

HOLY CROSS

Catholic Church

December 6, 2020



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Mission Statement: *Holy Cross Catholic Church is a faith community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive for holiness and growth in our faith as we serve those around us.*
Adopted 2013

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm	Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 12:15 pm	Adoration Mondays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Reconciliation Monday - Friday 11:45 am - 12:15 pm Sat 3:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am
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WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, first Eucharist, confirmation and marriage.

Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

MARRIAGE:

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

BAPTISM CLASS:

Scheduled as needed. Please call the office to register for a date and time.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday by 5:00 pm in writing or email
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

RCIA:

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are interested in learning more about the teachings of the faith, please call the parish office at 282-7217.

HOLY CROSS MOBILE APP:



The Holy Cross mobile app is available to download. Find us in the app store. Search My Parish App. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or confession, and much more.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Broden Frolek	Tom Sauvageau
Angie Hawkins	Mary Jo Bergman
Lars Dyrdaahl	David & Charlotte Peterson
Carolyn Peterson	Rosi & Elroy Odegard
Patty & Clif Nelson	Roni Smart
Linda Malo	Frank Volk
Mary Hansen	Judy Elless
Joni	Al Lenertz
Matt Petersen	Rita Wentz
Kristy Delorme	Richard Elless
Jackie Reuter	Darren Hodny
Crystal Allard	Bill Harbeck
Pat Plemel	Leo Blotsky
Jared & Judy Zins	
Claudia Gray	
Charles Richter	

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name.

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 282-7217.

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Remember in prayer:

Major Diann Olson, Captain Dixie Klein Aune, Stefani Nistler, Major Liea Misialek, Daniel Lee Cariveau, Specialist E4 Brandon Clifton, Nick Allred & Chandler Haut, SSG Stephanie Burdick Thielges, SFC William Burdick, SGT Jakob Burdick, SFC Fielding Olson, Anthony Heise, David Morse, Technical Sgt E6 Andres Gonzalez, Technical Sgt E6 Leah Gonzalez, Tech Sergeant Chris Harris., E4 Brandon Smith, Patrick Eldridge, Brian Richter, Lieutenant Commander Kevin Furst, Jacob Haring.

If any family has people in the Armed Services that they would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY	Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
SUNDAY	Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28

EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 7th - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - 11:00 am	WOW Bible Study (Church)
9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Adoration (Chapel)
11:45 am	Confessions
11:50 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
6:00 pm	WOW Bible Study (Multipurpose Room)
7:00 pm	Holy Day Vigil Mass

TUESDAY, December 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45 am	Trinity Mass
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Mother's Rosary Group (Multipurpose Room)
11:45 am	Confessions
11:50 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
5:30 pm	Holy Day Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 9th

11:45 am	Confession
11:50 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
7:00 pm	That Man is You (Rectorry)

THURSDAY, December 10th

6:00 pm	That Man is You (Multipurpose Room)
11:45 am	Confessions
11:50 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	AHG Troop Meeting (Multipurpose Room, Church, Hallway)
7:00 pm	Wild Game Feed Meeting (Fr's Office)

FRIDAY, December 11th

11:45 am	Confessions
11:50 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)

SATURDAY, December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
3:30 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Rosary
4:30 pm	Mass
5:30 pm	Kirby baptism after Mass

SUNDAY, December 13th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 am	Confessions
7:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales (Bus Barn)
12:15 pm	RCIA (Multipurpose Room)
6:00 pm	Mass

MONDAY, December 7th

12:15 pm	Priest's Intention
7:00 pm	Priest's Intention

TUESDAY, December 8th

8:45 am	Priest's Intention <i>Trinity Mass</i>
12:15 pm	Priest's Intention
5:30 pm	Priest's Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 9th

12:15 pm	+Davie Stahlecker, Jr by Barb Stockstad
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THURSDAY, December 10th

12:15 pm	Priest's Intention
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FRIDAY, December 11th

12:15 pm	Collin Trottier by Gloriann & Todd Trottier
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SATURDAY, December 12th

4:30 pm	+Marie & Tom Flynn by Patrick Flynn
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SUNDAY, December 13th

7:30 am	Bridget & Shane Fross by the Prindiville family
9:00 am	+Char Lacher by David Lacher
11:00 am	+Luella Emmil by the Emmil family
6:00 pm	Holy Cross Catholic Community

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY
December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day (this year not a holy day of obligation because of the pandemic).

Masses for the Holy Day are:

Monday, December 7th at 7:00pm;

Tuesday, December 8th at 12:15pm and 5:30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL OPENING

Parish Council Member vacancy: Are you interested in serving on the Parish Council? We have a vacancy. It meets monthly at 7:00 AM on a Thursday. Please contact Fr Phil if you are willing to serve. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



A Need for Repentance

We need repentance. I was so inspired about a story of a man who loved to play golf. Like most, he was always interested in improving his golf game. But for seven years, **he didn't play a single game. He didn't even touch a golf club or stepped onto a** course. During those seven years, he came up with a way to improve his game. When he finally played golf, he slashed his strokes from 94 to 74! This man was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for seven years in solitary confinement. Every day, he envisioned playing golf. He studied the game in his mind. He would spend 4 hours a day envisioning how to improve his game. It worked!

As we reflect on the Gospel of the Second Week of Advent, let us spend time envisioning the Kingdom of Heaven. John the Baptist says **"Repent!"** I never put the words **"penitentiary"** and **"repentance"** together before. A penitentiary is a place, hopefully, to repent and to change one's ways. We are encouraged to repent during this Season of Advent. We are called to change our ways.

We had our Parish Advent Penance Service last Tuesday. However, there are additional Reconciliation **Services in the area. They are listed in today's bulletin. We also have confessions before our Daily Masses,** 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and 7:30 AM Sunday Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to repent!

During this penitential season, let us envision the Kingdom of God. Let us see how we can change what is not good in us. God blesses us with what we need to repent.

Project Genesis

Last weekend, Bob Noel spoke of the desperate need for the poor children in Guatemala. He is Fr Riley's uncle. Bob, Fr Riley and a few others will travel to Guatemala in January to bring our donations to relieve their suffering. Those traveling will pay for their own expenses. A 100% of all donations are given directly to our brothers and sisters in need. Contribution envelopes and information are available in the church entry.

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www.holycrosswestfargo.com

We also send out a weekly email update. To get on our email list, send a message to:
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
in the Chapel

Adorers Needed:

10:00 am - 11:00 am

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Please call Arlene Schneider at 701- 541-7834
or email aschneider@far.midco.net to sign up for a time.

ANGELIC LETTERS BOOK SALE

Looking for a great Christmas gift? The Catholic Daughters are offering a Christmas special on the Angelic Letters series of books. If you purchase the entire set of seven books, you will get the 7th book for free! Instead of \$140, it will be \$120! What a great way to pass the time with COVID!

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Ione Torborg

Mother of Lori (Kevin) Hengel

Grandmother of Josh Hengel

Grandmother of Melanie (Eric) O'Toole

Mary Fettig

Sister of Darlene (Jim) Soucy

Aunt of Tom (Penne) Soucy

Aunt of Linda (Vern) Schroeder

Dan Feland

Brother-in-law of Toni (Kevin) Muffenbier

Brother-in-law of Corrine (Lonnie) Hager

Frank Volk

Father of Sheryl (Kevin) Mears

Katherine Lemer

Sister of Barbara Wolf

Brayden Grunewald

Grandson of Julie & Brett Grunewald

David Havelange

Father of Brian Havelange

Eugene Heise

Brother of Harvey (Rosemary) Heise

Uncle of Jackie (Mike) Schindler

Uncle of Chris (Monica) Heise

Judy Eaton

Mother of Matthew Eaton (Meghan Smith)

COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

All services are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Other Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Sunday, December 6 - Holy Spirit - 4 pm

Wednesday, December 9 - St Maurice (Kindred)

Thursday, December 10 - Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, December 13 - **St. Ben's (Wild Rice)** - 4 pm

Monday, December 14 - St. Anthony

Tuesday, December 15 - Sts. Anne & Joachim

Thursday, December 17 - Nativity

Sunday, December 20 - **St. Mary's Cathedral** - 4 pm

Monday, December 21 - **St. Leo's (Casselton)**

WILD GAME FEED

Last year the Wild Game Feed raised \$10,000 for the Alpha Christian Children's Orphanage in Perry KS. The money will be used for helping fund a building addition. Thank you for your support of the Wild Game Feed and having an impact on lives of children at the orphanage. This year the Wild Game Feed takes on a different look due to COVID restrictions. The event will not have a meal with wild game fare, but will have a raffle, chance baskets and silent auction. The raffle will include the following prizes; shotgun, rifle, bow, golf clubs and pistol. The chance baskets will include the following themes; fishing, hunting, camping, golf and hiking.

We are seeking donation towards the raffle prizes, chance baskets and silent auction. Prizes can be dropped off at the church office starting in January. Or if you have questions please contact Jonathan Aal 701.552.0961 or Willie Gartner 701.799.601. Tickets will go on sale in January.

Thanks for your continued support.
Wild Game Feed planning committee

Holy Cross Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Christmas trees will be for sale by the Holy Cross Catholic Church bus barn located at 2820 Bluestem Drive, West Fargo.

TREES WILL BE FOR SALE:

Opening Friday, November 27th

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturdays

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Sundays

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Monday - Friday

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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Knudson

*Check out our website: www.kofc9642.org
for activities and more information!*

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council
#9642 meets on the 2nd Monday of every month
starting at 7pm. Watch the bulletin for location.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020

According to IRS regulations, if a donor wants to
claim a contribution as charitable deduction for
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postmarked by December 31, 2020. If you have
questions, please call Penne in the church office at
282-7217.



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- To promote love of God, church and country.
- To share your talents, gain leadership skills and develop new friendships.

All women ages 18+ are welcome to join.

Next Meeting: January 28th at 7:00 pm

Want more information? Call Lisa at 701-799-2397

HELP NEEDED

Holy Cross is looking for volunteer receptionists to
be at our front desk Monday - Friday 8 am - Noon &
1 pm - 5 pm.

Duties include:

- Answering phone
- Greeting visitors
- Helping staff with projects as needed

Call the church office at 282-7217 with questions or
to sign up for a shift!



Fill the church with beauty!

With a donation, you can give a Christmas flower in the name of a
family member. Please return this form to the office or in the
Sunday collection basket. If you use the envelope, please note the
name of the family member you want remembered.

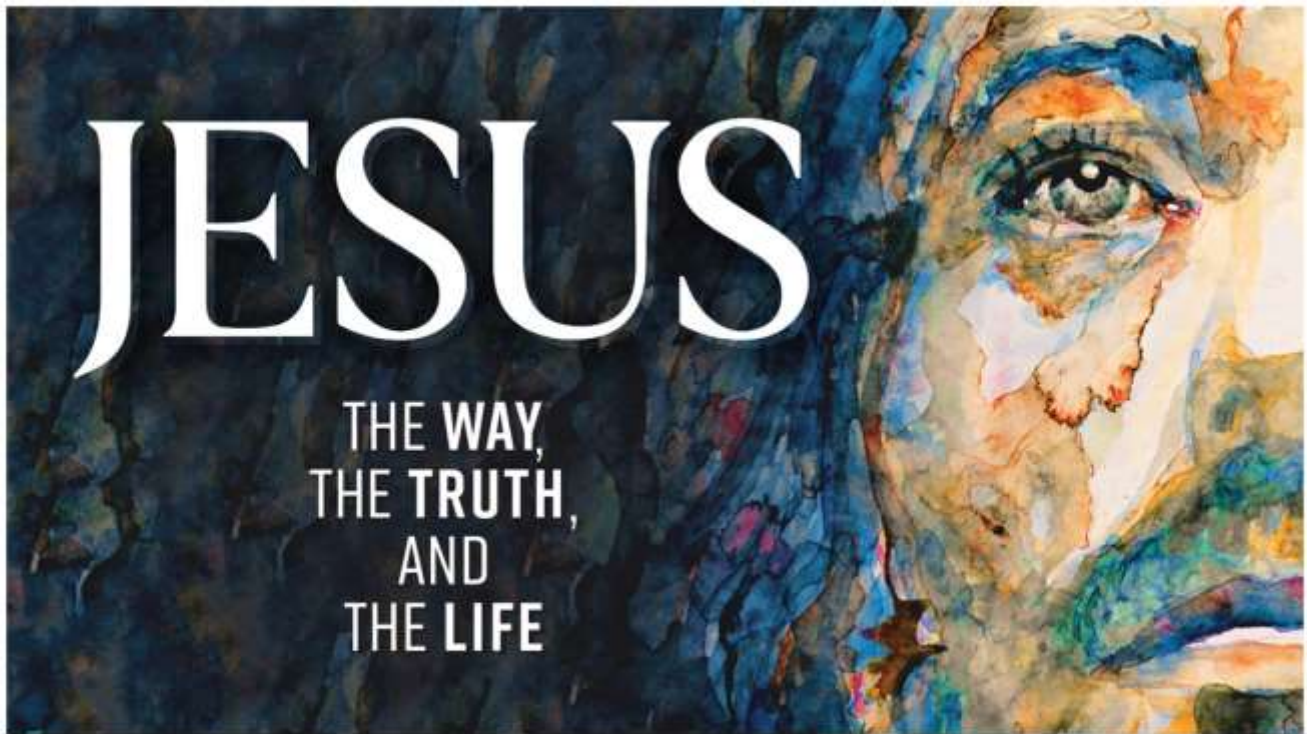


Your Name _____

The flower given in memory of _____

If you have already donated funds towards Christmas flowers and would like to designate it in
memory of someone, please call Penne Soucy (282-7217) at the church office.





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Cost: \$35.00

Return this form with payment to the church office.

STARTS JANUARY 11TH - 10 WEEK STUDY

Mondays at 9 am or 6 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18TH

I would like to register for: ☐ Monday 9 am morning session

☐ Monday 6 pm evening session

Name

Email Address

Phone #

Payment to: Holy Cross

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH

Donated by:

Kathy Schaefer
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CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Men Meeting Jesus



Eat, Pray and Socialize with the Guys

Thursday, December 17th



6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Adoration & Confessions

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Talk with short discussion

**Blessed Sacrament
510 5th Ave W
West Fargo, ND**

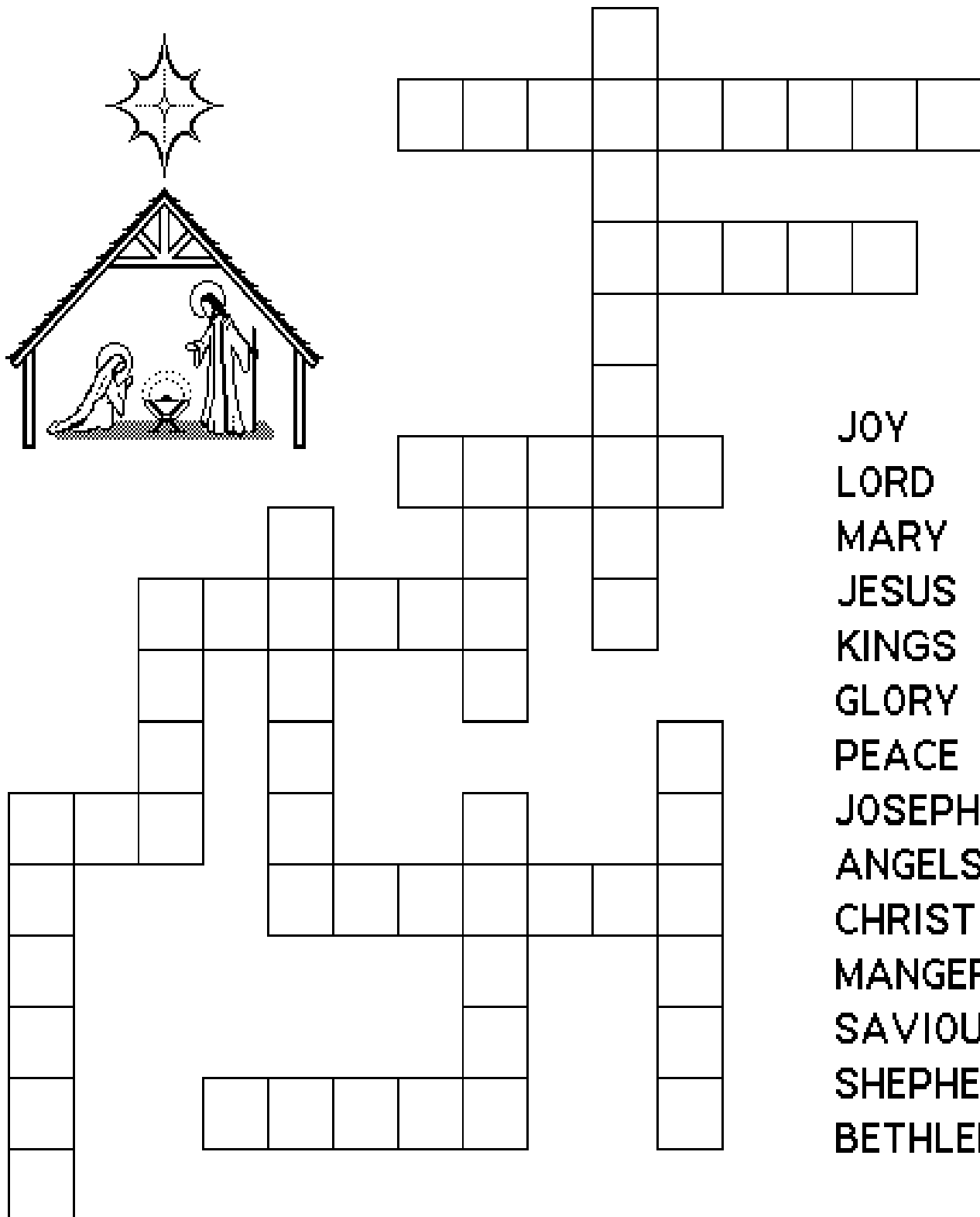
All area churches are invited!

Grab a Friend!

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.

Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

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Save yourself sometime this Christmas and do one stop shopping with JPII SCRIP gift cards. Gift cards are available for purchase at Hurley's Religious Goods, Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and Saturdays 9 to 1.

You may contact Janelle Pederson at janelle.pederson@jp2schools.org or 701-371-0512 for more information.

PT Accounting Clerk

Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for a part-time (10-20 hours per week) accounting clerk in the Parish Service Department. This position provides bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes within our diocese. Duties will include accounts payable, bank deposits, payroll, records management and other financial needs and priorities that the parishes may have. The successful candidate will have an accounting degree and two plus years of experience. Email cover letter, resume and three references to: barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org. Application deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021.

REDEEMED *Trusted Sisters* Women's Conference:

The REDEEMED Women's Conference has been rescheduled for February 19-20, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Featured speakers will include Dr. Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, Marcie Stockman (foundress of Well Read Mom), and Andrea Thomas of the Vigil Project. The event will also include performances and worship led by the Vigil Project. This conference will be available to attend both in person as well as via livestream. More information is available at fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen.

Join FM Intentional Disciples for our December Virtual Disciples Night

While there is much turmoil and suffering in the world right now, nothing can conquer or defeat God's amazing grace. This month we are joined by Deacon Larry Oney, President of Hope and Purpose Ministries, who will share his powerful story of healing and reconciliation through the mercy and love of Jesus. Deacon Larry will describe seven moments of unexpected grace that radically transformed his life. Only Jesus can bring about the full healing, peace, and freedom our world desires to experience, and Deacon Larry is living proof of that! Find more information and registration at facebook.com/fmintentionaldisciples or fmintentionaldisciples.com/events.

Women's Care Center has an opening for a part-time nurse or sonographer. Seeking special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

Resource Teacher – JPII Elementary/Middle School (Full or Part-Time)

Candidate must be qualified to teach Elementary students (grades K- 8). Candidate will serve as coordinator for the Student Resource Team & Response to Intervention. Candidate must have knowledge of curriculum development and be able to effectively communicate with students, staff and parents. We are looking for someone with a passion for Catholic education and strengths in literacy and math instruction. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain current ND Educator's Professional License. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. Submit cover letter, resume, completed certified application, three letters of recommendation and transcripts to Human.Resources@jp2schools.org.

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