

Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
7:00 - 8:00 PM NO ADORATION
9:00 AM Kayla Murphy +

Tuesday, December 26 Fr. Will Thompson
9:00 AM Eugene Wodele +

Wednesday, December 27
9:00 AM George Velasquez +

Thursday, December 28
9:00 AM Charles Sherlock +

Friday, December 29
9:00 AM Herbert, Vernis, Randy, Barb & Gary Getschmann +
10:00 AM Mary K Johnson + - NURSING HOME

Saturday, December 30
5:00 PM John & Rosalie Dejno +

Sunday, December 31
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s

LITURGICAL ROLLES

December 30, 10:00 AM
Lector: Ann Schreck
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers & Greeters: Robbie Benedict, Tom & Margaret Haase, Augie Schleicher

December 31, 10:00 AM
Lector: Dorothy Arendt
Servers: Ryder Mueske
Ushers & Greeters: Roger & LaVada Reckmann, Volunteers

PARISH SUPPORT - December 17, 2023

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$6,155.00
OFFERTORY	393.00
CANDLES	35.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	130.00
FOOD SHELF	110.00
RETIREMENT	595.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	50.00
CCW REFUND	361.20
 BUUILDING MAINTENANCE	 \$3,000.00
 DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	 \$3,929.00
DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. MAINTENANCE (11 Families)	\$644.00

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now on the 4th Sunday of Advent and will celebrate the birth of Christ shortly after when Christmas falls on a Monday. I pray that it has been a fruitful Advent and joyous occasion for you and your families. It also has been a tough year for our parish and community with some of the tragedies that we have experienced here. God sees all of it and greatly desires to take on the pain and bring you further healing.

The season of Advent is a time for us to grow closer to God, bring everything to him, and lay at his feet just like the shepherds and wise men who came to pay homage to the newborn king. Jesus is coming and will soon restore us to our original state of glory. He does this by bringing us hope and reminding us of all the promises that He has made to us. We are children and his people. We are special to him just as he is special to us.

Let us challenge ourselves to grow in holiness by seeking a path to forge new healing amidst family members and friends who have been drifting away from our lives. If Christ can come into a world that rejected him even at his birth, should we not go to the marginalized and call them back home?

I pray that you will experience a wonderful Christmas with your families and loved ones! Christ is here and with us! Let us live a life of peace, hope, and joy throughout our lives!

Just a reminder that I will be gone from January 1 through 5, 2024 to attend a conference called Seek24 and we have a few kids from the parish attending. It’s a large conference for college students to meet Christ and encounter him. There will be no Mass scheduled during the week but I will return to celebrate the Masses for the weekend.

Sincerely,

Fr. The



Lectors needed :
Now through April for 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays.

Also, January 13 - March 9th for 9AM Mass on Thursdays.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



If you have any issues or questions with your picture taken for the directory please contact the office.

No Adoration December 26th or January 1st.

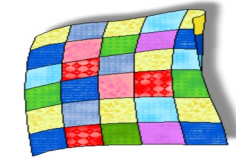
Office will be closed December 26th.



Thank you to all who stayed after Mass last Sunday to help with the Christmas decorating. It is so beautifully done!



CCW meeting on January 8, 6:30 PM in the parish hall.



MISSION SEWING

We will meet on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30 AM to tie quilts, at noon lunch will be served followed by a short meeting.

This month we gave 25 quilts to the Kiawanis for their Christmas distribution. Thanks to all who helped make them.



Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, starting with the Rosary at 6:20 PM. Supper and a meeting will follow.



NO FAITH FORMATION ON WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 27TH & JANUARY 3RD.

FAITH FORMATION

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BARRON



On Monday, the Discastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Francis, published a declaration entitled *Fiducia Supplicans*, which has given rise to a good deal of commentary and controversy. The

document allows for the possibility of blessing those in irregular or same-sex relationships. Despite some misleading reporting in the media, *Fiducia Supplicans* in no way sanctions irregular bonds or changes the Church’s teaching on marriage and sexuality. It further specifies that no liturgical blessing can be offered to those in such unions, but rather an informal pastoral blessing. This latter benediction is a calling forth of the divine grace to help those who receive it to live more fully in accord with God’s will and to enhance whatever is good, true, and beautiful in their lives.

I believe that the declaration is very much congruent with the pastoral instincts of Pope Francis, who always wants to remind those who are living the Christian life in a less than perfect way that they are, nevertheless, loved and cherished by God. To all of Jesus’ brothers and sisters, the Church should never fail to be a source of welcome, compassion, and blessing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

