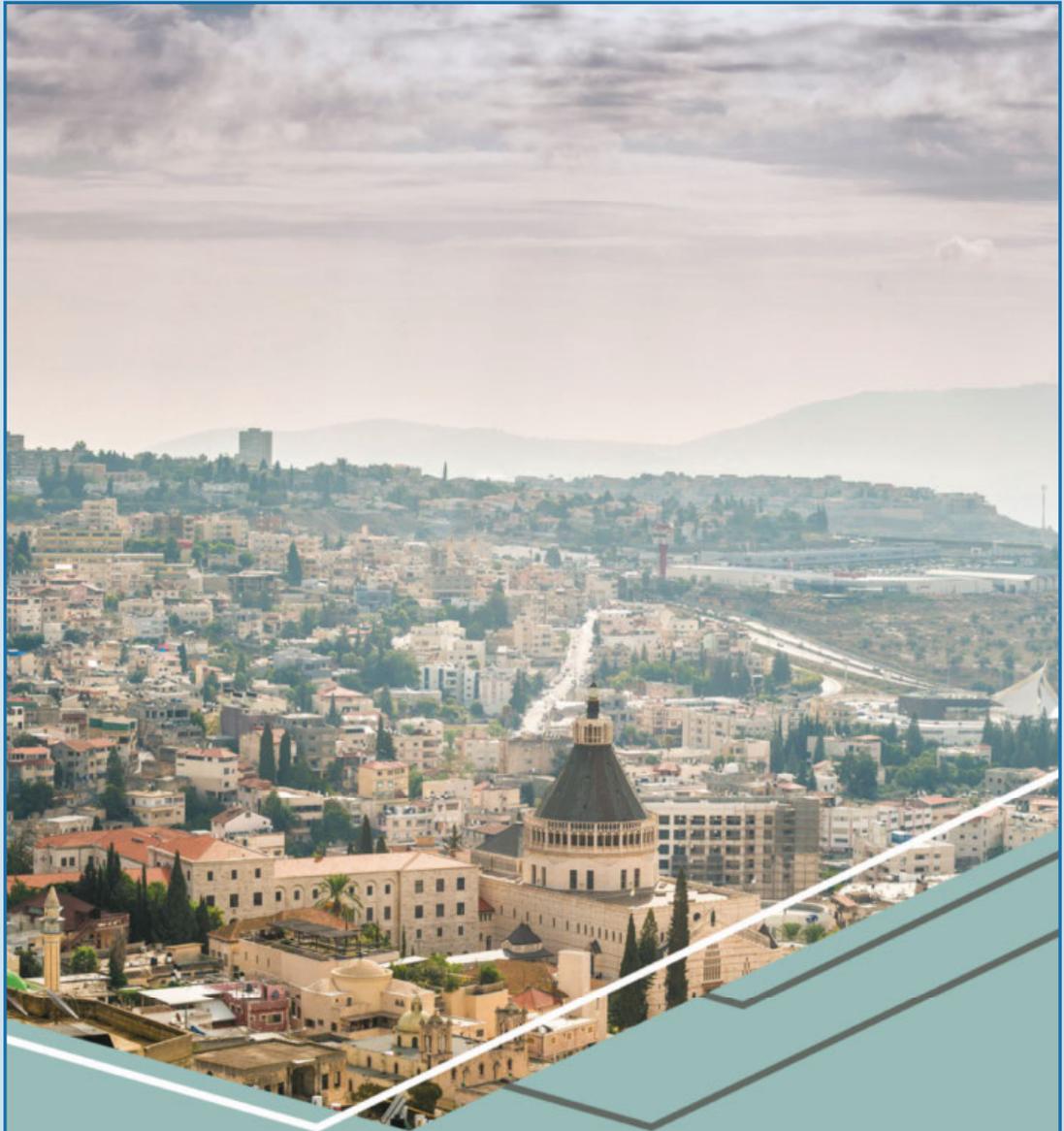


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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Lk 2:51-52

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 Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am
 Monday & Tuesday..... 8:15 am

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 Following Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday After Mass until 11:00 am

PARISH GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY

Budgeted Amt.....\$19,120.00
 Actual Amt.....\$5,959.25
 Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$(13,160.75)

YEAR TO DATE

Budgeted Amt..... \$182,300.00
 Actual Amt..... \$214,977.74
 Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$32,677.74

COLLECTION REPORT:

12/5/2021

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Envelopes.....\$3,746.00
 Offertory.....\$1,101.25
 Online Giving.....\$1,112.00
 TOTAL.....\$5,959.25

WORSHIP & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 9:00 am For All Parishioners
The Nativity of the Lord 11:00 am For All Parishioners
 Sunday, December 26 8:00 am For All Parishioners
 10:30 am † John Trnovec
 Monday, December 27 8:15 am
St. John the Apostle and Evangelist
 Tuesday, December 28 8:15 am
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Wednesday, December 29
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
 Thursday, December 30
 Friday, December 31
St. Sylvester I, Pope
 Saturday, January 1 4:30 pm † Mary M. Moore
 Sunday, January 2 8:00 am For All Parishioners
 10:30 am † Billie Lynn Sotor

LECTORS

Saturday, 1/1 4:30 pm D. Matteson
 Sunday, 1/2 8:00 am T. Schauf
 10:30 am M. Frazier

USHERS

Saturday, 1/1 4:30 pm Volunteers
 Sunday, 1/2 8:00 am Volunteers
 10:30 am Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF CARE

Friday, 12/31 10:00 am R. Pilarski
 Atrium/Sherwood Lodge

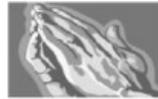
Sunday, 1/2 9:15 am M. Gray
 Golden Years Retirement Village

YEAR END DONATION INFORMATION

Please note that all donations for 2021 must be received in the church office by Friday, December 31, 2021 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2021 in order to receive contribution credit for 2021. Any gift received or postmarked on or after January 1, 2022 will be credited to 2022.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



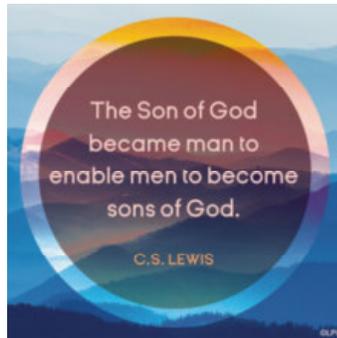
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Lord, also hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 27

Parish Office Closed
8:15 am Mass
8:45 am Rosary

Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am Mass
9:00 am - 11:00 am Adoration

Wednesday, December 29

5:00 pm Refugee Meeting

Thursday, December 30

9:00 am Holy Dusters
6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 1

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Dear Parishioners,

The feast of Christmas is a celebration of joy and peace. It is a day on which we call to mind the great love of God for humanity. We recall that God now dwells among us, He has entered into our time and history and we are truly His people.

Our world is desperately crying out for peace and hope, and the meaning of Christmas is the peace and hope of God's loving presence. This is the peace and hope that we are now called upon to share.

It can be very easy to get caught up in the materialism and all the worries in our world at this holy season. Set some time aside to prepare spiritually. Take time to pray, safely spend time with family and friends, and experience God's love in your life.

May the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus fill your heart and home during this sacred season! God bless you all!

Fr. Mark

PARISH GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY

Budgeted Amt \$19,120.00
Actual Amt..... \$19,045.50
Surplus/(Deficit).....\$(74.50)

YEAR TO DATE

Budgeted Amt. \$201,420.00
Actual Amt..... \$234,023.24
Surplus/(Deficit)..... \$32,603.24

COLLECTION REPORT:

12/12/2021

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Envelopes \$16,557.00
Offertory..... \$1,106.50
Online Giving \$1,382.00
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PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN OF GOD

Max Arthur Matheson
Son of Clarence and Kayleigh
Matheson
Baptized December 26, 2021

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 20:1 a, 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

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives.

There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,
Personally, and on behalf of our Pastoral Council and Staff,
I extend sincere Blessings to each of you this Christmas Day.
Christmas is a Joyous time. It is a time to say Thank you to God.

Several "Thank you's" are needed in our parish.
It takes countless hours of time and talent to provide good prayer experiences.

I would especially like to Thank:

The members of the Prayer and Worship Committee
All involved with the Art and Environment in our Church
Our Church Cleaning Crew – the Holy Dusters

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

**All involved in our Music Ministry – Cantors, Adult Choir, Contemporary Choir,
Children's Choir, Musicians, Handbells**

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Deacon Jim

And the parish staff

Lastly, a word of **gratitude to each one of YOU** for being present at the Liturgical
celebrations.

Christmas blessings...Fr. Mark

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Foot Area Schools are closed go to: www.bigfoot.k12.wi.us or tune in to WTMJ-4,
WISN-12 or FOX-6 on your TV.

JANUARY - APRIL 2022 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

January 9th and 23rd

15th First Reconciliation 9:00 am

February 6th and 20th

March 6th and 13th

No classes on the 20th or 27th due to Spring Breaks

April 3rd and 24th

April 30th First Communion Practice

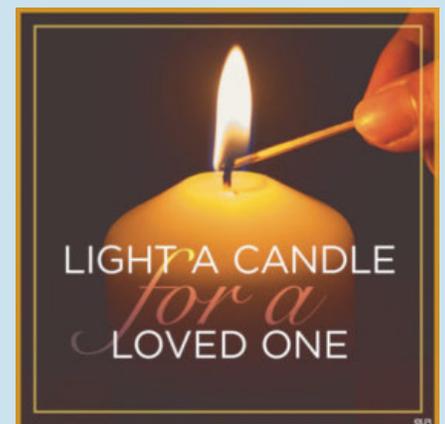
May 1st First Communion Mass

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION



This week's Sanctuary
Candle burns in memory
of:

Jan Nawoj



ST. STEPHEN FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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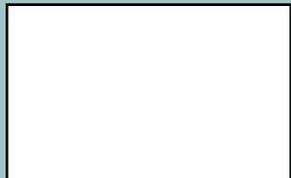
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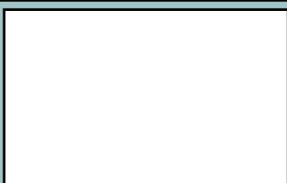
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