

Holy Family & Epiphany B, Dec 31, 2023 & Jan 7, 2024

DAILY EUCHARIST

Sat, 12-30, StA 5:00 pm (Jane Althoff) Sun, 12-31, StsPP 8:30 am (†Arlin Schultz) Sun, 12-31, StA 10:45am (Parishioners)



Mon, New Year's Day, StA 10:30 am (†Joe Boyle) (This year, not a feast of obligation)

Tue, 1-2, 6^{pm}, SSPP (†Herb & Lilian Reiland)
Weds, 1-3, 6^{pm}, StA (†John Heitkamp)

Thu-Fri No Masses

We Welcome Fr. Jimmy Tui For our Epiphany Masses

Sat, 1-6, StA 5:00pm (†Doris Ann Reimann)
Lector: Joe Braun / Usher: Joe Erbes

Sun, 1-7, StsPP 8:30am (Parishioners)
Lector: Terry Goerger / Usher: Nick Foertsch
Servers: Volunteers / Gifts: JoAnne Jentz

Sun, 1-7, StA 10:45am (Christian Mothers)
Lector: Alyson Krier / Usher: Jaxson & Jeff E.
Servers: Serenity & Bentlee / Gifts: Jeff Erbes Family

No Weekday Masses

2nd Sun in Ordinary Time

Sat, 1-13, StA 5:00 pm (†Vince Humble)

Lector: Neil Hipp / Usher: Joe Braun

Servers: Xavior M. & Rogan E./ Gifts: Yoney Fobb Fam

Sun, 1-14, StsPP 8:30 am

(Deceased Members, the Arnhalt Fam^{ly})

Lector: Kenny Mauch / Usher: Jeff Mauch Servers: Volunteers / Gifts: Greg & Barb Lingen

Sun, 1-14 StA 10:45 am (Parishioners)

Lector: Chance Pausch / Usher: Brian & Patrick Boyle Servers: Orin & John B. / Gifts: Brian Boyle Family

St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; SS PP—Sun, 8 am.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON continues with this wkend celebrating the Holy Family and next wkend Epiphany. It's a double bulletin, since I'm leaving this coming wk for a nephew's wedding in Oklahoma, then traveling to Ohio to visit my parents (Mom, 83; Dad, 86) and drive from Akron, OH to Lexington, KY to attend a planning ses-

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Jake Fuller, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Loran Palmer, Kate Cook.

Intercessory prayer asks "on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one's enemies" CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

- sion with the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests, which I serve as a member of their Leadership
- ◆ Team. Any chance this 2 wks with one bulletin thing
- could catch on? Let me
- ▲ know. ©

This wkend, we'll listen to a special piece of mu-

◆ sic, which is a lullaby for parents by The Porter's Gate. It's called Every Mother, Every Father. The lyrics are simple, and here they are—in case you wish to look it up yourself on YouTube for another listen.



Every mother / Every father

Called to raise up / Son or daughter

May your heart be patient / May your mind be clear

May our God be with you / And calm your fear

May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph watch over our families, guard our homes, making them places where Christian life can flourish.

Last Week's Giving

Mooreton: Plate \$287.10 Children \$65 Envelopes \$2975



Mantador: Plate \$433 Envelopes: \$1,480 A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who sent their pastor a gift or card for Christmas. It certainly warms my ♥. Sorry I can't



send each of you a personal Thank You. I'm sincerely grateful for the privilege to share this Earthly Pilgrimage with you, and that includes, too, all those who did not send a greeting, either because 'it's not your thing' or because I'm not your style of pastor. "God alone is Good" (Mk 10:18). The best we can do is serve God and one another with our daily level best & keep trying. Let's embrace the New Year as fellow servants of Christ—whom the Magi sought with gusto and whom Mary & Joseph surrounded with unwavering TLC. The Joy of this shared Faith eclipses all our differences and propels us forward.

A GOD WHO BLESSES. The wk before Christmas, the Vatican allowed for spontaneous blessings of people in "irregular situations" to include same-sex relationships. For those with questions, please read the document, Fiducia Supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings. It's about the universal reach of God's Love. As all the best commentators noted, there's been no doctrinal shift. The declaration actually goes out of its way to

point out that the Church's doctrine about marriage is left intact: "Therefore, rites and prayers that could create confusion between what constitutes marriage — which is the 'exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to the generation of children' — and what contradicts it are inadmissible. This conviction is grounded in the perennial Catholic doctrine of marriage; it is only in this context that sexual relations find their natural, proper, and fully human meaning. The Church's doctrine on this point remains firm."

What Pope Francis intends here is to give priority to how Catholic teaching affects people's real lives. His program for reform does not touch on changing Church teaching but works to make Church life as accessible as possible to everyone.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & ADULT EDUCATION. This week, we have Eucharistic Adoration and Adult Edu. Adoration at 5pm;

Mass at 6pm; around 6:30pm fellowship, a meal (if someone desires to sign up) and an episode of Robert Barron's *Catholicism* video series. In Mantador on Tue; Mooreton on Weds.

This wk, Episode III: "THAT THAN WHICH NOTHING GREATER CAN BE THOUGHT -THE INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF GOD" After Fr Barron considers the Mystery of God, he lets the Catholic tradition speak to the challenging question of evil & the existence of God. Barron will also invite us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes his way to mysterious Istanbul, walks the streets of Paris and then captivates the viewer with the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.





HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Did you hear about the guy who made a New Year's resolution to read more? He figured out closed captioning & added subtitles to his T.V.

2 WKS AGO, we had a strange happening at St. Anthony's. One of the cruet's handles just detached, sending the vessel to the hard pavement. The shattering caught everyone's attention. Were there a few giggles? This past Friday, Luke Mauch showed up at my door with 2 beautiful new cruets.

And it wasn't even his fault, ☺. Thanks Luke!



Keeping God's House Beautiful, January

Sts PP: *Donna Thiel, Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen, Cindy Reiland

St A: Mary Erbes, Alyson Krier, *Kirstin Erbes, Jeri Pausch, Anita Onchuck, Tiffany Carlson

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS, ST A 10:30 AM ADULT EDU, JAN 2—MANTADOR, JAN 3—MOORETON JAN 4-12, FR. MICHAEL IS AT A WEDDING, CONFERENCE, & A VISIT TO HIS PARENTS IN OHIO

JAN 14, MOORETON PARISH COUNCIL APPRECIATION SUP PER, COTEAU DES PRAIRIES LODGE, 4:30 PM JAN 21, MANTADOR PARISH COUNCIL APPRECIATION SUP

PER, BARNEY PUB, 4:30 PM FEB 14, ASH WEDS

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THIS WEEK'S **CELEBRATIONS:**

Hannah Storbakken, Michelle Johnson, Dale Althoff, Denise Heitmanek, Janice Ward, Chester Glynn, Richard Mauch, Rogan Erbes, Sheree Foertsch, Taylor Allmendinger, Anita Onchuck

> Q: What goes up and never comes down? A: Your age.

Also, this just in, statistics show that those who have the most birthdays, live the

Thomas & Terrie Breuer, Seth & Anna Harlas, Andrew & Bethany Mauch

