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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday.

Weekday Mass 9:15 am, Tuesday—Friday

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment

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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Church of Christ the King

Before I Forget



Christmas is almost upon us. I hope that during the past few weeks you have had the chance to watch some good movies or television shows about Christmas, or to hear some stories or songs that remind you of the spirit of this season. A favorite kind of story during this time of years tells of some generous act of giving on the part of some person. Here is one such story.

Rosie was a nine year old who had been saving her allowance all year, and trying to earn extra money by doing small jobs around the neighborhood. She was determined to save enough money to buy a girl's mountain bike. One day, sometime before Christmas, when Rosie was out shopping with her Dad, she noticed a Salvation Army volunteer ringing his bell by the red kettle. "Can you give him something, Dad?" she asked. The Dad replied that he was out of change.

All through December, Rosie continued to work hard, trying to raise enough money for the new mountain bike. But, suddenly, one day, she came into the kitchen and announced to her Mother, "Mom, you know all that money I've been saving, I believe I should give it to people who are poor." Her mother tried to reason with Rosie that perhaps she could give some of it, but certainly not all of it. But, Rosie stood her ground and insisted that she should give it all away. And so, she did – every last penny of it. Rosie's father was moved by his daughter's selflessness, and decided he could give away a couple of old bikes he had been collecting. A car dealer was collecting bikes for those who couldn't afford to buy their own bicycle. Upon giving the old bikes to the car dealer, the father received two chances on – a new mountain bike. And, yes, he won. Rosie got her new bike.

This story, and many like it, gives us a picture of other-centered people. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent gives us a picture of a genuinely other-centered person – Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Upon hearing that her cousin was expecting a child, Mary went as fast as she could to be with Elizabeth, and then stayed with her for three months to help her during her time of pregnancy. Mary knew that her cousin needed help and didn't hesitate to go to her aid.

Mary was other-centered. This is what enabled her to give birth to Jesus who is often referred to as "the man for others." Mary was also for others. If Jesus Christ is to be alive today, if his presence is to be felt by the people of our world, then you and I are the ones who are being called to give birth to him once more.

One obstacle in the way of our becoming other-centered is paying too much attention to our own inner life. Too much turning in upon ourselves has the inevitable effect of making us self-centered. Our own thoughts, feelings, opinions, wants and needs, these become the focal point of our energies. Gradually we can even lose the ability to see and feel the suffering of others. The end point of being so self-focused is a terrible isolation from the lives of others.

There is a healthy kind of looking at self and an unhealthy kind of looking at self. We do need times of reflection. Time alone is an important spiritual discipline, if it is used to help us see how we are relating to God and to others. However, when we discover that we are gradually becoming more self-preoccupied, then we have crossed the boundaries from a healthy looking at self to a selfish preoccupation with our own feelings and needs. It's rather easy to be caught in the trap of placing ourselves in the center of the universe.

Like Mary, we have to be reflective but also other-centered. At the wedding feast of Cana she noticed what was going on. She saw that the wedding couple had run out of wine. Knowing how terribly embarrassing this was going to be for them, she went to Jesus and said, "They have no wine." Mary paid attention to the needs of others, and then did what she could to take care of those needs. That is the kind of model she is for us.

Forward together and no one left behind,
Father Bill

WE HAVE A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP!

Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of this Archdiocese as Auxiliary Bishop for Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop-elect Williams is currently the pastor of the church of Saint Stephen and the Church of the Holy Rosary, both in Minneapolis. He also serves as Vicar for Latino Ministry for the Archdiocese.



He is a native of Stillwater, studied at the University of Minnesota Morris, The Franciscan University of Steubenville and then the St. Paul Seminary. He was ordained in 1998.

Archbishop Hebda said in his announcement of Bishop-elect Williams, "...Having been inspired by his leadership at St. Stephen and Holy Rosary, his heart for the poor and those on the periphery, his evangelical zeal, and his leadership as Vicar of Latino Ministry, I am delighted by the appointment and am confident that the Archdiocese will benefit greatly from his example, discernment and leadership. Join me in praying for Bishop-elect Williams."

Readings for week of December 19

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, 8-10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Christmas Eve Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 12:1-14
Christmas Day Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-6 [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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL LITURGIES AND INDOOR GATHERINGS AT CHRIST THE KING.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 21

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, December 22

9:15 am Mass

Thursday, December 23

9:15 am Prayer Service

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

2:00 pm Christmas Mass

4:00 pm Christmas Mass

9:00 pm Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 26

9:30 am Mass of the Holy Family



The Giving Tree

Thank you for your overwhelming support to the children at Holy Rosary. Every single gift tag was taken and the gifts returned were so thoughtful. I was touched by the number of parishioners who offered to buy additional

gifts if we were short.

Thanks to the Confirmation students who helped to staff the table, to Kathy Serrill for tag making and Kris Perry for printing the labels. Deep gratitude to each and everyone of you who participated in this annual project...Mary Jane Steinhagen

St. Stephen's Homelessness Project, Warm clothing can still be brought this weekend, as we know that the snow kept some people home. Thanks for your great generosity.

Faith Formation and Discipleship

THE RICHARD ROHR STUDY GROUP



We will meet at 10 am for 1-1 1/2 hours in the library.

Here are the remaining dates: DECEMBER 10, 17

ALL ARE WELCOME. EACH SESSION IS A SEPARATE DISCUSSION, SO IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THEM ALL, IT IS OKAY.

GREETERS, USHERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES AND THE MASS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

PLEASE SIGN UP BEFORE OR AFTER WEEKEND MASS. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE LIBRARY.



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Other retreat days are also available.



HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO SING IN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS?

The Christ the King Choir will rehearse the following dates and times to prepare for

Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 19, 4:30—6 pm

Tuesday, December 21, 6:30—8:00 pm

New singers are welcome! Please contact Moya McGinn Mathews, if you are interested in being part of the music ministry. mmmathews@ctkmppls.org

Additional singers are especially needed for the 10 AM Mass on Christmas Day.

CTK Prayer Corner



Anna Bertel, Dave Biros, Brent Blackey, Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach, Zonie Easton, Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mary Forsman, Michael Fox, Chuck Gorman, Mark Goodwin, Mary Ann Hansen, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby, Mary Lee, Dolores Lutz, David Podgorak, Jean Sarrazin Ed & Gae Skager, Lydia Spanier, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski

If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayers, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030-,ext. 19

Social Justice

The University of St. Thomas recently formulated a *Land Acknowledgement Statement*, "recognizing that it occupies the ancestral and current homelands of the Dakota people, Mni Sota Makoce."

Mni Sota Makoce is the traditional homeland of the Dakota people. Residing here since time immemorial, Dakota people still call Mni sota Makoce home, with four federally recognized Dakota nations and many more Dakota people residing in what is now the state of Minnesota.

Due to continued legacies of colonization, genocide and forced removal, generations of Dakota people remain disenfranchised from their traditional homeland.

Presently Mni Sota Makoce has become a refuge and home for many Indigenous nations and people, including seven federally recognized Ojibwe nations.

We humbly encourage people to reflect upon the historical legacies held in the lands they occupy.

Blessing of the Tree/Liturgy Schedules

Before Christianity came to be, trees that remained green all year round warded off evil spirits and were special to people during the winter. It wasn't until the sixteenth century in Germany that trees were brought inside and decorated. When does the Christmas tree go up in your home? Continue the tradition or start a new tradition by gathering together and blessing this special symbol.

You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

You will need water or holy water (if available) to celebrate this blessing.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day.



Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

All: Amen.

(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 2 PM - Simple Mass *

Christmas Eve 4 PM Mass

Christmas Eve 9 PM Mass

Christmas Day 10 AM Mass



There will be no 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, December 25.

9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 26, celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family.

Feast of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Because January 1, 2022, falls on a Saturday, the obligation to celebrate Mass is abrogated. Christ the King will have only one anticipatory **Mass for the January 1 Holy Day at 4:30 PM on December 31.**

The 4:30 PM Mass on January 1, 2022 is the anticipatory Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.

We will also celebrate our regular 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

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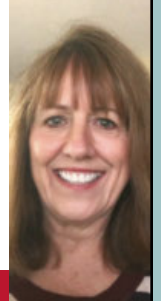
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