



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER & HOLY FAMILY

423 West 7th Street, Mankato • 211 North Hunt Street, Lake Crystal

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

**Prepare the way
of the Lord, make
straight his paths.**

Luke 3:4

2nd Sunday of Advent

12.09.18

Welcome New-member registration
forms are available in the
church entrances and on our website. One
Eucharistic family united on our faith
journey: Welcome Home!

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Bene-factors

The death of President Bush and the many remembrances by his family, friends and colleagues brought to mind the meaning of "benefactor" - one who does good things; it was touching to learn how many lives he touched through deeds of simple thoughtfulness, like a thank you note. As 2018 comes to a close, I want to thank all of our benefactors, whether through giving of their time, spiritual support, "sweat equity" or financial resources. Some benefactors surprise us with a gift in their estate planning. We recently received an initial share of a bequest from the Jerome Maloney Testamentary Trust in the amount of \$25,000 (FYI, all parishes in the Mankato area received a share). Please remember Jerome and Rosalia (Sally) Maloney in your prayers. This example may encourage us to consider what type of legacy we want to leave in our estate plans. I am directing this unexpected gift to our capital campaign, which helps us get closer to our goal of \$820,000. Currently, we are only \$164,000 away from that goal. Perhaps end-of-the-year giving and other "surprises" will enable us to reach the finish line?

Father Tim Reber

CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practices for the Christmas Eve 8:30pm Mass will be at the following times:

- ◆ Thursday, Dec 13 6:30-7:30pm
- ◆ Thursday, Dec 20 6:30-7:30pm

Anyone from either parish is welcome to join the group and it would be greatly appreciated!!

HOLY FAMILY: Any and all who are willing to participate in the Christmas Mass choir at Holy Family are asked to come to a one-time practice on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 on Mon., Dec. 24

Any questions, please contact Sister Janet at sjwhfmusic@gmail.com or 507-388-3788.

Tis the Season ...



Tis the season for many special events, customs and activities (Did St. Nick visit your house on Thursday?), including Reconciliation. Last week I helped with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at both Loyola Catholic School and the SSND's at Good Counsel. At the prior they used an examination of conscience based upon a talk Pope Francis gave to Vatican employees four years ago before Christmas. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the Lord's coming this Advent/Christmas and at the end of time, or the end of our lives. There was more than one bullet under each quotation, but I'll provide just one and leave a space for you to personalize a second. You may find it helpful in getting ready for our **Communal Reconciliation Service** at St. John the Baptist Church next Sunday, May 16th, at 1:00 pm, or an individual confession time.

"Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God."

• *Am I a Christian who is nourished by prayer and the sacraments?*

"Care for your family life ..."

• *Do I give my family time, attention and love?*

"Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness ..."

• *Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?*

"Watch how you speak ..."

• *Do I gossip about others or tell false truths?*

"Care for your work ..."

• *Do I use my God-given skills and talents in the service of others?*

"Avoid envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings ..."

• *Are my thoughts and actions destructive toward my relationships?*

"Reach out to those who need you ... this is how you will be judged."

• *Do I assist the weak, the elderly, the sick?*

"Let go of ..."

• *"The bitterness that brings us to revenge"*

Let's use these Advent days for a little spiritual "house cleaning" to make more room for the coming of Immanuel, "God-with-us"!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Tim Reber

Christmas Mass Schedule

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, Dec. 16th - 1:00pm @ St. John's

Christmas Eve

3:45pm Children's Nativity @ SJW

4:00pm Mass @ SJW

5:15pm Children's Nativity @ HF

5:30pm Mass @ HF

8:30pm Mass @ SJW

Christmas Day

9:30am Mass @ SJW

New Year's Eve/Day Mass

Monday, Dec. 31st - 4:00pm @ SJW

Tuesday, Jan. 1st - 9:30am @ HF

*Please join us as we celebrate
the coming of the Lord!*

Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Dec 2, 2018
\$2,209.00

Fiscal Year to Date

\$46,051.69 Actual
\$46,043.96 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Dec 1 & 2, 2018
\$7,583.00

Fiscal Year to Date

\$138,308.01 Actual
\$153,179.90 Budget

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure: HF: \$0.00 SJW: \$22.00

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LAKE CRYSTAL AREA "ANGEL TREE" PROJECT - "Angel Wishes" are still available on the Christmas tree located in the MinnStar Bank Lobby. Please return your wrapped "Angel" gifts to the Bank (and not to the church) by **Wednesday, Dec. 12th**. Thank you for your continued support of his annual community project and please keep the "Angel Tree" families in your prayers.

2019 BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED - We would like to invite your business to advertise in our weekly bulletin for 2019. We print these bulletins in-house which allows us to include more content and color features, while still supporting businesses in our local community. We also offer "In Loving Memory" ads for those who have passed away. The bulletin would not be possible without our advertisers, so please consider helping your parish in this way. Contact Nicole at 388-3766 or nhermer@sjwhf.org for more info if you are interested.

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Jannelle Zarn

Servers: Jayden Hopkins, Michael Schwamberger

ECM: Glenn Barnette, Terri Michels, Cookie Oberle, Mary Date, Peg Fallenstein, 2 SUBS

Ushers: Al Honermann, Warren Michels,

Kevin Date, Irene Hammerschmidt

Musicians: Sister Janet, Jessica Bergeleen, Anne Richardson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Sue Hanson

Servers: Emma & Katie Hanson

ECM: Judy Karau, Lori Meixell, SUB

Ushers: Jim Mack, Wayne Lindmeier

Musicians: Erika Seppmann, Jackie Slama, Mallory Schlaffman

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Brenda Hanel

Servers: Grace & Aidan Moeller, Emily Coudron

ECM: Donna & Richard Hansen, Susan Peller, Carol Brady, Connie & Dwight Wallin, Jan Willaert

Ushers: Rich Peller, Jeff Willaert, Ray Mettler, SUB

Musicians: Kris Madsen, Benzmillers

SJW: Doorkeeper: Terri Michels

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Dec 11:

SJW 12:05pm - †Theresa Breiter

Wednesday, Dec 12:

Loyola 9:00am - †Sandy Olinger

Hillcrest 9:30am - Word and Communion

Thursday, Dec 13:

HF 8:30am - †Marvin & Betty Grams

Pathstone 10:15am - †Rita Heller

Friday, Dec 14:

SJW 12:05pm - †Katy Jakobe

Saturday, Dec 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent

SJW 5:00pm - †Carol Breiter Stecker

Sunday, Dec 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

HF 8:30am - For the Parishioners

SJW 10:30am - †Angeline Winkleman

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Congratulations to Mike Kluck the "301" winner of \$100 for Dec 1!

This Week at a Glance

Mon. 12/10: 1:00pm Mission Knitting Group - SJW
2:30pm Girls on the Run - SJW GYM

Tues. 12/11: 8:30am Bible Study - HF
6:30pm Bible Study - SJW

Wed. 12/12: 4:00pm 1st Reconciliation Centers - SJW GYM
5:30pm Simple Supper - SJW
6:00pm Faith Formation - SJW
6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Centers - HF
6:30pm Faith Formation - HF
7:00pm Youth Choir - SJW

Thurs. 12/13: 2:30pm Girls on the Run - SJW GYM
6:30pm Choir Practice - SJW

Sat. 12/15: 4:15pm Confessions - SJW

Sun. 12/16: 8:00am Confessions - HF
1:00pm Communal Reconciliation @ St John's
2:00pm Pageant Practice - SJW

Stewardship Corner...

Thought of the Month...

**Find out how much God has given you
and from it take what you need;
the remainder is needed by others.**

-Augustine

Parish & Area Announcements

HILLCREST CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The gifts for the Hillcrest residents need to be brought to church by this weekend, December 9, after the 10:30 Mass. It is very important that all gifts are returned so no resident is forgotten at the Christmas party. If you have questions or are unable to bring your gift to church by this Sunday, please call Nancy Hallett at 387-5245.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY - Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month -- nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. He/she truly a miracle. He began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies that you cared enough to pray for him/her and his/her mother.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS - Calvary Cemetery is now taking orders for Christmas wreaths to be placed on your loved ones grave. To order call Terry Miller at 995-1010.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE - The Knights of Columbus Christmas tree lot is now located at 237 Belgrade Avenue between Arizona Olive Oil Co., 2 Pins Bakery, by Tony Friesen and Y Barbers. Throughout the holiday season, the lot will be open 4:00-8:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends. Your support of the Knights of Columbus is greatly appreciated and helps us fund a variety of charitable efforts in your community. Thank you!



Loyola Catholic School

Phone: 388-0600, Website: loyolacatholicschool.org
Adam Bemmels PreK-12 Principal

Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12). Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org. Contact Angela at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

Save the Date!

Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10am, Holy Rosary Parish

We wish each of you a prayerful and joyful **season of Advent**. Loyola students participate in weekly Advent prayer services. Younger students collect baby items for **Birthingright**; older students provide **Christmas Basket gifts** requested by families in our local parishes.

Grades 3-12 celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** last week. We thank Fathers Reker, Fogal, Olsem and Schneider for this opportunity.

Ninth graders made their annual **Respect Retreat**, led by Youth Frontiers, on Thursday.

Our high school **Concert Choir** presented their Advent/Christmas concert on Friday evening in the Sisters' chapel. **Check online for our other concerts.**

We continue to use **Top 20** concepts, helping all to be their best and creating a culture in which we daily acknowledge each person's dignity, worth and purpose.

Want to **volunteer** at school? Call us! 388.0600

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education**, **Hy-Vee receipts**, and **Milk Moola labels**.

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible.

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Office Phone.....388-3766
Parish Email.....office@sjwhf.org
FAX.....388-2101
SJW Prayer Chain.....Joan: 388-5986
HF Prayer Chain.....Margaret: 317-4785
Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor
Deacon John Rudd - Pastoral Associate
Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities
Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Connie Wallin - Director of Religious Education
Kathy Moldan - HF Rel. Ed. Coord./Office Asst.
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Deacon John in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

Prayers for Healing

Dennis Owen, Richard Johnson, John Allen,
Jerry Schultz, George Larson, Tom B.

Bulletin Brought to you by:



Email bulletin notices to office@sjwhf.org by Tuesday at noon.



(SJW) Last week: 27 lbs. Items needed this week: Christmas Meal Supplies.

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