

St. John Vianney

December 20, 2020

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, December 20**

- 8:15 a.m. † Frank Pierson  
† Joe Wellnitz
- 10:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Vianney  
† Cole Ansier
- 3:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, December 21**

- 8:15 a.m. † Rosemary Pakes

**Tuesday, December 22**

- 5:15 p.m. † Ron Becher

**Wednesday, December 23**

- 8:15 a.m. † Roger Kunz  
† Dawn Delight Nelson

**Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve**

- 4:00 p.m. † Jim Kraus
- 6:00 p.m. † Ken Stephenson
- 10:00 p.m. † Lee Arnold

**Friday, December 25—Christmas Day**

- Midnight Special Intention
- 7:00 a.m. † Ed Ballou
- 9:00 a.m. † Nan Pagel and Family

**Saturday, December 26**

- 8:15 a.m. Vocations
- 5:00 p.m. † Clarence and Irene Rau  
† Frank Lopez Sr.

**Sunday, December 27**

- 8:15 a.m. † Rick Huhn  
† Dudley and Joy Miller
- 10:00 a.m. For the People of St. John Vianney  
† Michael Thiele
- 3:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Our Budget at a Glance**

**December 12– 13, 2020**



Weekly Collection:	\$ 12,661
Loose Collection:	435
E-Giving:	3,849
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 16,945</b>

	Collected	Budget	Variance
Total Envelopes— Nov, 2020	\$ 81,657	\$ 101,475	- \$ 19,818
Totals Fiscal YTD 7-1-20—11-30-20	\$ 379,657	\$ 446,490	- \$ 66,833

During these difficult times we still rely on your support! Even if you don't attend Mass, we count on your continued financial giving to care for our wonderful parish. Mail your offertory envelope to the Parish Office, at 1245 Clark St., Janesville, WI 53545 or donate online by going to [sjv.org](http://sjv.org) and using the "Donate Now" link.



Thanks to all the parishioners who volunteered to deliver gifts from under the Giving Tree. Your generosity and goodness brought joy and the light of Christ to many people. Merry Christmas!

**Year End Contributions**

Contributions for 2020 must be received in the parish office by noon, Thursday, December 31. Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2020. Your faithful stewardship to St. John Vianney is greatly appreciated.

**A Message From Our Pastor**

**Stewardship Corner:** “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28 - After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the Light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s Light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

**“The Door of Mercy”:** Recent work has been completed in the old confessional and it is now safe and compliant with current health standards. This updating is part of the effort we are undertaking at the parish to ensure all can safely return to Holy Mass and the Sacraments. Features of the remodeled confessional include an exhaust fan which constantly draws fresh air into the room and a partition wall with a filter screen to protect the priest and penitent. The work was skillfully completed by Majestic Millwork LLC located in Jackson, WI and the cost has been completely covered by an anonymous donor. Please keep these generous souls in your prayers.

The true joy of the Christmas season flows from the birth of baby Jesus in Bethlehem. To welcome this Gift, extended opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession are available. Please check the bulletin, website, and Facebook for the schedule. There is no better way to prepare our hearts to welcome the King of Love than to make a good integral Sacramental Confession. While there was no room for Him in the inn, may He find room in our hearts!

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Kerygma: Faith, our Personal Response to What God Has Done for Us in Jesus:** What is the appropriate response to a God who makes us? Who makes everything? Who gives us life? Who rescues us from sin and death at the cost of His own life? What is He asking of us? **First, Worship:** we give honor and glory (and lots of time and attention) to athletes because of what they do. How much more does Jesus deserve our worship? He did not just conquer a rival sports team. He conquered death. The first response God deserves is simply to worship and adore Him for who He is. **Second, Thanksgiving:** The second response we owe Him is thanksgiving. In our prayers, it is easy to get caught up in prayers of petition—asking for things. That is good and important, but we should always make sure to spend time first praising and thanking Him for all the blessings we have received. **Third, Surrender:** The third thing that God asks of us is surrender: trust, faith. Who else deserves our trust, our faith, our

surrender more than the God who created and rescued us? No one.

What is Faith? Faith is not irrational, illogical, unintelligent, or blind. Faith is not contrary to reason or science. Faith is a *way* of knowing, a *way* of seeing, that takes us above and beyond our natural human abilities to see and to know. Faith is accepting the truth of what God has revealed to us in Jesus Christ based on our firm conviction that God is perfectly trustworthy, and so cannot deceive us in the things that He teaches us for our good. There is nothing irrational about that. But faith is more than just intellectual. It is more than just believing that there is a God. Faith involves a personal, whole-hearted connection to God; a total reliance on Him and a total surrender of every part of my life to Him. Faith is also a gift. If you find yourself struggling to believe, pray for faith with humility and confidence, like the man in the Gospel who says to Jesus: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” The best model of faith is the Blessed Virgin Mary. When the angel Gabriel announced to her that she would be the mother of our Savior, she said: “Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Your word.” In other words, she said to God: “I am totally Yours. My life is in Your hands. Do with me as You will.” That should be our daily prayer. (The inspiration for this series was taken from the book by Fr. John Riccardo, *Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel* (Word Among Us, 2020),

Alleluia! Christ is on the way!  
A blessed and happy Advent to you all!  
Fr. Paul





St. John Vianney is providing meals and overnight volunteers thru January 3. If you would like to prepare a dinner for the men, please contact Dona Bolton at 608-346-8240 and she can fill you in on available dates and the rest of the details. ***You do not need to stay and serve the meal.*** Meals should be enough to serve 9-12 men. The meals need to arrive at the GIFTS Men's Shelter by 6 PM Daily. However, we have a volunteer willing to pick up the meal from your home and deliver it to the Men's Shelter any evening during our assigned weeks.

To give respite to the regular overnight volunteers, please call Paul Murphy at 608-295-9313 if you are willing to take one of the overnights. Paul can let you know what evenings are available and all the other details. Volunteers do not need to work in pairs.

Thank you to all St. John Vianney parishioners for supporting this important ministry.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

In person by reservation only.  
Masks required.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

10:00 PM

Midnight  
(Traditional Latin Mass)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

Reservations are required for each Mass. Please go to our website [www.sjv.org](http://www.sjv.org) for information and to make reservations.

## CHRISTMAS MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Midnight  
(Traditional Latin Mass)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM

The livestream Mass can be accessed through our FACEBOOK page or on YouTube thru our website at [www.sjv.org](http://www.sjv.org)

Readings for December 25  
Christmas

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved:

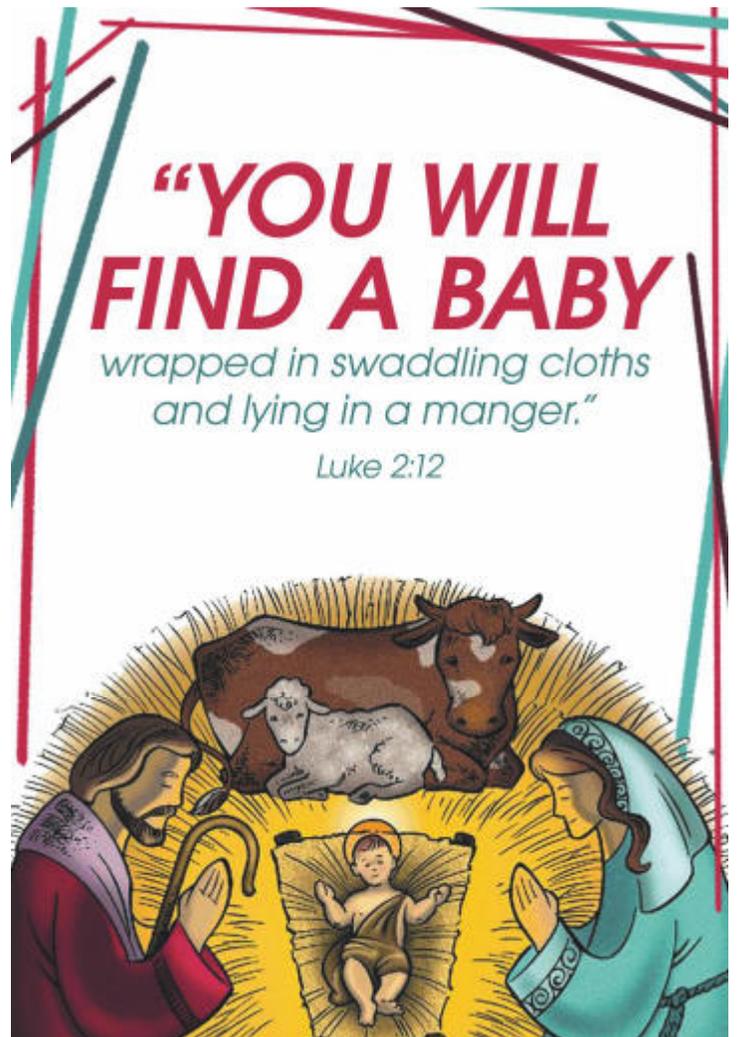
The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped

him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



## Readings for December 27

## First Reading

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

## Second Reading

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

## Gospel

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in

the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



## December 20, 2020— Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Scrip During the Holidays

Let us help you with your Christmas shopping. We have gift cards for almost everything on your list!

Scrip will be available in the Parish Office from **9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** on the following dates:

- Monday, December 21
- Tuesday, December 22
- Wednesday, December 23

We ask that you call Jeanne or Angie in the parish office at 608-752-8707 prior to stopping in so we can check inventory and have it ready for you.



### **Blood Drive** **St. John Vianney** **Marian Hall**

1236 E Racine St  
Janesville, WI 53545

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

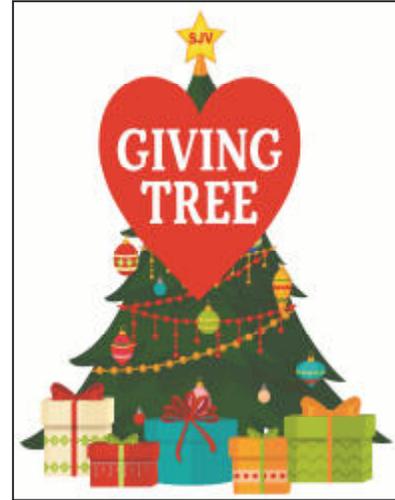
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### GIVING TREE 2020 Thank You



You/we did it again! Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the annual SJV Giving Tree project. While it looked a bit different this year, please know that SJV parishioners were/are as generous as always! Thank you for your positive response to “mystery gift tags” and “curbside drop-offs” and online donations – another example of adaptability! SJV donors assisted over 200 families from nine different groups, including pregnant mothers and babies through the oldest in our community. Each group was overwhelmed by the generosity shown to them. For the community groups, schools, and families that were assisted, this was a year with challenges for them as well in their ability to deliver assistance. But by working together, solutions were found!

We would also like to thank everyone who delivered gifts to our shut-ins and elders. The time you took to safely deliver their gifts was greatly appreciated.

We look forward to Giving Tree 2021 and welcoming back lots of volunteers to join in the fun of preparing, sorting, carrying, delivering, and visiting. Merry Christmas!

### Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Sessions are currently available online. For more information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at [parish@sjv.org](mailto:parish@sjv.org) or call 608-752-8708.

**Start your Advent right  
with an at-home edition  
of Lighting the Way**

*Lighting the Way  
for Women*

2020



We can't gather in-person this year for Lighting the Way for Women, but that doesn't mean our annual Advent event is canceled! Beginning November 30th, the St. John Vianney website will have a page filled with videos and resources you can use to have Lighting the Way *your way!* Simply visit [sjv.org/ltw](http://sjv.org/ltw) to enjoy the online event.

There's no set date or time when you have to tune in. Instead, you choose the content you're interested in and the days and times that work with your schedule. If you have other women in your home, you can light some candles, grab a glass of wine, and watch the videos together. Or, schedule a Zoom meeting with friends and have a virtual watch party to recreate some of the fun of the in-person event.

Available content will include:

- An Advent reflection by a guest speaker
- Beautiful seasonal music
- The Nativity story with sing-along carols
- An Advent craft video
- A dessert tutorial video
- Links to additional Advent resources

**Enjoy the online version of  
Lighting the Way at [sjv.org/ltw](http://sjv.org/ltw)**

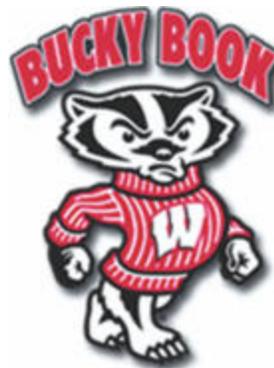
## Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald



*Issue of December 24, 2020*

Every week the *Catholic Herald* keeps readers up to date with briefs and in-depth articles from Catholic News Service on events around the nation and the world. You will also find a listing of TV programs of note and movie reviews from Catholic News Service.

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## SJV Eighth Grade Fundraiser

Let the eighth grade help you save money as you choose take out, do some shopping, and plan for the holidays. As a new approach to helping the class reach their fundraising goal we are partnering with the Bucky Book who for 28 years has helped hundreds of organizations raise money for their causes. Your participation is greatly appreciated and can help us continue our traditions. Please consider purchasing a NEW Bucky Book 29 on our behalf. The cost of one Bucky Book is \$35 and can be purchased in the school office. Please call Megan at 608-752-6802 in advance to make sure that they are still available. Thank you in advance for your support! Your participation will make a BIG difference for our 8th grade class.

## December 20, 2020— Fourth Sunday of Advent

Special Visit



### VISIT FROM SANTA

The Knights of Columbus have arranged for Santa to make a quick visit to SJV on Sunday, December 20 from 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM. Santa and his helpers will be standing in front of the school. Parents can drive through, starting at the circle in front of church, Santa will walk around your car to greet everyone, and his helpers will have a bag of treats for the children. We hope this quick, drive thru visit adds some holiday cheer for your family. Merry Christmas!



**GROWING**   
WITH THE *Gospel*  
CYCLE B



4th Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:26-38



**JAN 2,  
2021**



### March for Life Chicago Travels Through the Midwest in January 2021

Spanning three weeks in January and covering five states, pro-life advocates from around the Midwest will gather in multiple locations leading up to the March for Life Chicago. The march, an annual event, draws thousands from across the Midwest to celebrate all human life from conception through natural death.

**WHAT:** March for Life Chicago 2020 and the Moving the Movement Tour

**WHEN:** January 2, 2021

**WHO:** weDignify, local partners, and thousands of men, women, and families throughout the Midwest

**WHERE:** Madison, WI (cohosted by Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, and Wisconsin Family Action)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

[MarchForLifeChicago.org](https://www.marchforlifechicago.org)

**Pastor: Very Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze—**  
752-8708 ext. 101

**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Lee—**  
752-8708 ext. 105

**After office hour emergencies:**  
608-752-8708 ext. 116

**In Residence: Fr. Tom Marr—752-8708**

**Parish Center—**1245 Clark St. 752-8708  
parish@sjv.org

- Heidi Schwank, Parish Secretary, ext. 100; hschwank@sjv.org
- Jeanne Vogt, Business/Facility Manager, ext. 103; jvogt@sjv.org
- George Wollinger, Liturgy Coordinator, ext. 104, gwollinger@sjv.org
- Kellie Pearson, Director of Music, ext. 117; music@sjv.org

**School—752-6802**

Heidi Miller, Principal, ext. 121; hmiller@sjv.org

**Faith Formation—755-1476, ext. 112**

- Marie Wallace, Director Religious Education, Youth Ministry, ext. 114; mwallace@sjv.org
- Kris Kranenburg, Coordinator for R.C.I.A and Adult Faith Formation, ext. 106; kkranenburg@sjv.org

**Pastoral Ministry—752-6400**

- George Wollinger, Pastoral Ministry Coordinator; gwollinger@sjv.org

**Marian Hall—**1236 E. Racine St., 752-8708, ext. 115

**Knights of Columbus, Council #9360**

Dave Bohler, Grand Knight, 608-931-4593, council9360@gmail.com

**SJV Council of Catholic Women (CCW)**

Parish Center — 752-8708

**Private Reconciliation:** Saturday, 9-9:30 a.m. or by calling Parish Center, 752-8708

**Baptisms:** Call Parish Center for preparation information and to schedule.

**Weddings:** Six months notice; one party must be a parish member in good standing.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Center for an appointment.

**Bulletin Announcements:** in writing by Noon, Tuesday, send to hschwank@sjv.org



## **SJV Prays For Active Duty Family Members**

**Adam Hefty**, son of Rick and Connie Hefty and grandson of Jean McCann  
**Angela and Jacob Janes**, niece and nephews of John and Kay Janes  
**Chantelle Charais**, niece of Mike and Debbie Sisko  
**Jeff Draude**, nephew of Joan and Mark Brayer.

**Fr. Jason Hesseling**, priest of the Diocese of Madison.

**Travis Brown**, grandson of Robert and JoAnn Brown

**Martin Schricker**, son of Brian and Theresa Schricker

**Luqman Salaam**, brother-in-law of Heidi and Michael Mannion

**Charles, William and Joseph Thomson**, nephews of Bob and Mary Arndt

**Travis Goll**, nephew of Bob and Carol Lawver

**Ralph Lounsborough**, nephew of Teresa Spencer  
**Patrick Kelly**, grandson of Terry and Sandra Kelly  
**Gerald and Chalyse Beecher and Chantel Spencer**, grandchildren of Teresa Spencer

**Joshua Hargarten**, son of Lawrence and Sharon Hargarten

**Micah Husen, and Tess Husen**, grandchildren of Char Husen

**Matthew Clark**, grandson of Walter & Kathleen Clark

**Katie and Brendan Harbrecht**, children of Brian and Ellen Harbrecht

**Seong Bum Kil**, step-grandson of Gladys Stearns

**John Flood**, grandson of Nancy Flood

**Scott Fischer**, son of Dave and Pam Fischer



### **SJV Prayer Line**

To request prayers, please call one of the persons listed below: **Jean Creek — 755-1810, Jean Hess—752-6402, or Sue Schleisner—752-3268**



To request a Mass for your loved one or for a Special Intention, please call Heidi at 752-8708. Mass Stipends are \$10.

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