

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 24, 2023
CONFESSIONS 3:15 – 3:50 P.M. on Saturday in Watford City

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PO Box 670	Bulletin deadline Wednesday

MASSES:

Mon.	25	8:30 A.M.	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - For † Lenard Mrachek Alexander
		10:45 A.M.	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - For † Brady Foss Watford City
Tues.	26	No Mass	
Wed.	27	12:10 P.M.	For † Giles Heinen
Thurs.	28	9:00 A.M.	For † Lois J. Anthonisen
Fri.	29	9:00 A.M.	For † Tanner Garman
Sat.	30	4:00 P.M.	For † Robert Fettig Watford City
			READER: Deb Kellogg
Sun.	31	8:30 A.M.	For The Members of Epiphany and Our Lady of Consolation Alexander
		10:45 A.M.	For † Mary Geary Watford City
			READER: Patrick Michael
			COUNTERS: Marti Sorenson, Rick Pokrzywinski

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS: I wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas! Know that I thank God for you and pray for you daily. It is a great joy for me to be your Pastor. Blessings and Joy in the New Year! In Christ, Fr. Gross

KNIGHTS: The Knights will be handing out Christmas gift bags this weekend following Mass.

QUILT RAFFLE: Congratulations to Becky Jordan the lucky winner of the CDA Quilt Raffle.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you do not currently receive offertory envelopes but would like to, please email Sara Millet at wcepiphany@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS & CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: The Knights & Catholic Daughters are hosting an Epiphany Breakfast on January 7th following Mass. There will be Breakfast, Piñata, & Cake. See you there!

DEVOTION: First Saturday of the month Devotion by the Knights. The Knights will be having a Devotion on January 6th at 3:00 P.M. with Rosary & Prayers prior to Mass. This will be held the First Saturday of each month.

WOMENS RETREAT: Fr. Brian will lead a Women’s Retreat on Saturday, January 13th from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. More information to follow.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be offering marriage retreats at: Mandan (February 9-11), and Valley City (March 22-24). These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at 701-347-1998 or apply wwme.org

SPANISH MASS: There is a Spanish Mass the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:30 P.M. in Watford City.

WORD OF LIFE: Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say “yes” to God’s gift of human life; We pray to the Lord.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER: The IRA Charitable Rollover is actually a “qualified charitable distribution” that can be made directly to our parish. You can reduce your taxable income even if you don’t itemize deductions! This smart giving option works well if, 1.) you are at least 70 ½ years old on the date you make your gift; 2.) your IRA is a traditional or ROTH; and 3.) you don’t exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions. Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the parish. If you receive the money first, then you will be taxed on it like any other distribution. For more information, please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: God will never be outdone in generosity. No one is ever poorer for giving to our God who is so rich in love, mercy, and goodness.

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: The “Chaplet of Divine Mercy” is a very powerful and needed prayer during our times. It can be recited each weekday at 2:00 P.M. on EWTN, Channel 7.

ROSARY ON SUNDAYS: Rosary is said each Sunday prior to the 10:45 A.M. Mass. Please come and pray the Rosary before Mass. If you are need of a Rosary while at Church, the Rosary Guild has made Cord Rosaries and they are available by Fr’s. office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration is held every Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Thank you to all scheduled adorers! Your generosity and commitment make it possible for others that can’t commit to a specific time to be able to come and adore the Lord when their schedules allow. All are welcome to come and pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this time. More volunteers are needed – if you are available, please call Stephanie at 813-415-8486. Fr. would like two people in the Church at all times during Adoration.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Collection last weekend in Watford City totaled \$4,330.60. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS IS WHEN GOD CAME DOWN THE STAIRS OF HEAVEN
WITH A BABY IN HIS ARMS.**