

Father Patrick McConnell
Pastor

Father Jayanna Kanna
Sacramental Minister

Father Dennis Meulemans
Retired Priest in Residence

Weekday Masses Dec. 28-31

Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Wednesday.....8:00 am
Thursday.....8:00 am
Friday.....8:00 am

**NEW MASS TIMES BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2022:**

Weekday:

Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am

Weekend:

Saturday.....6:30 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession starting Jan. 8 and all Saturdays to follow will be 5:45-6:15 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass); also: Following weekday Masses for...
First Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm
First Thursday: 9-10 am

Baptism

Parents are urged to have their child baptized as soon as possible. Call the office to schedule a baptism, and for any baptismal prep that may be needed. We ask that you speak with Father before selecting sponsors, to be aware of their requirements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call our parish office if there is a need to receive this Sacrament. We encourage you to be anointed prior to any surgeries.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting to discuss marriage plans, and before making preparations—at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church



The mission of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish is to welcome all to spiritual growth through prayer, worship and ongoing formation. Together, formed in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we will tend to the needs of the entire community.

Mass Schedule for the Week

Tues., Dec. 28, 6:00 pm

† Betty Kauer

Offered by Ray & Mary Ann Schlosser

Wed., Dec. 29, 8:00 am

† Eugene Glenzer (4th ann. of death)

Offered by the Family

Thurs., Dec. 30, 8:00 am

† All Souls

Fri., Dec. 31, 8:00 am

People of Good Shepherd

Fri., Dec. 31, 6:00 pm (Holy Day Mass)

† Bob Eisner

Offered by Friends

Sat., Jan. 1, 9:30 am (Holy Day Mass)

† Emily Niggemann

Offered by Paul & Judy Olson

Sat., Jan. 1, 6:30 pm (New Mass Time)

People of Good Shepherd

Sun., Jan. 2, 9:30 am (New Mass Time)

† Don Biermann (birthday/ann. of death)

Offered by Eileen Biermann & Family

Scripture for this Week

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tues: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Coming Back to Church

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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Offering of Prayers

Jesus, you came to bring healing where it was needed. Therefore, remember our friends in need at this time:

All nursing home residents, Fr. Dennis Meulemans, Fr. Ed Oen, Peter Fuchs, Mike E. Thums, George Dums, Bill Bleck, Carol Bleck, James Clemens, Susan Demers, Carol & Dan Pozanc, Kathy Haas, Jim, Susan Elendt, Marie Kofler Lindwall, Judy & Howard Troyk, Florence Cedzo, Ed Thiel, Arlene Fallos, Phyllis Fuchs, James Dean Gehrig, Robert & Sandra Thums, Ken Walkowski, Karen Olson, Duane & Sharon Jorgensen, Ed Zondlo, Brandi Schafer, Mark Fuchs, Samantha Szalkus, Nancy Nikkila, Karen Pocock, Kylie Orysen, Joe Sautner, Ben Yanko, George Gunderson, Marian Johnson, Duane Draeger, Barb Harmon, Malinda Kathrein, Jenna Denzine, Joshua & Benjamin Metz, Nicole Richardson, Lindsey Dittrich, Steve Spurgeon, Steve Eisner, Richard Weinzatl, Norman Metz, Ruth Martin, Jaxon Klimeck, Bud Brandner, Landon Blomberg, Tammy Blomberg, Cindy Ewoldt, Ali Gardezi, Angela Fiskus, Gayle Murphy, Ronald and Betty Brandner, Eilyn Driscoll, Ben Haenel or those with silent needs.

We never like to hear that people are ill, but especially at Christmas time it is difficult. For all who are ill over the Christmas Season, we ask God to shower them with his holy love and bring them the peace and joy that comes with God's loving grace. We have been asked to pray at this time for Sue (Greg) Thums' brother-in-law, James Clemens, who is in ICU with Covid. For him, and all who suffer from Covid, flu, cancer, depression, disabilities, and a variety of illnesses, we pray to the Lord.



All the Christmas greetings and Christmas blessings to each one of you. I appreciate your kindnesses, concern and love always, but especially during this Christmas Season. May you be blessed in the New Year with good health and long life. God's choicest blessings on you and all your family members.

Father Jayanna Kanna

Ministries For Next Weekend

Reminder to Eucharistic Ministers (EME): Please remember to wash the vessels after Mass as part of your responsibility. Thank you!

Reader I: Announcements/First Reading/Responsorial (if needed);

Reader II: Second Reading/Intercessory Prayers

HOLY DAY MASSES - Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Fri., 6:00 pm:

Reader: Cheryl Eisner; Sacristan: Ginger Henrickson; EME: Greg Dums; Ushers/Counter: Mark/Mary Thums, Ted Eisner; Server: Patrick Matyka

Sat., 9:30 am:

Reader: Pearl Kauer; Sacristan: Debbie Gojmerac; EME: Bonnie Schmidtfranz; Ushers/Counter: Ben Kauer, David Matyka, Lisa Peche

WEEKEND MASSES—Jan. 1-2

Sat., 6:30 pm: Music

Readers: Joe Hebda/Allyson Thieme; Sacristan: Mary B. Thums; EME: Lana Thums; Ushers/Counter: Ben Greiner, Patrick Matyka, Josefa Winnie, Stan Hebda; Server: Aaron Matyka

Sun., 9:30 am: Music

Readers: Pat Gilge, Ken Matyka; Sacristan: Luanne Yanko; EME: Barb Ruesch; Ushers/Counter: Dan Johnson Family; Server: Brady Heiser

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL!

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1 is a holy day. Please note that two Masses are scheduled for this special celebration, as follows:

Fri., Dec. 31, 6 pm;

Sat., Jan. 1, 9:30 am.

Because this holy day falls on a Saturday, it is not a day of obligation. However, we still encourage you to attend if you can!

Mass Changes in 2022

With our new cluster in 2022, comes the changes in our Mass times. They are listed on the cover of this bulletin. If you did not save your letter from Father Patrick regarding the Mass time changes at the other parishes in the cluster, namely, Holy Rosary-Medford, OLPH-Whittlesey; Sacred Heart- Stetsonville, additional copies are on the table in back of church.

Confession Changes in 2022

Please note the change in Saturday confession times, which you will find on the cover of this bulletin.

There will be no confessions Sat., Jan. 1, before Mass. However, you can always call the parish office any time you wish to receive this beautiful Sacrament.

The King's Birthday Rescheduled

The Christmas pageant scheduled for next Sun., Jan. 2 has been postponed, because practice was cancelled with the inclement weather. At this time the play is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Sun., Jan. 9 (Epiphany). We will announcement the actual date next weekend.

Collection Delay in Publication

Due to Christmas and New Year's, bulletins need to be shipped off for print earlier. Therefore, there will be a delay in publishing some of the collection totals. Thank you for your patience.

Recent Blacktop Donations

We continue to accept donations for the completion of our blacktop next year. Our thanks to two who recently donated to this account:

Ron & Marge Tauber
Joe Hebda

Rib Lake Blood Bank

Blood drive will be held Wed., Dec. 29, 3:30-6:30 pm. Note that this will be held at the Rib Lake Middle School.

Rejoice

Christmas Message from Father Den "On Leaving Home"

It was just a year ago (Dec. 14) that I left my house on Rib Lake for the last time. I think the kindness of so many people has struck me here at my new home—the workers, the other residents and a lot of visitors and friends who have sent cards and best wishes. And I thank you for your prayers and other kindnesses.

It occurs to me that all the major figures of the Christmas story had to leave "home" for the miraculous events of Christ's birth and life to happen: Jesus leaving His heavenly Home with the Father and the Spirit; Mary and Joseph had to leave their home in Nazareth; the shepherds, whose "home" was with their "children" out in the open fields; finally, the Wise Men, who left home, based on the belief that something wonderful was happening.

You and I needn't look too far before we shall spot Christ here among us—and not just on Christmas!

Jesus waits as the ultimate KINDNESS!

Father Den

Visit With Father Kanna

Would you like a visit from Father Kanna, a house blessing or more? Father would be very happy to visit you in 2022. Call the office to schedule your visit!

With Sympathy & Prayers

We were informed of the death of Marion Glenzer, age 90, who died Dec. 2. Marion is sister to parishioners Shirley Kauer (son Joe) and Jackie Mitchell.

Please also pray for parishioner Violet Yeager, age 85, who died Dec. 17. A funeral Mass will be offered for her in the weeks to come.

May Violet and Marion rest in the arms of Jesus for all eternity.

Greetings from the Pastor

"Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord." I have always enjoyed my family's vacations. Taking time away to be with the people that I love in a new place has an opportunity to bring you together or to challenge you. We read in our Gospel today for the feast of the Holy Family that it was no different for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

On their annual trip to Jerusalem for the celebrations they found themselves challenged with the struggles of family. These struggles come down to a very simple fact, recognizing the gift of the ones that are in your midst.

Today in our world we are seeing a continual attack on the gift of family. There are new ways of defining family, there are new models of family, and the gift of family itself continues to be challenged. With this reality it is providential that the last weekend of the year is marked by a reflection on the beauty and dignity of the family marked by a simple fact: Jesus is at the center.

As we face these challenges of the family, the question we all should be asking is, "How do we remedy the taking over of our families?" The simplest and most effective solution is provided for us in our readings this weekend: "we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." (1Jn 2:23)

It was challenging even for Mary and Joseph to recognize this reality, that it is God who is necessary and Christ asks not only His parents but us all "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:50)

We are as a people still on a journey, still on "vacation" traveling in a foreign land and yet we are called to remember that "home is where the heart is." Our homes, the place where our family dwells must always be "the Father's house." Let us continue to ask how we are to make our home the Father's home. How do we continue to work on centering our families on Christ? And finally, let us thank God that the Lord Jesus Christ chose to make His home with us. He is Emmanuel, God with us, the one who has chosen to make His home with us! *(Continued next page)*

(Greeting from Pastor, Continued)

This weekend marks the end of our current Mass schedule. We will begin our new Mass schedule starting January 1st. I encourage us all to make sure to read the schedule that we have provided in the bulletin. I also want to remind you that starting next weekend Fr. Kanna and myself will be alternating Mass schedules. Also, please note that all Masses of the cluster are available to our whole church family. As we begin this transition let us approach it as one family, united in Christ. I invite all our parish families to go to other churches for Mass. Get to know our other church families, and to spread the Love of the Father to our family in Christ. In this new year I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year where we begin a new journey together as the Holy Family did, with Christ as the center and source of our love.

Father Patrick McConnell

Special Christmas Thank Yous

A special “thanks” to ALL who helped with decorating for Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful job from our Decorating Committee. Thanks to each member. We also thank George Dums for the donation of the outdoor Christmas trees on each side of our church entrance doors. Thank you to Mark & Mary Thums for the donation of our large tree, and Dan Czerniak for donating the Gift of Love tree. Thanks to everyone who purchased ornaments also, to help defray the cost of the decorations. We had a record number this year!



And, thank YOU, for your support in helping build “community” at Good Shepherd. We pray you all had a blessed and merry Christmas.

Plant Care for 2022

A special “thank you” to those who take time to beautify the worship space throughout the year. It always looks so nice. The 2022 sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance. If you are able to help with plant care, please sign up. If you are new to this, call the office and we can have someone get you started.

Birthdays This Week

(Dec. 26-Jan. 1)

Suzanne Murphy	Dec. 29
Tom Schuh	Dec. 27
Paul Zondlo	Dec. 26
Susie Kazee	Dec. 26
Jordan Cardey	Dec. 27
Riley Johnson	Dec. 26
Ryan Buehler	Dec. 30
Briley Leonhard	Dec. 29
Philip Winnie	Dec. 28
Jeremy Wiitala	Jan. 1

Anniversaries This Week: None

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