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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
(closed noon to 1:00pm)

Friday 8:30am-Noon

parish@stbridgetlovespark.org

Call the Parish Office to: Register as a New Parishioner,
Schedule a Baptism, or Schedule a Wedding
Please call at least six months before your wedding.

You may also register as a new parishioner on
the parish website.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:00am, 8:15am 10:00am, 11:30am

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday 7:00am, 8:15am

LIVESTREAM

Monday-Saturday 8:15am

Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:30am-8:00am

Saturday 8:45am-9:45am

3:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend Msgr Steve Knox - Pastor

sknox@rockforddiocese.org

Reverend Sean Grismer - Associate Pastor

frgrismer@gmail.com

Reverend Aaron Downing - Associate Pastor

adowning@rockforddiocese.org

Deacons

Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

Christmas/Holy Family



The Nativity of the Lord

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. BRIDGET THIS WEEK

- December 27th:** Parish Office Closed
- December 27th:** Sisters in Christ Prayer Group 12:30pm PC Rm A
- December 27th:** Light of the World 6:30pm PC Rm C
- December 28th:** Light of the World 6:30pm Church Hospitality Rm
- December 29th:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 5:30pm Church Cry Rm

- December 29th:** Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
- December 30th:** St. Rita Chaplet 8:45am Church Cry Rm
- December 31st:** New Year's Holy Hour 10:15pm Church
- December 31st:** Mass Church 11:30pm
- January 1st:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

May the blessings of the Lord be upon all of you as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. During this pandemic era, we need our faith more than ever. One of the graces that comes from our relationship with Jesus is a spirit of perseverance. Dealing with Covid has caused many people to feel worn down and at times discouraged. The Lord strengthens us so that we do not lose heart. He also blesses us with wisdom, fortitude, and patience. May our Lord Jesus be born more deeply into our lives, so these Gospel virtues continue to grow in us and bear good fruit.

We have a gift for you this Christmas. A very generous parishioner has donated many boxes of author Matthew Kelly's latest book which is titled "Life is Messy". That is an appropriate title during these very messy times! The book has some very poignant reflections on the Christian life. Once you are done with the book, please pass it on to someone you think could benefit. It is also fine if you take an extra one and pass it on to someone who may be disconnected with the church. Matthew Kelly writes in a fairly simple style in order to make spiritual truths understandable and relevant.

Special New Year's Eve Holy Hour and Mass

Fr. Grismer invites the parish to usher in the New Year with Jesus as we gather for prayer and Mass. Join us on Friday, December 31st, from 10:15pm-11:15m for Eucharistic Adoration, music, reflections, and silence in gratitude for the blessings of 2021. We will then celebrate Mass at 11:30pm and enter into the New Year strengthened by the Eucharist and the prayer of our faith community. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Grismer and Fr. Downing. Msgr. Knox will be sound asleep at this time of night! All are welcome!

Christmas Giving Tree 2021



I would like to thank Jill Laco and all her volunteers for their great work on the 2021 Christmas Giving Tree. There were 562 ornaments on the tree. All of them were taken and the gifts flowed in over the past few weeks. Generous parishioners provided 562 Christmas gifts for four different organization: MELD, Washington Park Community Center, RPS 205 Home Visiting Program, and St. Bridget St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Thank You for Your Generosity

I am very proud of how our parish responded to the Giving Tree initiative and the Christmas Food Box program through our Food Pantry. Our St. Bridget students in 2nd Grade through 4th Grade made some Christmas cards that the priests are going to be distributing to residents at four area Care Facilities. Many of the frail elderly are very lonely and struggle with declining health. It is a small gift, but it lets our senior citizens know that these young children are praying for them and wishing them God's blessings on Christmas. We hear about so much bad news in the world, but I am able to see so much good news through the kindness and generosity of our parish. May God bless all of you and may we continue to be strengthened to see the face of Christ in the poor and wounded.

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
HOLY FAMILY**

**Sunday, December 26th
Mass Times**

7:00am
8:15am
10:00am
11:30am

Livestream Mass: 10:00am

There will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

**Friday, December 31, 2021,
VIGIL MASS TIME**

11:30pm

**Saturday, January 1, 2022
Mass Times**

7:00am
8:15am and Livestream

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.



**Upcoming
Open Houses**

**Sunday, January 30th
Thursday, February 3rd**

Times TBD

or by appointment in
February 2022

**Tour the school
Ask Questions**

Tuition rates for 22-23
will be available

**Registration opens in
February 2022**

**Preschool classes fill
quickly!**



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WHERE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST IS TAUGHT, LIVED AND SHARED.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH CHRIST!

New Year's Celebration at St. Bridget!
Friday, December 31st

Join Fr. Grismer at 10:15pm for an hour with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be music, reflections, and silence in gratitude for the blessings of 2021. Immediately following, there will be an 11:30pm Mass bringing us into the New Year! Come for one or both!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, January 1st

January 1st is **not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**, but the Masses will be celebrated at 11:30pm on Friday, December 31st, and 7:00am and 8:15am Saturday, January 1st, which will be in honor of Mary, the Mother of God.

ADORATION CHRISTMAS HOURS

For Christmas close on Thursday, December 23rd, at 5:00 pm and reopen on Sunday, December 26th, at 12:30pm after the 11:30am Mass.

For New Years close on Friday, December 31st, at 5:00 pm and reopen on Sunday, January 2nd, at 12:30pm after the 11:30am Mass.

FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY AND ADORATION

For the following Fridays, we will not have this event: Friday, December 24th, and Friday, December 31st. Join us for Cor Iesu on Friday, January 7th.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 24th, and Monday, December 27th. The office will reopen Tuesday, December 28th, at 8:30am. The week between Christmas and New Years, the office will only be open 8:30am until noon. The office will also be closed on Friday, December 31st, and Monday, January 3rd, for New Years.

ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 15th - 11:00am
Federal Courthouse: 237 S. Church Street, Rockford



We will begin with a rally and then walk several blocks past the State of Illinois building, then back to the Federal Courthouse to conclude in prayer.

Confirmed Speakers:

Pastor Charlie Heffelfinger - Calvary Chapel, Rockford
Mary Kate Knorr - President & Founder of Feminae Vero
Dr. Steve Jacobs - Program Director at Illinois Right to Life
Jeanna Desideri - Executive Director of Corbella Clinic, Elgin

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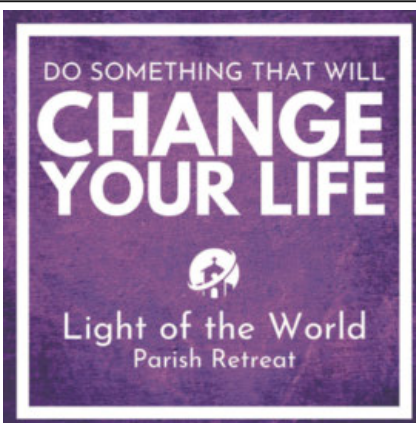
COR IESU



FIRST
FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
6:30 - 8:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH

ADORATION | CONFESSIONS | PRAISE & WORSHIP

We are excited to introduce to you and your family a new First Friday Devotion right here at St. Bridget! The title is **COR IESU** meaning "Heart of Jesus". The first Friday of every month has always been held within the Church as a day we remember and commemorate the Heart of Jesus. Here at St. Bridget, we will be doing this with an evening of Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confessions, and prayer teams. We would love for you to join us every first Friday from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church. The next Cor Iesu will be on **Friday, January 7th, at 6:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!



Light of the World Retreat ... at St. Bridget Church

Save the Date: Friday, February 25th - Monday, February 28th

Light of the World Retreats are meant to be the vehicle to help participants find that deeper friendship with God and find more peace of mind and peace of heart.

This parish retreat will help you deepen your relationship with God, with the Church, and help you find more meaning in life. Many people have a hunger to draw closer to Jesus and find a closer connection with their parish community, but are not sure how to get there. Life is too short to put our relationship with God on the backburner.

Mark your calendar now to attend. This retreat will be held at the Parish Center for four consecutive days. Participants will return home at the end of each night.



Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day

"Finding God in All Things"

Saturday, January 29th - 9:00am-3:00pm

All women of the parish are invited to this "retreat" day at St. Bridget Parish Center in Mitchell Hall to make connections between faith and everyday life through talks and discussions. You will meet some of your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere, and we have some great food and snacks planned. Along with Msgr. Steve Knox, our speakers are all parishioners who will share wisdom they gained on life's journey. Please register as soon as possible and invite family and friends to join you!

9:00am Gathering (Coffee and light breakfast) and Opening Prayer

9:30am "What I Have Learned About God on the Journey of Life" - Sue Short

This reflection will help us get in touch with our faith story. We come to know the presence of God through the joys and struggles of life. Like the saints, we are all unique but we share much in common with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

10:30am Break

10:45am "What I have Learned About Finding God in Prayer" - Rita Araoz

Prayer is essential for spiritual growth, but most people struggle when it comes to prayer. How should I pray? Does God respond to my prayers? What blessings does God give us through prayer? Rita will explore these questions and share some of her wisdom on prayer.

11:45am Lunch

12:45pm "What I have Learned About Finding God in Scripture" - Jane Gomulka

The scriptures provide wise guidance when it comes to growing in our relationship with the Lord and navigating the challenges of life. This talk will help us to see how we can grow in our relationship with God through the scriptures.

1:15pm Quiet time with Scripture

2:00pm "What Did Jesus Teach About Forgiveness and Reconciling with Others?" - Msgr. Steve Knox

Most people have some struggles in the areas of anger, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Jesus had a great many things to say about these key areas of our discipleship. Msgr. Knox will share some reflections on the works of Jesus and help us make connections.

2:45pm Closing Prayer

To register, fill out the form below put in an envelope marked "Women's Day" with your check for \$12, payable to "St. Bridget Church" for lunch and materials. Drop envelope in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office. Questions? Please call Lynn in the Parish Office at 815-633-6311

Women's Spiritual Enrichment Day Registration

Saturday, January 29th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please include \$12.00 Registration Fee. Thank you!



ST. BRIDGET STUDENT MINISTRIES

Ministry will resume on Sunday, January 9th, for High School and Wednesday, January 12th, for Middle School! Please know of our prayers for you as we prepare for Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS

Loving God, We pray today for those who are confronted by the sadness, ambiguity, and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend on for attention and compassionate care. Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace, give to them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BOYLAN



SHADOW DAYS
RUNNING ALL 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTER AT BOYLAN.ORG/SHADOWDAY

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 / 8:00AM- 11:30AM
CHECK-IN: 7:45AM @ STUDENT ENTRANCE (DOOR D)

Incoming freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year can register now for Boylan's High School Placement Test to help determine best course placements.

REGISTER AT BOYLAN.ORG/HSPT

Questions? Contact Emily Schubert at eschubert@boylan.org or by phone at 815-877-0531 x226



BUILT ON ROCK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY! (AGES 18-35)

If you are between the ages of 18 to 35, we invite you to join us two Thursdays a month at St. Bridget for our Young Adult Ministry. Our goal is to provide ministry and community for young adults in the Rockford area while building up your faith and relationship with the Church. We simply want to help you live life to the fullest. Through forming a strong community, you will be better able to go forth and live the Gospel message with family, friends, coworkers, and those you encounter daily. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Downing at adowning@rockforddiocese.org or call 815-633-6311.

Upcoming Gatherings:

Thursday, January 13th ~ Join Fr. Downing from 6:30pm-7:45pm in the Parish Center Hall. We will be discussing what our priorities are for this New Year and how to start out the New Year on the right foot.

Thursday, January 27th ~ Our gathering will be a Teaching Mass by Fr. Grismer. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Church.

In February, we will begin a book study using *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick. If interested in this book study, please email Fr. Downing by January 17th, so we can order books.

You are invited to attend!

Friday, December 31st ~ Join Fr. Grismer and Fr. Downing to ring in the New Year with Adoration from 10:15pm-11:15pm and Mass at 11:30pm.

ST. BRIDGET SENIORS ATTENTION SENIORS (65 & older)



Plan to join us on Tuesday, January 4th, for our annual "SOUP-er BOWL" luncheon at noon in the Hall of the Parish Center. So far we have 5 different soups on the menu. The rest of the meal is based around breadsticks/crackers, cold salads and desserts. Drinks will be furnished. Come dressed in your favorite "team attire" if you wish.

Thanks for all the delicious food we had this month. Jim Rihihl will handle the 50/50 raffle as usual. Annette Montelongo was the December raffle winner. The final quarterly raffle for 2021 was won by Diana Delia. Congrats to both!

Don't forget, bring your own table service (plate, silverware, etc.) and a dish to pass when you join us on January 4th at noon. Face masks are still "in style" so wear yours. Call Sandi at 815-633-0728 with questions.

ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be **Wednesday, January 5th**, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned chicken, soup, pasta, small dish soap, and cereal.

Please know the recipients of your donations are so very grateful. Your generosity and kindness enables the Pantry to help many of those who otherwise might not have enough to eat or properly care for themselves. God bless you!



DECEMBER 26TH HOLY FAMILY:

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

This week put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up today to attend a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on January 8th-9th; in-person experience February 11th-13th in Madison, WI or April 22nd-24th in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at: **alife-timeoflove.org** or call **888-574-5653**.

SEASONS OF HOPE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Please come to this Christ-centered series where we seek to find hope in the midst of sorrow. Anyone in the Greater Rockford Area who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Please join us.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 3rd
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Hospitality Room of Church

Our sessions will involve meditation on Sacred Scripture, grounded in our Catholic faith, and no-pressure group discussion. Bring your Bible. For more information or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Kay Ethington 815-621-7117 or email k.ethington14@gmail.com

Future meeting dates: 1/17

MARY'S CORNER

Look at your nativity scene and ponder what took place. Let us join the shepherds in coming to adore Him. Let us thank Mary for her "yes" to God. Ponder what she might have been feeling as she looked at her newborn son. Think of St. Joseph's role in caring for and raising Jesus. Ask Our Lady what gifts we can give to Jesus that will continue throughout the new year.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Council 4330 is part of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. Our purpose is to serve St. Bridget families, Seminarians, and our community. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Parish Center, Classroom A. There is a 6:30pm Rosary which precedes the meeting. **Our next meeting is January 11th.** We are seeking like-minded men who are interested to join us. Please contact Grand Knight Martin Reyes 815-988-2734 or email: Council4330KofC@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

St. Joseph, defender of Life, pray for us

During the month of December, we will be praying for the poor and homeless. Remember to see the face of God in all people and to share our blessings with them.

January 15: Rockford's March for Life - See article on page 4 for more information.

Contact Shirley Poole at 815-654-9416 for all Respect Life information.

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."

ST. BRIDGET ONLINE GIVING

Do you want to transition away from envelopes and contribute electronically? It is the earth and budget friendly way to go! It saves our Parish money not sending monthly envelopes. Visit our website at www.stbridgetlovespark.org and on the home page, click on "Giving". You will be directed to the St. Bridget Online Giving Page. Set up each way in which you would like to contribute. If you have any questions or need help, please call Lynn at the Parish Office at 815-633-6311. It is also fine to continue to receive envelopes through the mail.

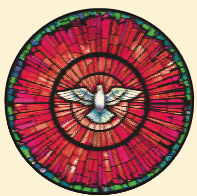


St. Bridget lay apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King meets once a month from 6:00pm-7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Room of the Church. We will pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, read the monthly message, and have discussion. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 19th**. If you are interested in attending or have any question, please contact Craig Anderson or Jane Gomulka.

Craig: 815-985-4665 or bananacra@comcast.net
Jane: 815-543-5013 or jane.gomulka@aol.com

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Are you burdened with a problem and feel you have nowhere to turn for help? The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help might be the place to find an answer. Many prayers have been answered by petitioning the Blessed Mother under the title "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". We will meet in the Cry Room of the Church every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 29th**.



THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not be meeting for the month of December. They will reconvene on **Tuesday, January 11th**, in Classroom C of the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The Charismatic Renewal encourages the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, another life changing event of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us. For more information contact Ron Bergman by phone at 815-654-8420 or email at r-bergman@att.net

WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Registered Families	2,198
Sunday Envelopes	\$11,022.00
Offertory	\$504.00
Online (228)	\$7,480.71
Total for the week	\$19,006.71

ANGEL DUSTERS

Angel Dusters needs volunteers to help clean the Church! Many hands are needed to keep our Church beautiful and safe! We are also looking for help on **Mondays after the 8:15am Mass**.

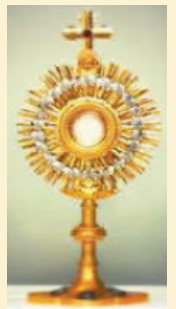
If you have any questions, call Randy Gulotta at 815-262-6840 or just drop in after Mass.

Angel Duster will be cleaning the Church on **Saturday, January 8th**, after the 8:15am Mass and Rosary.

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are in need of additional adorers to fill our schedule. The hours that are currently open are:

Sunday	11:00pm - midnight
Monday	10:00pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday	2:00am - 3:00am
Friday	2:00am - 3:00am



If you cannot commit to an hour every week, please consider filling in as a substitute adorer. You would receive a text or email when an opening becomes available. You could fill in as you are available. To sign into Adoration Pro, go to adorationpro.org/stbridgetlovespark

If you have questions or need help signing up, please call or text Rita at 779-772-5702 or email her at adoration@stbridgetlovespark.org.

SAINT RITA CHAPLET

Join us to pray the Chaplet of St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 30th**. We meet in the Cry Room of the Church after the 8:15am Mass. Rosaries, Chaplet Copies, and Prayer Cards will be available in the Narthex.

The intercession of this blessed saint of the most hopeless and impossible cases would be a tremendous aid not only in our personal situations, but even more so on a global level.

For any questions, contact Sid Papini at 815-985-3404.

*"No problem is too small to bring to Saint Rita.
She will draw you close to the Heart of Jesus, and she will not fail you!"*

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27th

7:00am Harold Eugene Wagner
8:15am Sam Baker

Tuesday, December 28th

7:00am Bryan McPeck ~ 59th Anniversary
8:15am Dennis Hiemenz ~ 4th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 29th

7:00am Frances Gjertsen
8:15am Shirley Bauer

Thursday, December 30th

7:00am Pat Crowley
8:15am Mike Z. & Michael J. Nowicki

Friday, December 31st

7:00am Marlys Riihl
8:15am Arnold & Janet Mlsna
11:30pm Ron Ethington

Saturday, January 1st

7:00am Margaret Murphy
8:15am Elmer & Mildrea Bea
4:30pm Barbara Zimmerman

Sunday, January 2nd

7:00am Russell L. Costello
8:15am James Statz
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am College Students of St. Bridget ~ Mass of Special Intention

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1ST AND 2ND

4:30pm Fr. Aaron Downing
7:00am Msgr. Steve Knox
8:15am Fr. Sean Grismer
10:00am Fr. Sean Grismer
11:30am Fr. Aaron Downing

CROATIAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month at 3:30pm

FILIPINO MASS

2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm

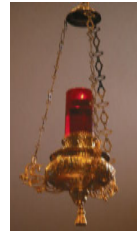
DEAF APOSTOLATE INTERPRETED MASS

Sundays at 10:00am



The Presence Lamp in the Church and the candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week for:

Fr. Raymond Gordon



WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Blaine Rucks

Robert Weyrauch

2022 INTENTIONS GUIDELINES

Mass and Flame of Faith Intentions are now open through **June 2022** and can be accessed on our website or in person. Mass Intentions are Masses prayed for someone and are read during the intercessory prayers at Mass. Flame of Faith Intentions are for the Presence Lamp in the Sanctuary and the Vigil Lights in the Adoration Chapel. These burn starting on a Sunday through Saturday for someone.

- Limit of **8 Mass Intentions per year per family**. Of the 8 Masses, only two can be Sunday Masses or 1 Sunday and 1 Holy Day.
- The donation for each Mass is \$12.
- The donation for the Presence Lamp is \$12.
- The donation for the 4 Vigil Lights is \$40.
- Reserve Intentions via our website, in person, or by mail.
- Payment for Intentions can be made online, in person, or by mail.
- All Intention requests are subject to approval by the parish.

Mass Intentions for the month of July 2022 will be opened by January 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 815-633-6311.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH

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*

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Carpenter's Place Outreach Ministry
Vince and Monica Kelso 815-978-1555

Charismatic Prayer Group
Ron Bergman 815-654-8420

Homebound Ministry
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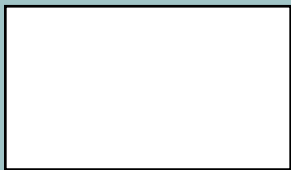
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