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# Nativity of Our Lord

Rhineland

# & St. John Pelican Lake



Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 19, 2021



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.” - Lk 1:43-44

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We welcome all newcomers to the area and invite you to join one of our parish communities: Nativity of Our Lord in Rhinelander or St. John in Pelican Lake. As a people of God we are here to serve each other. Please stop at the parish office during office hours to pick up registration forms.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

We are once again at the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we have for our first reading, a prophet who was in Jerusalem, (which was located in the Southern Kingdom). This was the period of time when the Northern Kingdom had been invaded by Asseria and the people had been taken away, most of whom would never be heard from again. Micha, the prophet, was not from the city of Jerusalem, he was from a smaller city not far from the city in the countryside. He had preached against the leaders of the time and was not likely liked at all. But again in today's reading, similar to last week, we have the future prophecies of salvation. Micha speaks about two cities, Bethlehem-Ephrathah which were small and insignificant cities; even in Jesus' time they had a total population of around 300 people according to WF Albright. And evidently in Micah's time they were also small cities, even though it was some 600 years earlier. But what had made Bethlehem so significant? Bethlehem was the city from which came Jesse, the father of King David, the most famous ruler, and a messiah. David had lived about 200 years earlier than Micha. As we see, Micha is looking to the past and recognizing that the future also holds a time when a future messiah, king will once again come and restore Judah to its former glory, and "one, whose greatness shall reach the ends of the earth."

If we now turn to our Gospel, Mary is pregnant with Jesus, and she has traveled roughly 60 miles to the hill country just east of Jerusalem. As she is arriving, Mary's voice reaches the ears of her cousin Elizabeth, and at that moment, the *infant* in her womb leaped for joy! The word *infant* literally means one who can not speak, but evidently he can surely jump. ☺ To connect this with our first reading, this is also the same hill country where King David had left the Ark of the Covenant, some 800 years earlier at the house of a man named Obed-edom. While the Ark was in the presence of the house of Obed-edom, it was being blessed. Now, when King David heard about this, he went and retrieved the Ark. As David brought the Ark up to Jerusalem, the King had danced for Joy, as it says "with all his might." So may the Joy of Our God come to each of us, not only as we hear of Him, but as we become aware of the blessings He brings when we are in His presence. May His gift to us be fulfilled in all of us this coming Christmas Season.

**Fr. Chris**

### Christmas - Mass Times

Friday, December 24 4:00 & 6:00 pm (Nativity)  
Friday, December 24 7:00 pm (St. John)

Saturday, December 25 8:00 & 10:00 am  
(Nativity)

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday: 4:30-5 pm Saturday: 3:15-4:00 pm  
**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament is available upon request by calling the parish office. Please do not wait until it becomes an emergency because a priest may not always be immediately available.

**Baptism:** Baptism preparation should take place well in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to begin at least six months in advance.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions

### † - (In Memory of)

**Saturday, December 18** 3:15 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (livestreamed)

† Tom Wakely by Gloria & Family

**Sunday, December 19** Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Mass

† Rita Chariton by Donna Kohlbeck

9:30 am Mass

† Richard French by DeNamur Family

11:30 am Mass (St. John - Pelican Lake)

For the People of the Parishes

**Monday, December 20**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 21** 4:30 pm Confessions

5:15 pm Mass

† Rita Chariton by Donna Kohlbeck

**Wednesday, December 22**

9:15 am Mass

† Mary Ann Fleury by David & Wendy Fleury

**Thursday, December 23**

8:00 am Mass

† Wilma Lemoine by Stephanie Smith

**Friday, December 24** Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass (livestreamed)

† Andrew Olds by Alan & Laurie Olds

6:00 pm Mass

† For the People of the Parishes

7:00 pm Mass (St. John)

† Harvey Fasbender by Fasbender Family

**Saturday, December 25** Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass

† Ken & Gloria Juetten by Family

10:00 am Mass

† Ed Caron

4:30 pm Mass (livestreamed)

† Sam Bushko by Parents, Mike & Susan and brother, Joe

**Sunday, December 26**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 am Mass

† Betty Birginal by Jim Birginal

9:30 am Mass

† Elizabeth Henry by Family

11:30 am Mass (St. John - Pelican Lake)

For the People of the Parishes

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

## LITURGICAL ROLES ~ DEC. 24 & 25

### Music Ministry

4:00 pm Jan/ Tom/ Dianne/ Julie/ Mary D.

6:00 am Sam/ Bill/ Dan/ Casey/ Laura

8:00 am Mary D./ Theresa/ Maria

10:00 am Ruth/ Mary B./ Trudy

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm J. LeClair/ T. Theilig/ A. Theilig/ Volunteers

6:00 pm J. LeClair/ Volunteers

8:00 am Volunteers

10:00 am N. Levanetz/ Volunteers

### Readers

4:00 pm Charlie Heck

6:00 pm Sheila Widule

8:00 am Ben Berscheit

10:00 am Jeff Levanetz

### Hospitality

4:00 pm T. & A. Theilig/ S. Widule/ B. Freudenberg

6:00 pm J. LeClair/ J. McKenzie/ J. Kubisiak/ Volunteer

8:00 am Volunteers

10:00 am Tom DeValk/ Volunteers

## LITURGICAL ROLES ~ DEC. 25 & 26

### Music Ministry

4:30 pm Ruth/ Maria

7:30 am Sam/ Joseph/ Theresa

9:30 am Mary D./ Mary B./ Bill

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 pm M. Kowieski/ T. Rudolph/ Volunteers

7:30 am J. LeClair/ D. Pierre/ J. Perlberg/ S. Perlberg

9:30 am D. Dolezal/ J. Voborsky/ C. Wenos/ D. Gilman

### Readers

4:30 pm Tom Rudolph

7:30 am Diane Pierre

9:30 am Pat Laska

### Hospitality

4:30 pm Bill Freudenberg/ Volunteers

7:30 am J. LeClair/ J. McKenzie/ J. Kubisiak/ Volunteer

9:30 am R. Brzycki/ M. Patrickus/ S. Schoppe/ T. DeValk





**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED to  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish**  
Schyler James Harvey, son of  
&  
Albert Jawad III & Stefanie Harvey  
**We pray that he may continue to grow in  
the love and Spirit of Christ.**



### *Readings for the Week of Dec. 19*

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  
Wednesday: 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

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent  
Monday:  
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the  
Church  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest  
Friday: Christmas Eve  
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord  
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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### *Director of Faith Formation*

**Barbara Eretto 715-499-1265 [beretto@nativity.me](mailto:beretto@nativity.me)**

**Religious Education News** We will take a break from Religious Education Classes until January. We pray that you and your family will stay healthy and have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank all our Catechists for all that you do for our students as together we lead them and prepare them to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist; the Source and Summit of our Faith.

### **Open Gym Update**

For all students in Grades 6-12 we will resume our open gym on Sunday evenings beginning on January 9. As the winter months are upon us please note that we will not hold an open gym if it is snowing. If you are unsure please text Barbara Eretto at 715-966-9379 for weather related updates.

### **Adult Faith Formation -**

Hope, Peace, Joy, **Love**  
Advent a time for pause, reflection, and preparation for the gift of God's love coming to us through the baby Jesus. We had a busy fall with many adult programs.



Jesus calls us to love one another as I have loved you. As we enter into the last week of Advent, call to mind all the ways God Loves you and how you have grown in your faith because of his love. Love comes last in the four candles around the outside of the Advent Wreath, because love is also the most important of these, and in Advent we are working our way towards the most important aspect of Christmas, which is God's love for us in Christ. How have you experienced God's love this Advent Season?

### **FIAT 90**

Want to dive deeper into your faith? Consider joining us on a 90 day spiritual journey with prayer, fasting and other practices designed to help you grow closer to Jesus through Mary and develop habits to fulfill our mission as daughters of the Most High God. FIAT 90 is such a group. We will begin on February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and conclude on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. For additional information please contact Paula Schneider at: [psmonico921@gmail.com](mailto:psmonico921@gmail.com) or Barbara Eretto at the Parish office.

### **Rhinelanders Lions Club Community Christmas Dinner**

Pick up at the Trig's Deli express entrance.  
Community Christmas Dinner will be ready to pick up from 12-1:30 pm on Saturday, December 25.

*For home delivery call Randy or Linda at  
715-420-0523 before December 24.*  
Contributions can be sent to: Rhinelanders Lions Club,  
PO Box 1005, Rhinelanders, WI 54501  
Due to Covid 19, only home delivery or  
curbside pick-up is available.

*Business Manager Update*  
**Mike DeBay**    [mdebay@nativity.me](mailto:mdebay@nativity.me)

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Catholic Services Appeal**

2021/2022 CSA Goal.....	\$68,961.00
Last year goal exceeded by.....	\$9,937.48
Current year CSA funds pledged to date.....	\$42,248.84
Total.....	\$52,186.32
Percentage of Goal .....	76%

Thank You for your supporting the Catholic Services Appeal!

**PLEASE CONSIDER ELECTRONIC GIVING ~  
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Did you know that you may contribute to Nativity automatically each month via electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account? Many parishioners find this a convenient way to make regular or maintenance fund donations to the parish. If you would like to use electronic funds transfer, please contact the Parish Office at 715-362-3169.



**Have you enjoyed watching Catholic Programming on demand?** It is that time of the year again where we need to begin raising money to help pay for Formed. The cost is \$2000 a year per parish. If you wish to make a donation to help pay for Formed please place it in an envelope and mark it for FORMED and drop it in the donation basket. You may also drop off your donation to the parish office.

**Ministry Schedule - Unavailable dates for Readers, Hospitality & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We are currently working on the Ministry schedule for January/February & March of 2022. Please call or email [pshepard@nativity.me](mailto:pshepard@nativity.me) at the Parish Office with your unavailable weekend Mass dates by December 20.

**St. John - Pelican Lake News**

**Welcome!!** Are you new to St. John? If you would like to register to become a member, please call the Parish Office at 715-362-3169.



\*\*Please note: If you did not receive 2022 Contributions envelopes and would like to, please call the Parish Office.

**Sound System Update: Total amount collected for the new Sound System at St. John's is \$5,103.62. Thank You for your continued support!!**

**ST JOHN Catholic Services Appeal**

2021/2022 CSA Goal.....	\$2,923.00
Current year CSA funds pledged to date.....	\$1990.00
Total.....	\$1990.00
Percentage of Goal.....	68%

Thank You for your support of the Catholic Services Appeal!

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Principal: Mrs. Melanie Nycz

**Scrip** is available for purchase at the Parish Office during regular Parish Office hours. Feel free to pre-order SCRIP by contacting Jacki Quinn at [jquinn@nativity.me](mailto:jquinn@nativity.me) or 715-362-3169. Check the website for a current Scrip form with available increments. Payment options are cash, check or credit card (all credit card orders will have an added 3% processing fee).

**Don't forget to use Scrip for Christmas purchases and to give as stocking stuffers!**



**Nativity School Calendar Raffles are available for purchase at the Parish Office for \$20 each!!**

**Giving Tree - Thank You**



Thank you to everyone that contributed Christmas gifts for our Giving Tree project this year. Through your kindness, over 150 gifts were given to Oneida County families! Your generosity will bring smiles to many children on Christmas morning. The families that picked up gifts were overwhelmed with gratitude by your kindness. Thank you for helping make this project a huge success. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! **Melanie Nycz.**



**Music Ministry**

**Youth Cantor Opportunity**

Are you a youth in Grade 7 -12 and interested in becoming involved in music ministry? If so, this opportunity might be for you! We are going to be offering training to youth who are interested in becoming cantors. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

**Kathy Drinkwine**  
715-718-1110

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.

**Nativity of Our Lord Mission Statement**

**Our Mission** is to be the light of Christ shining in the heart of the community.

**Our Vision** is to be a Eucharistic-centered community committed to holistic Catholic education, new evangelization, and loving service to those in need.

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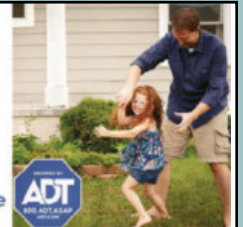
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