



December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Memorial Walk

"In Honor of" or "In Memory of" Luminary Bags can be purchased for \$5

> For sale after Mass on December 18-19th

The display will be set up outside of DMCC on Christmas Eve from 5-10pm.

This event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus #889 with all proceeds benefiting the Sister Parish in Panajachel, Guatemala.



- •Daily Masses for the next 2 weeks will be held at DMCC as school is on Christmas break,
- •Please join our parish family in celebrating our joyful Christmas liturgies! Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve

4:00pm - DMCC 4:00pm - Kenyon 7:30pm (Spanish) - DMCC 10:00pm - DMCC

Christmas Day

8:00am - DMCC 8:00am - Kenyon 10:00 - DMCC

No 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 25

Regular Mass schedule for Sunday, December 26

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
8:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Lambert VanHaren † 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Jose Mario Arevalo † and Claudia Arevalo † 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Joyce Brazil †	6:45 am High School Bible Study IC-TC 12:00 pm Bulletin announcements due to Bulletin Editor. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. 5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC 5:30 pm Mass DMCC Tom & Jean Reuvers †	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Rita Herda † 9:00 am DMCC Quilters IC-TC 2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communications channel 10, Charter channel 181 3:00 pm Cantor Practice IC 5:45 pm PPC & MAC Meeting DMCC 7:00 pm Son's of Thunder Men's Bible Study DMCC-Farmhouse	8:30 am Mass DMCC Helen Beucler † 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Blood- mobile DMCC-NAR 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 MSB-Atrium

Locations Key

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor



Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

Jesus said to the crowds: "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent are taking it by force. All the prophets and the law prophesied up to the time of John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come. Whoever has ears ought to hear." Mathew 11:11-15

Entering this passage, we are reminded of how great the love of Jesus for his cousin John must have been. He felt love for a cousin, a friend, and also a Son who has so genuinely and generously given everything to God—love in response to love. When we encounter Jesus in prayer, he wants to love us as sons and daughters of the Father the way he loved John. Advent, the start of the Church's liturgical year, is a

time of new beginning. What newness might we find in our relationship with God and living of our faith this Advent? Let us linger here in prayer and ask God to reveal and to give us the grace to respond in love, as John did, to whatever he may ask of us.

Today, there is no shortage—on the contrary, there seems to be an increase—of violence and division. It may prompt us to take another look at what God promises and what he doesn't. Jesus showed us by his public ministry that he did not come to establish a perfect political or cultural society. He came to make his Kingdom in hearts open to his love. Yes, we see violence and sorrow in this world, but there is no heart that he himself will not enter, suffer with, and in so doing, redeem—if he is invited in. This truly is something new and wonderful.

"If you are willing to, accept it," Jesus told his apostles. He did not force an answer from them. This God, who so desires our love, respects and even submits himself to our freedom: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," Jesus told us in Revelation 3:20. May we open the door and accept this invitation that Jesus comes to offer, even if we don't entirely comprehend it.

God bless, Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	26 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52
8:30 am Mass DMCC Gladys Stassen † 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium 7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	NO 8:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass DMCC Communal Intentions 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Spanish) DMCC Communal Intentions 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass DMCC Communal Intentions	8:00 am Christmas Mass DMCC Communal Intentions 10:00 am Christmas Mass DMCC Communal Intentions NO 4 pm Mass	8:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Vernon Rosella † and Michael Meder † 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Olegario Ortiz † 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Charles Roushar Sr † 6:30 pm Choir #2 Rehearsal DMCC

PreK-Grade 12 Education

2022-2023 BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open - BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Find the link to our online application on the admissions/enrollment pages of our websites at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org.

BA/DMCS Tours and BA Student Shadow Information - Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS or Kris Sauer at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days now offered Tuesday-Thursday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Sign up under the Enrollment tab on BA's website at www.bacards.org.

Bethlehem Academy is Hiring! Interested in a part-time position? Bethlehem Academy is currently hiring a BA van driver for daily student transportation. Email Principal Mindy Reeder (mreeder@bacards.org) for more information. We also have coaching openings in track and field and fastpitch softball and are looking for people to officiate junior high basketball games. Please email athletics@bacards.org if interested.



Ministry of Mission and Outreach

Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach

<u>Christmas Support</u>: If anyone wishes to support seniors or families during the Christmas season, you can drop off gift cards for gas, groceries, Wal-Mart, or Target at the church for Bernadette or Sr. Kathleen to organize for distributing. Thanks to those who have already dropped gift cards or cash to buy gift cards. Thank you for spreading much needed Christmas joy!

Blessed Christmas to All: We give thanks that Jesus our Savior has come. His coming brought hope and joy to the world. Let us pray for those for whom this day, for a variety of reasons, brings more sadness than joy. May the day continue to warm their hearts with hope.

We care about you and your loved ones and know life can change quickly. Please let Pastoral Care (507-331-7253) know when someone is admitted to the hospital or nursing home. They need to be listed as Catholic in order for the hospital or nursing home to be able to let us know they are a patient/resident.

Let us remember in prayer: Doug Frydenlund, brother-in-law of Kay Kohl. Doug has completed his earthly journey. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CCW

The winner of the Quilt was Danelle Erickson (daughter of Susan Voegele); and the Afghan was won by Janet Skjeveland. We hope they will enjoy. Thanks to all who supported this project.

CCW will not meet January 3, 2022. The next meeting will be February 7.

As you fill in upcoming dates in your 2022 calendar add the Women's Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 5. The speaker will be Nancy Jo Sullivan. Watch for more details in early January.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Respect Life

"I drew them with human cords, with hands of love; I fostered them like those who raise an infant to their cheeks; I bent down to feed them." (Hosea 11:4) Did you know that newborn babies can only see clearly about 8 to 12 inches? It is no wonder that the most natural thing we do when holding newborns is to raise them close to our cheek, to hold them very close. How often did Our Lady hold Jesus close to her cheek, allowing His eyes to see the features of her face, while she gazed into His eyes with awe and kissed His Sacred Face. -Father Joseph Mary Wolfe, EWTN



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gifts of time and money to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Adult Formation

Your Children Need You! Join Fr. Louie for a 10-session book study of Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues by Leila Miller & Trent Horn. Utilizing the text, speakers, testimonies and group discussion we will explore topics including: Homosexuality, Sex Outside of Marriage, Divorce, Contraception, Abortion, Reproductive Technologies, Modesty, Pornography, and Transgender Identity. We will focus on: What does the Church teach? As well as advice for talking with children and advice for talking with teens. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7:15pm – 8:30pm on the IC/Divine Mercy School campus beginning January 12. Registration is required through the parish website divinemercy.cc/madethisway or by calling Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060. This is a study for adults. We hope to provide childcare for those with that need.

Can you help? If you can assist one or more evenings with childcare please contact Ellie Wilder at 507-210-9060.

Cemetery

Please remove all decorations/personal items from cemetery sites for the winter months. The cemetery is not responsible for broken or damaged items. We need to remove snow for burials and are unable to see items covered in snow.

No plastic, glass, or fabric items allowed. Items found will be removed immediately. Questions, call 507-330-0248.

DMCC Quilters need people to help tie beautiful quilts. Easy work, fun group! We meet on Tuesdays from 9-11 am at IC-TC.

Sons of Thunder

Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

We look forward to seeing you.

Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of 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. Father Williams also serves as Vicar for Latino Ministry for the Archdiocese.



Bishop-elect Williams was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in 2002. After ordination, Bishop-elect Williams ministered at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, *Divine Mercy in Faribault*, Saint Mathias in Hampton and Saint Mary in New Trier. In 2008, he was appointed to serve Saint Stephen parish in Minneapolis. Holy Rosary parish was added to his pastorship in 2020. Bishop-elect Williams currently serves on the board of trustees of The Seminaries of Saint Paul in Saint Paul. He has served as chaplain of the Minnesota House of Representatives and as the Coordinator of Archdiocesan Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.

Ministry of Communion

Adoration Chapel

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

The chapel continues to be open daily, but is now closed from 12MN-

Current available hours:

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed)

Saturday 1-2 p.m.

Saturday 8-9 p.m.

Sunday 1-2 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.



Seven Sisters Apostolate-**Praying for our Priests**

"The life of a priest is an Advent bringing forth the Incarnation of souls." - St Elizabeth of the Trinity

Ministry of Administration

Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts

Information unavailable at time of printing.

A friendly reminder for the United for our Future Campaign, please designate on your check or envelope that the money is going to "United for our Future" or new school building project. Thank you!

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible."

Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



•All bulletin submissions for the January 2 bulletin must be made by 8 am on Wednesday, December 22.





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