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CHRISTMAS

THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES AND DID HIM HOMAGE.
THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND OFFERED HIM
GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Our faith family is striving to be a welcoming, spiritually vibrant community,
celebrating the challenge to live the mission of Jesus Christ."



F R . M I K E ' S R E F L E C T I O N



At several of the Mass Christmas weekend it was so encouraging to hear the infants singing along with the congregation. One could say they don't know the words to our songs but we could just as easily say we don't know the words they are singing. I like to think that perhaps what they are singing is the eternal hymn being sung in heaven and we just forgot the words because we don't use them. I'm pretty sure they have it right and we simply forgot. That means that the more I forget today, the closer I am getting to being reintroduced to the songs of heaven. Forgetfulness as we age may be the way God is preparing us for eternal life. That thought makes me happy. Fr. Mike



SJTW is concerned about your safety and the safety of those around you. Because of that, we feel it necessary to implement a few new protocols.

Beginning immediately, masks will be required for all those attending the Saturday 5 PM Mass. The foyer space and St. Joe Hall will be available for those without masks at the Saturday evening Mass.

Masks are strongly encouraged for all those attending the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.

There is no hospitality the weekend of January 1-2.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Thursday at 11:00 am – In person. Friday Morning at 6:30 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm (In person, parking lot and live-streamed)

Recorded Mass will be available following Live Stream.

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Hospitality following Masses.

Masks are not longer required. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are at-risk or feel uncomfortable.

Reconciliation:

4:00 pm Saturdays or by appointment.

We will broadcast weekend Masses via FM transmitter for those that don't feel comfortable coming indoors but would like to participate from the parking lot and receive Holy Communion. Communion ministers will be located outside Door 2 (faith Formation doors).

Tune in your FM radio to 106.7. A worship aid can be downloaded at <https://www.sjtw.net/mass-schedule>

COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE



FR. MIKE

Christmas was such a blessing in so many ways. Among them were seeing so many people. We usually have about 3500 who come on Christmas. This year there were more like 2200. So about 2/3rds of what we usually have. It was also encouraging to see so many of you wearing masks in consideration of those who need to be extra careful. Even the week before we were over 350 people, all wearing masks. That is back to near normal size. I would like to believe it is because some were staying away because they did not feel safe but now, with a masked mandate for Saturday evening Mass, they finally felt they could come. Because you have been faithful in your Commitment to Parish Life this past year we were able to wire Fellowship Hall so we can simulcast in there to give people even more room to spread out. Your commitment to this faith family allows us to be sensitive to all people. That is what you do for your biological family. Now it becomes visible in your faith family. Happy New Year! Fr. Mike



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

		# of Donors
Sunday CPL	\$21,993.00	145
Electronic	\$26,209.06	252
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Christmas greeting from Fr Claude

To all the faithful of St Joseph the Worker, We wish you a Joyeux Noel. Thanks to all of you for your support. May you start the new year in peace and joy!



Climate Change Threats to Pregnant Women

As global temperatures and emissions rise so does the impact of climate change on public health.

Globally women are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than men. They make up a majority of the world's poor and depend the most on natural resources. In the U.S. one group of women particularly at risk are pregnant women.

Climate related complications of air pollution and heat significantly increase the risk to maternal, fetal and infant health. Climate threats only worsen the pre-existing maternal health crisis in the U.S. and yet few people know about the danger,

Pollutants from cars, fossil fuel plants and smoke from wildfires degrade air quality and create more risks for pregnant women and their fetuses such as cardiac and respiratory disease and puts stress on mental health. Microscopic air pollutants can go deep into a mother's lungs that can then cross into the placenta.

Extreme heat can stress the mother and trigger reactions from dizziness to cardiac arrest. There is more public information about protecting pets from extreme heat than there is about protecting pregnant women.

"Climate change is a threat to all life on Earth, including the unborn."

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas Flowers Memorial fund.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from the staff at SJTW!



FORMATION

Faith Formation Update 2021-22

To inquire about which class times are still available, please contact the Faith Formation department to register for classes.

For our Sunday School program, please contact Jeanne Smith, jeanne@sjtw.net

For our Elementary and Junior High program and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Monica Liebl, monical@sjtw.net.

For our High School, OneWith program and Confirmation, please contact Brady Tynen, btynen@sjtw.net



The Need Is NOW!

After starting the fleece blanket drive about a month ago, the Lady Knights are at 20% of our goal of 300 blankets! Thank you! The number of beautiful blanket donations from the parish is amazing. SIXTY blankets have already been distributed. Allan Law, the Sandwich Guy was able to give the majority of these blankets directly to those in need.

The Lady Knights are collecting blankets through the end of January. The biggest need is for twin size blankets (65 x 90 inches). Other sizes: standard kit size (72 x 60 inches) and stroller blankets (30 x 35 inches) are also welcome. Fleece tie blankets are easy to make—no sewing experience required. This would be a great option for Confirmation hours or a family project.

If you don't have time to tie a blanket, buy two lengths of fleece or a kit and drop it off when coming to Mass. New, store-bought blankets are also appreciated. Join us in spreading some love and giving a little warmth to those in need. Think we can get over 300 blankets this year? With your help, absolutely!

Join the SJTW Book Club

The SJTW Book Club will be meeting on Monday evenings, February 14th through April 4th. The time is 7PM to 8:30PM in the Youth Room downstairs. Registration will be online this week.

The current climate of political opinion, witnessing an increase in anxiety and depression that is epidemic, and the world-wide pandemic - well that is a lot of 'bad news'. Is there any 'good news'?? The answer is YES. Please consider joining us in the discussion.

The book is "Good News in Bad Times", by John Lozano. Available through Amazon and Twenty-Third Publications.

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Questions? Contact Diane Benner 612-644-2356/ email dmb55311@gmail.com - Monica St Germain 763-772-3634/ email mstgerm@embarqmail.



6th Annual NW Metro Mobilepack for FMSC
Great News! The Feed My Starving Children NW Metro Mobilepack is back for the 6th annual event this coming February. The location for the Mobilepack will be at our very own St. Joseph the Worker in St Joe's Hall on February 23rd-26th, 2022. We will be having our annual fundraiser for FMSC the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd after all the Masses. For your convenience, you can also donate by going to: sjtw.net, click on donate and use the drop down to get to FMSC.

Volunteer signup to pack with be opening soon at: give.fmsc.org/northwest

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We need you at Mobile Hope!

Do you want to share your gifts with others? We have several volunteer opportunities that we would love to fill with our wonderful Parish Family members!

~Volunteers needed for Mobile Hope. Mobile Hope's mission is to build relationships, hope, and culture of achievement within mobile communities through education, healthy activities, resource connections and faith development.

Mobile Hope is in need of those who could offer "homework help". We would like to build a team of volunteers for this commitment on Mondays from 3:30-5:30pm in the Dayton Mobile Hope community. Adults and teens are welcome to help and come together. This would be great experience for those with teaching interest!

If you are interested in any of these wonderful opportunities or have questions before you want to commit, please call Theresa in the parish office at 763 425-6505 or email at theresa@sjtw.net.

Thank you for blessing our community!



Signs of a nonviolent and equal relationship

Let's start the new year with some positive information about healthy relationships.

Economic partnership-Making money decisions together, making sure both partners benefit from financial arrangements.

Honesty and accountability-Accepting responsibility for self-admitting being wrong-communicating openly and truthfully.

Trust and support-supporting the partner's goals in life-respecting the partners right to their own feelings, friends, activities and opinions.

Listening to the partner non-judgmentally-being emotionally affirming and understanding-valuing their opinions.

Negotiation and fairness-seeking mutually satisfying resolutions to conflict-accepting change-being willing to compromise.

Wishing all women and men a year of healthy relationships in 2022.

If you are wondering if you are in an unhealthy relationship, you can call this number for help:

Day One MN DV Crisis Line-866-223-1111

or

Home Free Women and Children's Shelter-763-559-4945

If you want to help stop domestic violence, please consider joining the Domestic Violence Awareness and Action Group. Contact Sue Rivard at susanrivard5873@gmail.com or Jane Warren at janewarren1@gmail.com.



Knights Welcome New Men and Families

Becoming a Knight is easy. Serving as one will change lives. The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization making our world a better place. We have a great council here at SJTW and we'd love to walk with you on your faith journey! We strive to be better fathers, husbands and Catholics together. Our work bears fruit. Minnesota Knights changed 8,628 lives by giving them brand new winter coats this winter with our help. Knights also earn exclusive but optional access to top rated life insurance and financial products to protect their families. Join in about 6 minutes by going to kofc.org/joinus with the discount code MCGIVNEY2020 and Council number 13359.

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Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-2

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