporting our church.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, December 25: Adult, \$520.00; Loose, \$867.00; Retired religious, \$100.00; College Seek, \$1041.00
Christmas, \$6115.00; Child envelope, \$3.00; Child loose, \$21.00

CONDOLENCES:

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Joelle Hayes who went home to her eternal rest this week. May her soul and the soul of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

We are refurbishing and repainting the Stations of the Cross at St. John's. This is an on-going project and will take a while for it all to be finished. You may notice a few stations missing from time to time.

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, 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

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

CHANGE OF STAFF:

Natalie Thomsen will join St. John's parish office as Bookkeeper and secretary when LaVonne Seelen retires from this job at the end of December 2022. Natalie will be at the parish office on Tuesdays. She can be contacted at office@stjohnslastrup.org or at the parish phone number: **320-468-2111**. **Thank you LaVonne** for your services to St. John's and Holy Cross parishes as the parish secretary and bookkeeper for St. John's.

THANK YOU:

A very sincere "Thank you" to all the people who decorated the churches at both Holy Cross and St. John's. They both were beautiful and very festive for Christmas, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

JOURNEY TO ETERNITY:

Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? CENTRAL MINNESOTAKOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023 at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost for the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." -Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "Yes". Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Blessings to all of you in this New Year. Thank you for supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal in 2022 and helping us to achieve our goal of \$1,400,000! As of December 22, the Appeal raised \$1,431,985 in gifts and pledges from 7, 893 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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Jill Kurtz Libby, Alvina Kisor, Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Lois Roscoe, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, 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

*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 and Joyce Leidenfrost. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for comfort in the times to come for both families. 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. 25-Josh & Audra Stangl-\$500 Dec. 26-Gregg & Kristi(Grace) Marshik-\$35 Dec. 27-Mike & Linda Brezinka-\$35
Dec. 28-Melissa Kasella-\$35 Dec. 29-Val Stangl-\$35 Dec. 30-Irene Fieger-\$35 Dec. 31-Josh Athman-\$35

Wishing you a blessed and healthy,
Happy New Year!