

Come Worship With Us! 521 Juneau St. Kewaunee WI

**December 26, 2021**S I N C E 1 8 6 3

~We Welcome New Members~



## Liturgies for this Week

Monday, December 27

No Liturgies

## Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

## Wednesday, December 29

No Mass

## Thursday, December 30

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

## Friday, December 31

**No** Adoration

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary

### Saturday, January 1

10:15 am Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary

2:45 - 3:45 pm Holy Hour

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary

## Sunday, January 2

9:45 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:15 am Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary



# For the Week of December 19, 2021

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the parish support for the week of December 19th, will be reported in the January 2, 2022 bulletin.





## This Week . . .

Wednesday, December 29 - NO Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 29 - NO RCIA

Thursday, December 30 - Bible Study

6:30 pm Fr. Mike Hall

Saturday, January 1 - Holy Hour

2:45 - 3:45 pm

**Sunday, January 2 -** Children's Liturgy at the 10:15 AM Mass

## **Altar Servers**

Friday, December 31 4:00 pm Hayden Thor & Spencer Messmann Saturday, January 1 10:15 am Olive Kolmorgen & Isabella VanGothem Saturday, January 1 4:00 pm Alexandria Steiner & Emily Wavernik Sunday, January 2 10:15 am Rylee Dax & Kile Gerold

### Lectors

Friday, December 31 4:00 pm Debbie Wisnicky Saturday, January 1 10:15 am James Joski Saturday, January 1 4:00 pm Joe Steiner Sunday, January 2 10:15 am Linda Porter

## Music

Friday, December 31 4:00 pm Shirley, Ken & Dale

Saturday, January 1 10:15 am OPEN
Saturday, January 1 4:00 pm Mary & Jim
Sunday, January 2 10:15 am Festival Choir

## Ministers of Hospitality

Friday, December 31 4:00 pm Dick & Becky Paplham

Mary & Paul Berkovitz

Saturday, January 1 10:15 am Butch Guns & Tom Stangel

Kurt Van Den Plas & Dave Blowawiak

Saturday, January 1 4:00 pm Oscar & Donna Moran

Becky & Dick Paplham

Sunday, January 2 10:15 am Whitey & Robin Vandermoss

James Schaller & Francis Wojta

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

The Parish Office is Closed:
December 30 and 31



## **Mass Time Change:**

## Reminder: our Saturday Mass Time starting on January 1, 2022 is at 4PM

### Reminder:

The IRS requires donations to be received on or before December 31, 2021. Due to the parish office closure for the holiday all contributions for a 2021 deduction must be received in the parish office by Wednesday, December 29th. Checks mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2021 will be included.

Any donations received after this date will be applied to 2022. Thank you!

Father Jim is grateful for all the Christmas greetings and gifts he has received from you parishioners in spite of his being so part-time with us. His prayer is that you may all be much blessed in the New Year for your kindness to him.

### January 1st - World Day of Peace



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The celebration of Christmas is past; the New Year is right around the corner. Let's pause and look around us.

January 2021: We had hopes and fears for the year ahead. Perhaps you hoped with me that things would "normalize" a bit – but does that ever happen? We hoped for improvements while fearing what Covid might still do. Things continue to be bleak in that department! If Covid were not enough, awful things cling as we walk out of this year and toward the next: the awful events at the Waukesha Christmas parade, the school shootings in Oxford, MI and elsewhere, devastation suffered from tornadoes by our neighbors south of here, myriads of refugees and migrants digging and clawing to get free from atrocities and stifling poverty. Along with this comes the confusion out of this year's elections: an attack on our American democracy (which a year ago seemed pretty secure). I would love to leave all that behind on New Year's Eve but much of it will precede us into 2022. Ugh!

But please don't stop reading this letter here! Know we are being tempted (pay attention to that word tempted; you know who the Tempter is!) to give up, which brings up another serious problem. Many people have given up and have given in to suicide. Will we find hope in the New Year?

Yes! But we have to look outside ourselves for the answer. Over 2000 years ago, God sent a Savior to help us deal with the situations we face today. This same Jesus is as available to us as He was to Peter, James and John. This same Jesus wants to reach out to us as He reached out to the Samaritan woman, the demoniac from who He exorcised legions of demons, the thief on an adjacent cross who asked to be accepted into Jesus' Kingdom. The message of Christmas: a Child born in a barn changed the world!

Bishop Ricken challenges all of us to become "missionary disciples." What that means is that we have to open the barn doors and carry that Baby outside with us. Babies are signs that God has hope for our world. Baby Jesus is our hope! Show Him your concerns and fears. Listen when He says, "Do not be afraid." Pay attention when the grown-up Jesus says, "Love God with your whole heart and soul – and your neighbor as yourself." (He knows that can be hard!) Take his word as a personal call. Better! Take His instruction as an invitation to walk as one with Him wherever you go in the year ahead – and with everyone you meet. When you feel really tested (or have failed), pray. Pray first for forgiveness. Make no excuses for your unloving words or actions. Then pray that God blesses the person you failed.

Do you know what? 2022 can be (will be!) a wonderful year, even if we have to dance a little to keep from being enveloped by those who prefer to lurk in the dark! *Father Jim* 





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