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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52 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	27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8 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. 1:00 pm St. Anne's Homeschool Classes IC-TC 5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC 5:30 pm Mass DMCC William Patrick Naughton †	28 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Dennis Nelson † 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 7:00 pm Son's of Thunder Men's Bible Study DMCC-Farmhouse	29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35 8:30 am Mass DMCC Frank Merlo †

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

Isn't it amazing the prophet Micah, who lived more than 700 years before Christ, predicted where the Messiah would be born, in Bethlehem? And isn't it amazing that 700 years later, Mary and Joseph were required by the Roman authorities to go to Bethlehem to register for a census at the very time that Mary was due to give birth? One of the many lessons God teaches us through the great event of Christmas is the power of His Providence.

He guides the course of history, wisely and gently, but powerfully and securely, without violating human freedom. This is why the prophet Micah tells us the Messiah, the Christ, will "be our peace." Notice that he doesn't say that Jesus will bring peace, but that Jesus is our peace. That means we have to be with Him to experience this peace. It doesn't mean that there would be peace in the world unless the world

embraces Jesus.

When we come to know Jesus Christ, His person, His message, and His mission, we come to understand and trust God's Providence. Even though sin has turned this fallen world into a valley of suffering and tears, where evil often seems to be victorious of good and injustice often seems to triumph over justice, when we look at the baby Jesus lying in the manger on the first Christmas, our hearts are strengthened and our hope in God is confirmed.

God is at work in the world, slowly setting things right. God was present in a stable-cave at Bethlehem, an obscure little town far away from the headlines and ancient times. And He is present and active in all the little Bethlehem's of the world today: in your heart and in our homes and families, in our hospitals, and on our battlefields.

The Good Shepherd is there, gently guiding the course of history, leading his children to the green pastures of true wisdom, lasting joy, and eternal life. Knowing this brings interior peace, even amidst the exterior storms.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40 8:30 am Mass DMCC John Frasco † 7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	31 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18 7:45 am St. Anne's Choir Practice DMCC-BDAR 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Melvin Charlton †	1 Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21 <i>No 8:30 am Mass</i> 8:30 am Reconciliation DMCC 9:00 am Mass DMCC Bill Bultman † 9:30 am Reconciliation DMCC 4:00 pm Mass DMCC Kay Raskob † 5:00 pm Baptisms DMCC	2 Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12 8:00 am Mass DMCC Parish 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Helen Beucler † 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Leonardo Ortega † 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Ruth Olson †

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

December 24- January 13 is the Christmas Season: Stores have been decorated for Christmas since October, Christmas carols have been playing on radio stations since before Thanksgiving. On December 26th the decorations will begin to come down, Christmas carols will stop being played on the radio. Alas, the liturgical Christmas Season has just begun. It began at Divine Mercy (and in the whole church) with the afternoon vigil Mass for Christmas on Christmas Eve and ends on January 9th: The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gift He has given us throughout this true Christmas Season!

We care about you and your loved ones and know life can change quickly. Please let Pastoral Care (507-331-7253) know when someone becomes homebound, is admitted to the hospital, assisted living, nursing home, or hospice so we can minister to them as they wish.

Christmas Joy: Thank you to all who gave gift cards for Pastoral Care to spread the joy of Christmas. Your giving has made such a difference to those who received your generosity. They were greatly appreciated. Thanks you to the CCW women who provided a myriad of Christmas bags of cookies and to the Santa elves who delivered them; to the teachers and students at DMCS who provided Christmas cheer to so many with their artwork.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26): As you discern the ways in which your family lives out the Gospel, take time to identify wisdom figures in your family. Remember and listen to their stories and learn the way their faith grew in the midst of joy and suffering. What can these wisdom figures teach you? Let us pray that our families remain strong in faith and trust in God's mercy.

Mary, the Mother of God, January 1: This is the octave day of Christmas. This is the third time during the Advent/Christmas season that we pay particular attention to our Mother Mary. In December we recognized Mary and her Immaculate Conception as well as Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a good opportunity to take time to follow the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and ponder God's word in our hearts.

CCW

This weekend we celebrate the birth of our Lord. It is a time to reflect on the true meaning of the season. On behalf of CCW, have a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

CCW will not meet in January. Next meeting is February 7.

Watch for information on the upcoming retreat to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Mark your calendars.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

St. Vincent de Paul

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, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf in praying for all those who are hungry and especially those who have no one to pray for them. Thank you for your prayers and support this past year.

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

Daily Masses this week will be held at DMCC as school is on Christmas break.

Please also note the **Mass on Saturday, January 1 is at 9 am** and not at 8:30 am.

Respect Life

Joy of Joys!! Christmas is here; our long awaited Savior is born. What a wonderful gift is He who came as a tiny infant to be the Redemption of all the world. How beautifully the Angels sang as the lowly shepherds gazed lovingly at the newborn child. Mary held Jesus in her arms and gently rocked him as Joseph stood guard and pondered in his heart how to care for his little family. Good Lord, amidst our joy at this Christmas let us remember all the millions of aborted little ones who will never experience the joys of Christmas on earth, but Lord we pray that they are with you in Heaven and are happy and safe this Christmas time.



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

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 divinemeracy.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.

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.

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-6 a.m.

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.



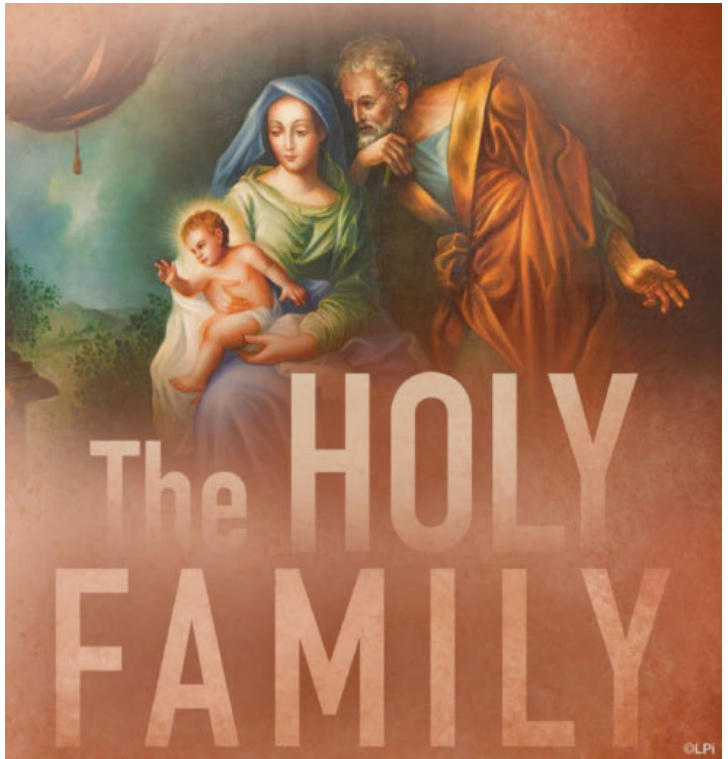
Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.

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!**



Seven Sisters Apostolate- Praying for our Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen Your priests among us and have sent them to proclaim Your Word and to act in Your Name. For such a great gift to Your Church, we praise You and we thank You. We ask that you fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church.

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