

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

Mass Schedule:

St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon
Sunday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:30 am

Parish Confession:

Sunday at 8 am or by appointment

St. Isidore the Farmer, Springville:

Saturday, 5 pm - Tuesday & Thursday 8 am

St. John Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
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7 am - 3:30 pm

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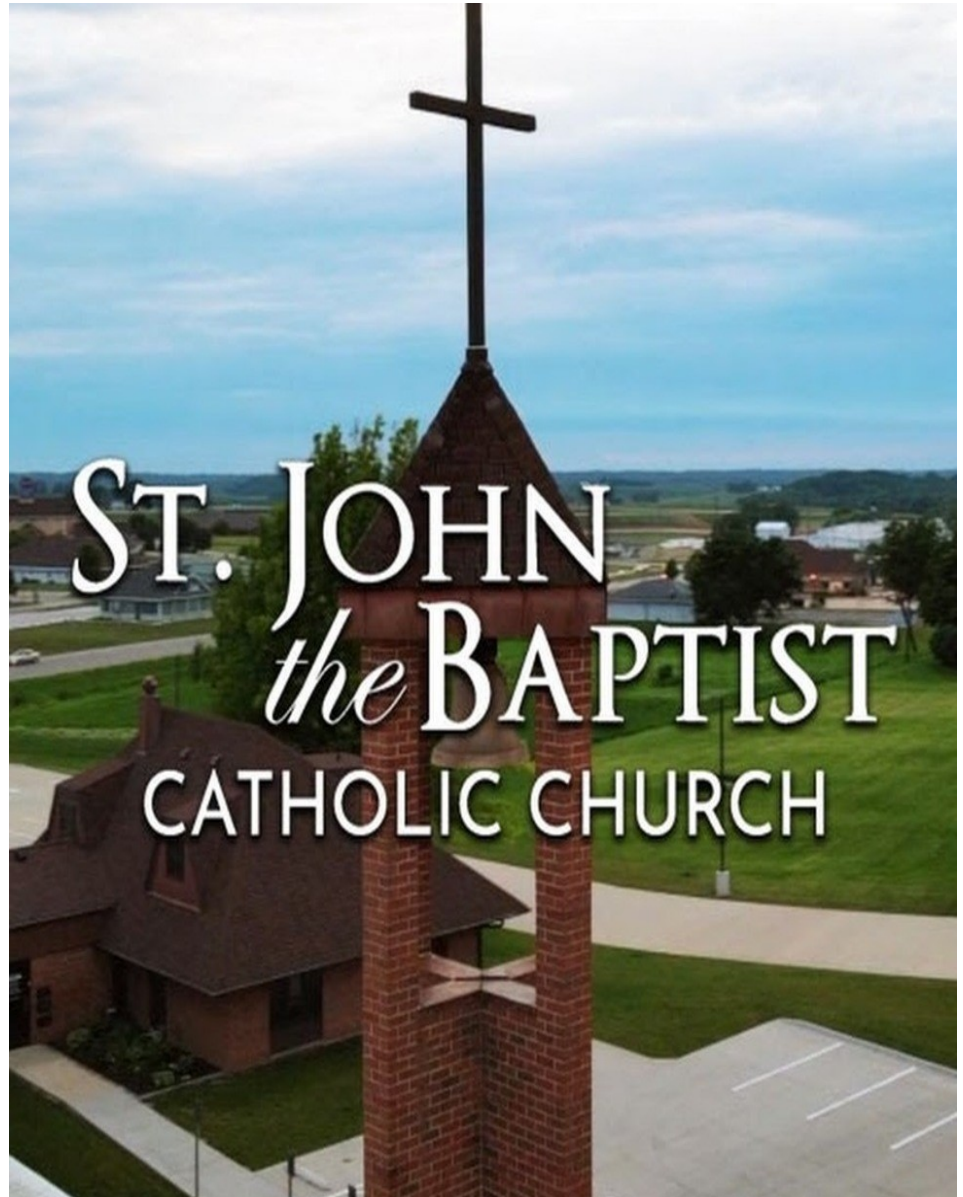
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*December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

Young Adults, there will be an opportunity for you to gather for prayer and fellowship the morning of January 16th. Following our 8:30 am Mass. St. John's Choir will be featuring, **Catholic Jam**, they will lead us with fun, well-known Catholic songs. Catholic Jam is a blend of our St. John Choir and students. All ages are welcome to participate in the Catholic Jam music and prayer gathering. Following the Catholic Jam music and prayer gathering there will be a **Young Adult Prayer and Fellowship Gathering** in the Parish Hall/Lower level. The young adult (Age 18 to 30ish) gathering will go until noon.

*Deanna Wagner, Youth & Young Adults Ministry
Theresa Sundstrom, Music Coordinator*

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship the Gospels of Christ is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

***The Staff of St. John the Baptist
Wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas***

*Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah
Loraine Kula
Linda Hansmeier
Deanna Wagner
Theresa Sundstrom
Gary Kula*

Donation for Christmas Flower

From the Clark family:

In memory of Irvin and Louise Clark

David Hoagland:

In memory of Kathleen Hughes-Hoagland

From the Pisarik family:

In memory of Raphael and Elizabeth Pisarik and Pat Pisarik

Patty Lynch in memory of :

Margaret and James Lynch, and deceased members of the McNulty and Lynch families

From the Smith Family:

In memory of Dudley and Adrienne Smith

Dan and Theresa Cox family:

In loving memory of Megan Cox Klaus

Steve McElmeel and family:

In loving memory of Doris McElmeel

Dean and Kathy Mallie:

In memory of John and Bertha Mallie and Carl Klinsky

Dean and Nyla McCall:

In memory of Anna and Pres McCall

Dennis and Judy Modrocek:

In memory of Otto and Bernice Munn

Sandra and Mike Wolrab:

In memory of Dorothy and Don Shaffer

In memory of Milo and Mary Wolrab

Diane Zinkula

In memory of Bob and Mary Zinkula

Julann Clark family:

In memory of Kara Ann Clark

Gary and Loraine Kula:

In memory of John J and Loraine Huber

In memory of Ralph and Geraldine Kula

In loving memory of Paul and Benjamin Huber

In memory of Rev. James J. Duster and Beth Smith



Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, December 21st

12 pm - 4 pm: Private Confession
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Private Confession

Wednesday, December 22nd

NO FAITH FORMATION

7 pm - 9 pm - Adoration

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25th

9:00 am - Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 26th

8:30 am - Mass
NO FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Ministers December 26, 2021

Sacristan: Jim Kendall
EM: Pam Kraus Joe Lynott
Dave Klostermann Marylynn Murray
Lectors: Youth
Servers: Landon Stolte Selah Loyd
Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
Brett & Diane Kimm
Dean & Kathy Mallie

Wednesday, December 22nd

8:30 am - Special Intention

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm - Doris McElmeel

Saturday, December 25th

9:00 am - Jerry & Agnes Litz (Note Time)

Sunday, December 26th

8:30 am - John & Annice Lane



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Merry Christmas

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