

St. John the Baptist

St. Joseph

St. Patrick

THE TRI-PARISH BULLETIN
December 19th, 2021



4th 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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New Members

Always welcome to our parishes.
Please call the office to register.

Baptism

Parents and/or those expecting
in the near future may request
Baptism for their child by calling
the office to begin prepara-
tions.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at
least six months prior to the
anticipated date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound and wish
to receive Holy Communion,
please contact the office.

Confessions

Saturdays 3 pm to 3:40 pm at
Kendall or call Fr. John for an
appointment.



Monday December 20th
 9 a.m. Jim Meckstroth & Children **K**

Wednesday December 22nd
 9 a.m. Pat Kranz **E**

Wednesday Dec 22nd (Elroy Nursing home)
 11 .am. Thornsen & Cassidy families

Thursday December 23rd
 8 a.m. John C Dutton **K**

Friday December 24th
 4 p.m. John Doyle **W**
 6:15 p.m. Tom Kranz & Tony Bradly **E**
 8: 30 p.m. Jack & Joni Nelson **K**

Saturday December 25th **K**
 9:00 a.m. All Parishioner of EKW
 *****NO 4 P.M. MASS*****

Sunday December 26th **E**
 9:00 am Joe Ennis

11:00 am Glenn, Jenny, & Mike **W**
 Muehlenkamp

Readings *Week* of the Year

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

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

Reflections on the Gospel

December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Tri-Parish Prayer List - We pray for the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, especially ,Randy Steinbrink (Hotdog) Rob Moyer, Ralph Gosselin, Jeannie Klipstein , Gary Von Ruden, Bennett Brock, Deb Pohlman, Micheal Richie Shannah Juliot, David Gorman , Bev Cousineau, Carla Von Haden, Margaret Leis, Patti Vlasak, Ray Schmidt, Jim Lu8nde, Madelyn Novachek, Kay Larson, Don Schreier, Jim Meckstroth, Patty Behan, Avery Brueggen, Katie Wallace, Those serving in the Military and Folks in Nursing Homes. If requesting prayer for someone else, please ask permission first in order to respect their privacy.

ST. PATRICK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m.

READER: Deb Barreau

COMMUNION: Kim Ambort

SERVERS: Morgynn Barreau, Tarynn Barreau, Ava Peterson

USHERS: Matt Barreau, Roger Klipstein, Michael Archer, Paul Thorson

DECEMBER 26, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

READER: Sally Turnpin

COMMUNION: Kari Benish

SERVERS: Axton Kuester, Karson Kuester, Zoey Cornell

USHERS: Andy Wohlrab, Seth Wohlrab, Luke Wohlrab, Owen Dedrick

All students who have had their Sacrament of Penance will have the opportunity to confess on Wed. Dec. 22 between 5-7 PM. Any confirmation student who missed their given time is to attend this night as well.

The Religious Education students attending St. Patrick have made ornaments to decorate a tree for Baby Jesus. They will be processing into church prior to Mass. on Dec. 24. 6:15 pm. Please have your children arrive by 6 that evening to collect their artwork and gather by grade level. After Mass, please take the time to admire their gifts to the Infant Jesus.

11/28/21	K	E	W
Adults	\$ 610.00	\$ 1,238.00	\$ 690.00
Children		\$ 55.00	\$ 3.00
Offertory	\$ 46.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 165.00
TOTAL	\$ 656.00	\$ 1,502.00	\$ 858.00

ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick's is looking still looking for 1 more new council members, effective January 1st. The first meeting will be March 24th and every 3rd month thereafter. The cemetery council is in need of a new member also. They are looking for someone to take over Sue Johnson's position as treasurer.

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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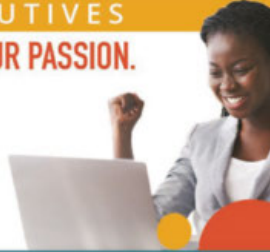
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